

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY****LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE****REGULAR MEETING****JULY 20, 2022****CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302****4:30 PM****1. CALL TO ORDER****2. ROLL CALL**

| Attendee Name    | Organization    | Title                    | Status  | Arrived |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Ken Schmitt      | Chippewa County | District 3 (Chair)       | Late    | 4:31 PM |
| Charles Bomar    | Chippewa County | District 12 (Vice-Chair) | Present |         |
| James Flater     | Chippewa County | District 1               | Absent  |         |
| David Bischel    | Chippewa County | District 4               | Present |         |
| Jason Bergeron   | Chippewa County | District 7               | Present |         |
| Matthew Peterson | Chippewa County | District 10              | Absent  |         |
| James Pingel     | Chippewa County | Citizen Rep              | Present |         |

Vice-Chair Bomar called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chair Schmitt arrived at the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Department staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Scholz (Co. Administrator), K. Clow, M. Hansen, K. Klingberg, J. Puig, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM) and agency staff C. Alberg and J. Hartung (USDA-APHIS).

County Board Chair D. Gullickson was present.

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

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Jason Bergeron, District 7                |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | David Bischel, District 4                 |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Schmitt, Bomar, Bischel, Bergeron, Pingel |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Flater, Peterson                          |

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes
3. Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee - Regular Meeting - Jun 15, 2022 4:30 PM
4. Schedule Next Meeting Date - August 17, 2022

# Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee

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## 5. REPORTS

1. Review Transfer of Wildlife Damage & Claims Abatement Program from UWEX to LCFM - C. Alberg & J. Hartung (USDA)  
C. Alberg (USDA-APHIS Assistant District Supervisor) introduced himself and J. Hartung (USDA-APHIS field technician).

C. Alberg presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Fact sheet titled: Wisconsin's Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program, What Farmers Need to Know, (DNR 12/2013 - Distributed 7/14/22 - copy on file & attached).
2. Table titled: Wisconsin Wildlife Damage, Abatement and Claims Program, USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services - Wildlife Damage Program Update, Chippewa County, 2022 - YTD Program Enrollee Summary, (USDA - APHIS - Distributed 7/14/22 - copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on the program and process for approving claims.

2. Review of 2022 Non-Metallic Mine Audit - K. Clow  
K. Clow presented an oral report. The report summarized the results of a WI DNR audit for Chippewa County's non-metallic mining program, conducted May 11-12, 2022.

There was limited discussion.

3. Review of 2016 Groundwater Study - K. Klingberg  
K. Klingberg presented an oral report. The report was supported by several slides regarding nitrate testing information, from the Power Point report titled: 2016 Chippewa County Groundwater Quality Inventory, (UWSP 2016 - Distributed 7/14/22 - copy on file & attached).

There was limited discussion.

4. Review Limits on Chippewa County Stewardship & Special Conservation Funds - M. Hansen  
M. Hansen gave an oral report on the Chippewa County Stewardship and Special Conservation Funds and fund limits.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on the proposed carbon credit program and funding allocations.

5. Timber Sale Alteration #1356 - Wagon Trail Oak - M. Hansen  
M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by a map titled: Sale #1356 - 6 acres of Ash Logs added to the sale, (LCFM - Distributed 7/14/22 - copy on file & attached). The map shows the additional 6 acres added to Sale #1356, which will allow harvesting of swamp ash during unfrozen conditions with the use of cable skidders.

There was limited discussion.

6. Overview of Scheduled County Tour - M. Hansen  
M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by a tour schedule titled: 2022 Chippewa County LCFM Tour, (LCFM - Distributed 7/14/22 - copy on file & attached). The schedule outlines the route and sites to be visited on the LCFM tour, scheduled 7/26/22.

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## 6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Permit for Access Through County Forest Land; Fischer Parcel, T32N, R7W, Sec. 26 - M. Hansen  
M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Agreement titled: Fischer Access Permit Agreement, (LCFM - Distributed 7/14/22 - copy on file & attached). The agreement outlines the terms to be granted to T. Fischer for the purpose of obtaining access to and from the Fischer land across county-owned land for a period of 15 years.
2. Map titled: Exhibit A - Fischer Access Permit Agreement, (LCFM - Distributed 7/14/22 - copy on file & attached). The map shows the location of the access for the Fischer permit.

Motion to approve the access agreement (as presented): Bomar/Bischel. Motion carried by voice vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | David Bischel, District 4                 |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Schmitt, Bomar, Bischel, Bergeron, Pingel |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Flater, Peterson                          |

## 7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

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

## 8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Bergeron/Bischel. Motion carried by voice vote at 6:00 p.m.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Jason Bergeron, District 7                |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | David Bischel, District 4                 |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Schmitt, Bomar, Bischel, Bergeron, Pingel |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Flater, Peterson                          |

# CHIPPEWA COUNTY

## LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 15, 2022

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

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| Jason Bergeron   | Chippewa County | District 7               | Present |         |
| Matthew Peterson | Chippewa County | District 10              | Present |         |
| James Pingel     | Chippewa County | Citizen Rep              | Present |         |

The Chair noted all supervisors were present.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Scholz (Co. Administrator), D. Hutchinson (DNR), K. Clow, M. Hansen, K. Klingberg, J. Larson, J. Puig, L. Schweikert, R. Yohnk, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

K. Thusius, Director of Land Conservation, Ice Age Trail Alliance, attended via telephone.

County Board Chair D. Gullickson was present.

Members of the public present were V. Christianson, C. Kaiser, P. Popple, J. Sazama, A. Schmitt, and R. Smith.

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

R. Smith addressed the Committee and provided a handout (on file). He expressed appreciation for the support from the County in providing technical assistance as the National Park Service completed the design of the Ice Age Trail Corridor Plan for Eastern Chippewa County. He also expressed support for the County's participation in the carbon credit program.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Jason Bergeron, District 7                                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel |

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

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# Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee

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3. Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee - Regular Meeting - May 18, 2022 4:30 PM
4. Schedule Next Meeting Date - July 20, 2022

## 5. REPORTS

1. Overview of a Proposal to Sell Carbon Credits for the Certified Management of the Chippewa County Forest - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by a Power Point report titled: Chippewa County Forest Carbon Credit Opportunity, (LCFM - Distributed 6/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The report provides information on a proposed carbon credit project for the Chippewa County Forest.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The process of obtaining carbon credits and how the market works.
2. The County's estimated revenue over a 10 year contract period.
3. The use of funds for future environmental projects.

There was general support from the Committee for this proposal.

2. Overview of the Ice Age Trail and the Corridor Plan for Eastern Chippewa County - M. Hansen & K. Thusius (IATA)

M. Hansen introduced K. Thusius, Director of Land Conservation, Ice Age Trail Alliance.

K. Thusius presented an oral report. The report was supported by a Power Point report titled: Ice Age National Scenic Trail in Chippewa County, (IATA - Distributed 6/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The report provides an overview of the Ice Age Scenic Trail system and the process to extend the trail from Cornell to the Taylor County line.

There was limited discussion.

## 6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. 2023 LCFM Fee Schedule - L. Schweikert

L. Schweikert presented and the Committee reviewed the following materials:

1. Table titled: 2023 Fee Schedule, General Service Fees, (LCFM 6/7/22 - Distributed 6/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The schedule lists the current 2022 and the proposed 2023 fees for services administered in support of general Land & Water Conservation Division programs.
2. Table titled: Agricultural Performance Standards, Manure Storage & Livestock Facility Management Fees, (LCFM 6/7/22 - Distributed 6/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The schedule lists the current 2022 and the proposed 2023 fees for services administered in support of the Chippewa County agricultural performance standards, manure storage & livestock facility ordinance.

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3. Table titled: 2023 Fee Schedule Storm Water Fees, (LCFM 6/7/22 - Distributed 6/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The schedule lists the current 2022 and the proposed 2023 fees for services administered in support of the Chippewa County Construction Site Erosion Control & Post-Construction Stormwater Management Ordinance.
4. Table titled: 2023 Fee Schedule, Non Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance, Annual Permit Fees, (LCFM 6/7/22 - Distributed 6/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The schedule lists the current 2022 charges. There is no change to the fees for 2023.
5. Table titled: 2023 Fee Schedule, Non Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance, Plan Review Fees, (LCFM 6/7/22 - Distributed 6/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The schedule lists the current 2022 and the proposed 2023 fees for non-metallic plan review and initial permit administration.

There was limited discussion.

Motion to approve the fees, as presented: Flater/Bomar. 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> | Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)                     |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel |

2. 2023 LCFM Budget Requests - L. Schweikert  
L. Schweikert presented the Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management budgets, as supported by the following materials:
  1. Recycling Division 2023 Springbrook budget and budget justification sheets showing individual line item expenses and revenues, (Distributed 6/8/22 - copy on file & attached).
  2. Land & Water Conservation Division 2023 Springbrook budget and budget justification sheets showing individual line item expenses and revenues, (Distributed 6/8/22 - copy on file & attached).
  3. Forest & Trails Division 2023 Springbrook budget and budget justification sheets showing individual line item expenses and revenues, (Distributed 6/8/22 - copy on file & attached).

There was no levy increase for any of the budgets presented.

There was general discussion.

Motion to approve and forward budget to the County Administrator: Bergeron/Bomar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>FORWARD BUDGET TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR [UNANIMOUS]</b> |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Jason Bergeron, District 7                                    |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel   |

3. ARPA Funding LCFM Proposal - L. Schweikert & K. Klingberg

L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Handout titled: Nitrogen Remediation Project - Chippewa County LCFM, (LCFM 6/8/22 - Distributed 6/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The handout outlines two project phases that the LCFM proposes in an effort to assist landowners in areas with high nitrate as well as decrease nitrogen leaching into groundwater.
2. Power Point report titled: Using Cover Crops to Improve Crop and Soil Management and Water Quality, (LCFM 6/15/22 - Distributed 6/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The report provides information on the practice of planting a ground covering crop immediately after crops are harvested to cycle left over nutrients, provide erosion protection, and decrease nitrate infiltration into groundwater.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. Location of wells for community water refill stations and for cover crop participation.
2. Water receptacle use.
3. Ongoing costs and funding after ARPA funding is depleted.

Motion to add (this proposal) to the ARPA plan and include in ARPA funding: Bomar/Flater. Motion carried by voice vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | James Flater, District 1                                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel |

4. Permit for Access Through County Forest Land; Culbert Parcel, T32N, R7W, Sec. 9 - M. Hansen  
M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Agreement titled: Culbert Access Permit Agreement, (LCFM - Distributed 6/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The agreement outlines the terms to be granted to T. & M. Culbert for the purpose of obtaining access to and from the Culbert land across county-owned land for a period of 23 years.
2. Map titled: Exhibit A - Culbert Access Permit Agreement, (LCFM - Distributed 6/8/22 - copy on file & attached). The map shows the location of the access for the Culbert permit.

There was limited discussion.

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Motion to approve the access agreement (as presented): Peterson/Bischel. Motion carried by voice vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Matthew Peterson, District 10                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | David Bischel, District 4                                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel |

5. Set Tour Date/Time for LCFM Tour - L. Schweikert

L. Schweikert indicated that the Chair has requested that a tour be set up for the LCFM Committee and staff to view non-metallic mining operations and agricultural practices in Chippewa County, as well as tour the County Forest.

There was general discussion. The date of Tuesday, July 26, 2022, was selected for the tour.

Motion to do the tour on (Tuesday) July 26, 2022, and the practices to be filled in by the Department: Bergeron/Bomar. Motion carried by voice vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Jason Bergeron, District 7                                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Charles Bomar, District 12 (Vice-Chair)                     |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel |

6. The LCFM Committee will go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T30N, R6W, and T31N, R6W - M. Hansen

Motion that the LCFM Committee will go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T30N, R6W, and T31N, R6W), with the LCFM Committee, R. Scholz, L. Schweikert, M. Hansen, J. Schemenauer, D. Hutchison, and the Co. Board Chair in closed session attendance: Bergeron/Bischel. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Committee went into closed session at 7:04 p.m.

Motion to go into open session: Bergeron/Bomar. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Committee went into open session at 7:44 p.m.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Jason Bergeron, District 7                                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | David Bischel, District 4                                   |
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## 7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

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

## 8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Bischel/Flater. Motion carried by voice vote at 7:46 p.m.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | David Bischel, District 4                                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | James Flater, District 1                                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Schmitt, Bomar, Flater, Bischel, Bergeron, Peterson, Pingel |

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**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION  
REVIEW TRANSFER OF WILDLIFE DAMAGE & CLAIMS ABATEMENT  
PROGRAM FROM UWEX TO LCFM**

5.1

The Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program assists farmers when wildlife damages their agricultural crops. The program provides damage prevention assistance and partial compensation to farmers when wildlife damage their agricultural crops.

This agenda item will provide information on the program and the transfer of program administration from UWEX to the LCFM in Chippewa County.

# Wisconsin's Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program

## what farmers need to know

December 2013

The Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) provides assistance to the commercial agricultural community. The program provides

abatement and financial compensation for wild white-tailed deer, black bear, Canada goose, turkey, cougar and elk damage to commercial seedlings, crops grown on agricultural land, damage to crops that have been harvested for sale or further use but have not been removed from the agricultural land, damage to orchard trees or nursery stock, damage to apiaries, and livestock.

This fact sheet explains the basic information that farmers need to know about this program and how to participate in the WDACP. It is recommended that farmers contact their county land conservation staff for further details and enrollment.

Other species that commonly cause damage (e.g., raccoons, sandhill cranes, blackbirds, beaver, and others) are not eligible for compensation or program benefits under current WDACP rules.



### ► Agricultural Standards and Enrollment:

- The land where the wildlife damage is occurring is required to be located in a county which is participating in the WDACP.
- Enrollees must be the crop owner and must have hunting access control. This requirement applies to owned and leased contiguous properties. The enrollee must follow the minimum hunting requirement for all enrolled properties. The hunting access requirement does not apply to enrollee's where the damage is to apiaries on lands where the applicant does not have hunting access control.
- Enrollees may sign up their properties with the WDACP for more than one eligible species. The species with the greater acreage of "Land suitable for hunting" shall be used to determine the minimum hunting access requirement.
- Enrollees must notify the county damage specialist within 14 days of the beginning of damage to maintain compensation eligibility. Failure to give timely notice of the beginning of damage does not eliminate the ability for abatement assistance. Notification of damage can occur before the actual damage has occurred, based on past damage history or anticipated damage.
- Damage to crops (by eligible species) that have been harvested for sale or further use (i.e. silage, hay bales, etc.), but have not been removed from the agricultural land, are eligible for program services and benefits. However, normal agricultural practices and implementation of practices and standards described in the WDACP Technical Manual are required.
- Enrollment is available under 1 of 3 options. Enrollment forms must be complete and accurate. The hunting requirement assigned to each enrollee shall be clearly identified. WDACP enrollment options are Open Public Hunting (OPH), Managed Hunting Access (MHA), or No Public Hunting (ACT 82- deer permit only) (Note: hunters are required to notify farmers of their intent to hunt regardless of whether the farmer chooses OPH or MHA).
- Once enrolled in the WDACP, the enrollee must comply with program requirements until the end of the calendar year or the end of the species' hunting season. If the enrollee elects to withdraw from the WDACP prior to the end of the calendar year or species' hunting season, he/she may be required to reimburse the WDACP for services provided up to the date of withdrawal.
- Enrollees cannot charge any fees for hunting, hunting access, or any other activity that relates to hunting the species enrolled for program benefits. This includes verbal or written hunting leases for the species enrolled.
- Enrollees must be cooperative with county personnel and/or agents responsible for administering the WDACP. Abusive language, behavior or threat of violence or otherwise will be considered a failure on the part of the enrollee to cooperate and may result in ineligibility to participate in the WDACP for the remainder of the calendar year in which they are uncooperative, and the following calendar year.

## what farmers need to know

## ► Abatement Standards:

- Enrollees must follow abatement measures prescribed by county damage specialists. This includes, but is not limited to shooting permits, temporary abatement measures, and/or permanent fences. Some method of abatement must be prescribed for each enrollee.
- Damage abatement cost sharing is on a 75-25 basis. The county shall determine the actual costs of providing wildlife damage abatement assistance and provide 75% cost sharing. For permanent abatement measures, the enrollee shall provide 25% of the cost of materials and installation. For the purpose of determining the total cost of temporary abatement measures, cooperation by the enrollee in installation, construction, operation, notification if required, or maintenance of the temporary measure shall be considered 25% of its total costs.
- Shooting Permits. On properties where shooting permits have been issued, permit performance is directly related to current claims and/or future shooting permit eligibility. For deer, the enrollee is required to meet one of two harvest performance objectives depending on their appraised crop loss from the previous year or selected program enrollment options.

## ► Appraisals and Claims Standards:

- Enrollees are limited to a single claim application. Enrollees in multiple counties will require the county damage specialist(s) to appropriately distinguish abatement, claim and deduction totals for the counties.
- To be eligible for claims, the enrolled property must have been in production, cultivation or a USDA program for at least 5 consecutive years.
- Enrollees must notify the county damage specialist at least 10 days prior to harvesting enrolled crop fields. Fields that are harvested prior to field inspections are not eligible for compensation.
- Entire farms or crops will not be appraised if no appraisal request is received from the crop owner. Entire fields where damage has been reported and a request made by the crop owner shall be appraised in their entirety.
- Crop appraisals will be denied on crops after a set date (determined by the county) indicating that 90% of that crop has been harvested county-wide.
- If the amount of the appraised loss is \$500 or less, the claimant will receive no payment, due to the standard deductible. If the amount of the appraised loss is more than \$500 but not more than \$5,500, then the claimant will be paid 100% of the amount of the claims that exceeds the standard deductible. If the amount of the appraised loss is more than \$5,500, the claimant will be paid the amount calculated under the \$5,500 level, plus 80% of the claim that exceeds \$5,500.00, with a maximum payment of \$10,000. A maximum claim has an appraised loss of at least \$11,750. **\*Claims may be pro-rated if WDACP funding is inadequate.**
- If enrolled under OPH or MHA options, and the abatement harvest objectives have not been met, the claims payment will be denied. It may be possible to receive a deer harvest exemption if compelling evidence exists that deer were not available for harvest. The local damage specialist, county representative, and WDNR biologist will review such cases and make a recommendation to the county. The WDNR, through the claims audit process, will verify regulation compliance. Shooting permits issued for bear, geese, or turkeys currently do not have harvest objectives associated with those permits.
- Claim Audits. Claims shall be randomly audited for accuracy and to police fraud. Penalties exist in state statute 29.889(10) to address violations in the WDACP. If convicted in a court of law on charges of fraud, an enrollee may be fined two times the value of any paid claim, plus up to an additional \$1,000.00. Furthermore, the enrollee can lose their program privileges for up to 10 years. Any accessory to fraud may be subject to similar fines.

For more information about wildlife damage management in Wisconsin please visit:

[dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) keyword *wildlife damage*



Wisconsin's  
Cooperating  
Counties

USDA

Packet Pg. 12

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT AND CLAIMS PROGRAM  
USDA-APHIS-WILDLIFE SERVICES-Wildlife Damage Program Update

**Chippewa County**  
**2022 – YTD Program Enrollee Summary**

| PROGRAM PARTICIPANT                                                       | RESOURCE    | SPECIES          | ABATEMENT                |                            | INFO.           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Ankney, Gerald                                                            | Soybeans    | Deer             | Shooting Permit (Act-82) |                            | Colburn         |
| Burznski, Jim                                                             | Apiary      | Bear             | Temp. electric fence     |                            | ## (4)          |
| Culver, Scott                                                             | Stored Feed | Deer             | Shooting Permit (Act-82) |                            | Cooks Valley    |
| Flaatten II, Ron                                                          | Apiary      | Bear             | Temp. electric fence     |                            | ## (9)          |
| Jensen, Brandan                                                           | Apiary      | Bear             | Temp. electric fence     |                            | ## (15)         |
| Knitter, Brian                                                            | Apiary      | Bear             | Temp. electric fence     |                            | ## (8)          |
| Mertens, Andy                                                             | Apiary      | Bear             | Temp. electric fence     |                            | Edson, Delmar ( |
| Morfoot, Jerry                                                            | Soybeans    | Turkey           | Pyrotechnics (MHA)       |                            | Estella         |
| Nohr, John                                                                | Apiary      | Bear             | Temp. electric fence     |                            | ## (33)         |
| Rykal, Randy                                                              | Apiary      | Bear             | Temp. electric fence     |                            | Lafayette (1)   |
| Solberg, Kurt                                                             | Stored Feed | Deer             | Shooting permit (Act-82) |                            | Wheaton         |
| Steinke, Ashly                                                            | Stored Feed | Deer             | Shooting permit (Act-82) |                            | Colburn         |
| Young, Pat                                                                | Apiary      | Bear             | Temp. electric fence     |                            | ## (45)         |
| <i>13 enrollees</i>                                                       |             |                  |                          |                            |                 |
| <b>Permanent Fence Inspection:</b>                                        |             | <b>Lin. Feet</b> | <b>Constructed</b>       | <b>Expires</b>             |                 |
| Steve Connell<br><i>(Connell's Family Orchard)</i>                        | Orchard     | 4,647            | 2006                     | <u><b>Expired 2021</b></u> | Lafayette       |
| Jim & Becky Mullane*<br><i>(Dixon's Apple Orchard)</i>                    | Orchard     | 3,495/1,122      | 2015/2018                | 2029/2032                  | Lafayette       |
|                                                                           | Orchard     | 1,800            | 2018                     | 2032                       | Lafayette       |
| Jim & Becky Mullane*<br><i>(Dixons Autumn Harvest Winery and Orchard)</i> | Orchard     | 4,080            | 2020                     | 2035                       | Lafayette       |

\* No current enrollment, permanent fence inspection conducted annually only

\*\* Claim possible

## Locations throughout the county (number of energizers)

Attachment: Chippewa 2022-YTD-1 (7088 : Review Transfer of Wildlife Damage & Claims Abatement Program from UWEX to LCFM)



## STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION REVIEW OF 2022 NON-METALLIC MINE AUDIT

5.2

WI DNR audits the County non-metallic mining programs every ten (10) years. Chippewa County's last audit was conducted in 2010. Due to COVID, the audit was postponed and finally conducted May 11-12, 2022.

Twenty-four (24) categories were reviewed:

- Eight (8) categories were in complete compliance.
- Seven (7) categories were in compliance but need clarification.
- Nine (9) categories were considered out of compliance and covered the following items:
  - \*Ordinance updates.
  - \*Reclamation plan requirements.
  - \*Fees and financial assurance.

We are currently in consultation with Corporation Counsel on how to proceed with compliance.



## STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION REVIEW OF 2016 GROUNDWATER STUDY

5.3

Groundwater is the principal water supply for municipalities, industries and rural residents of Chippewa County. While municipal water supplies are regularly monitored and required to meet drinking water standards, private well owners must make decisions regarding when and what to test for and what to do if there is a problem. In an effort to effectively target management and public health outreach efforts related to groundwater and private well owners, Chippewa County has conducted extensive groundwater sampling of private wells in 1985 (715 wells) and 2007 (800 wells). Previous testing efforts focused on sampling for the following analytes: nitrate-nitrogen (1985, 2007), chloride (1985, 2007), total hardness (1985) pH (1985, 2007), and conductivity (1985, 2007).

In the summer of 2016, Chippewa County collaborated with the UW-Stevens Point Center for Watershed Science and Education to sample 744 wells. The 2016 sampling included all analytes from previous sampling efforts. Testing was expanded to include arsenic, phosphorus, alkalinity, iron, manganese, sodium, potassium, lead, zinc, sulfate, calcium, magnesium, and copper. Additional testing for pesticides and wastewater tracers was performed on 60 of the 744 wells to better understand sources of nitrate.

This agenda item will provide a summary of the 2016 Chippewa County Groundwater Sampling Project.

# 2016 Chippewa County Groundwater Quality Inventory



University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
College of Natural Resources



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# What did we test for?

## Health Related

- Nitrate
- Arsenic
- Copper
- Lead
- Manganese
- Sulfate
- Sodium
- Zinc

## Aesthetic (taste, color, odor)

- Hardness
- Iron
- Manganese
- Chloride

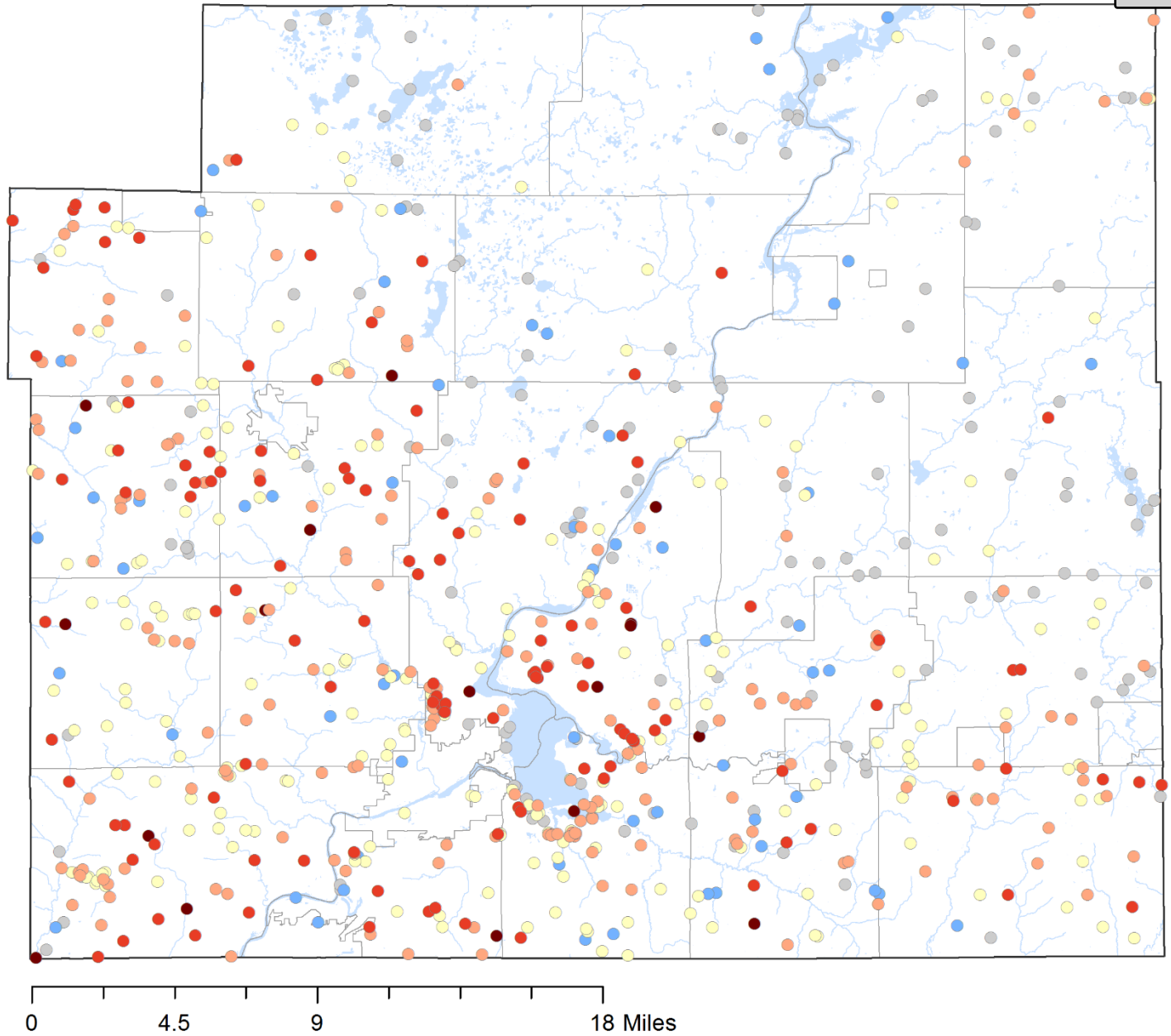
## Overall Water Quality

- pH
- Conductivity
- Alkalinity
- Calcium
- Magnesium
- Phosphorus



# **NITRATE- NITROGEN (mg/L)**

- < 0.1
- 0.2 - 1.0
- 1.1 - 5.0
- 5.1 - 10.0
- 10.1 - 20.0
- > 20.0

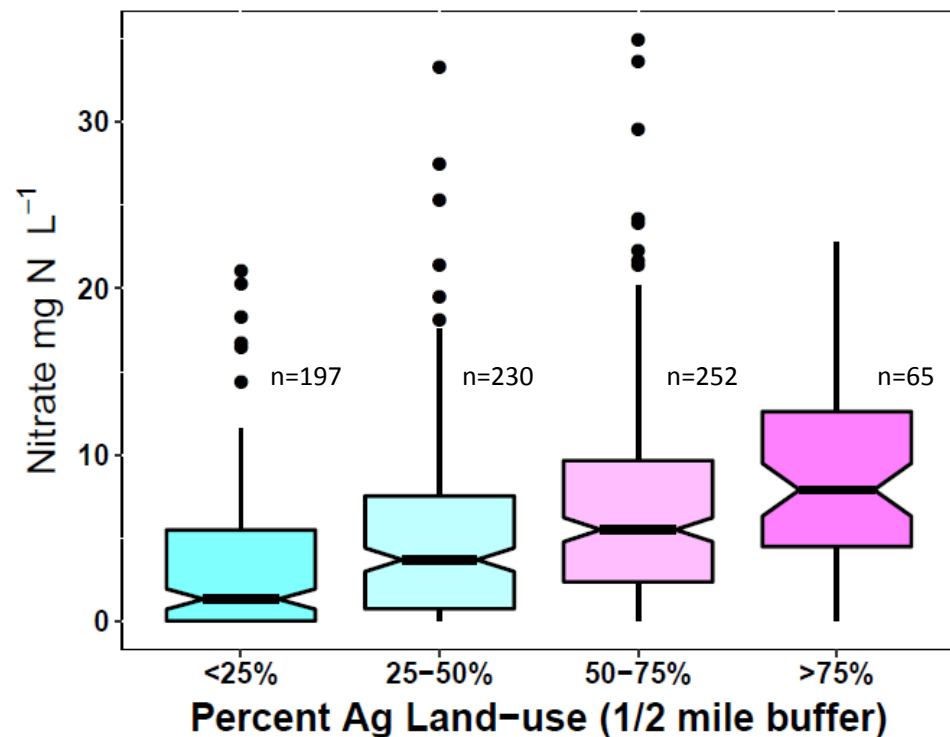
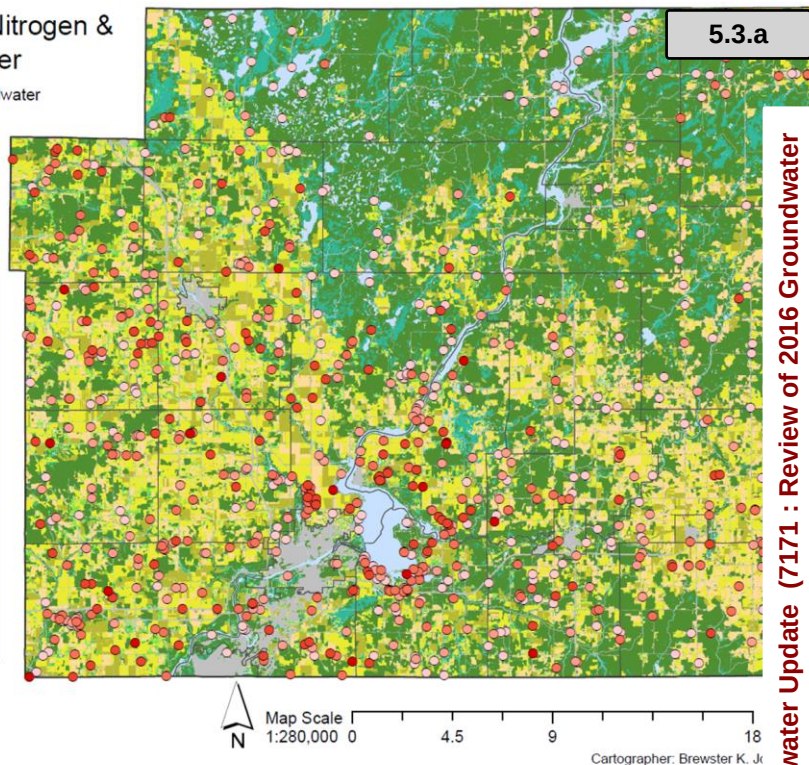
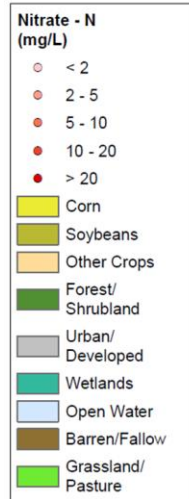


# Chippewa County: Nitrate by % Agriculture



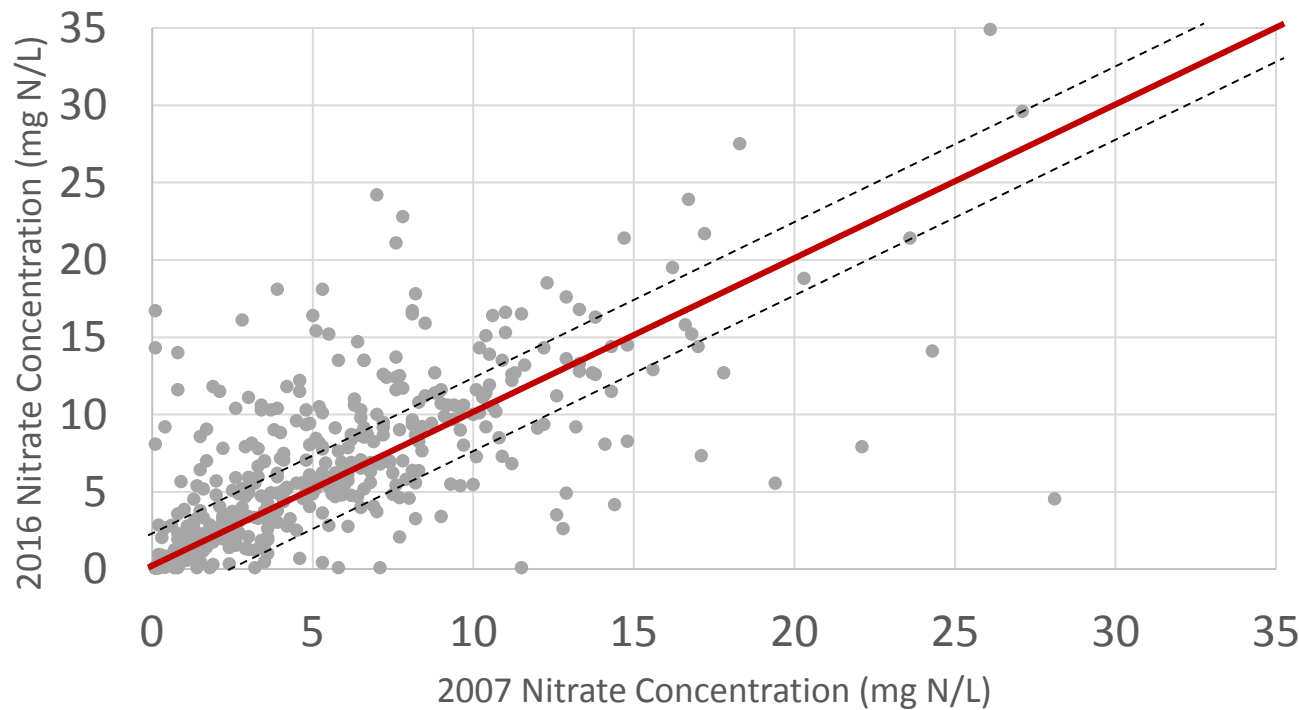
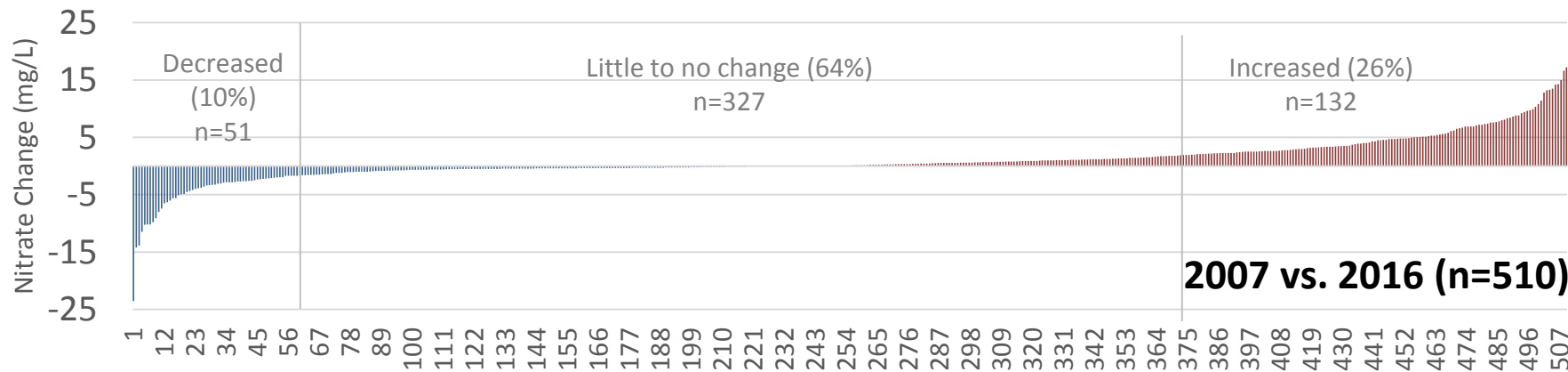
## 2016 Nitrate - Nitrogen & 2015 Land Cover

Chippewa County Groundwater  
Quality Inventory 2016  
Chippewa County, WI



Attachment: 7-20-22 LCFM 2016 Groundwater Update (7171 : Review of 2016 Groundwater

# Comparing nitrate concentrations over time



| Year | Nitrate Average (mg N/L) | Greater than |
|------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1985 | 4.2                      | 11.3         |
| 2007 | 4.7                      | 12.3         |
| 2016 | 5.5                      | 18.3         |



**Nitrate Source Determination**

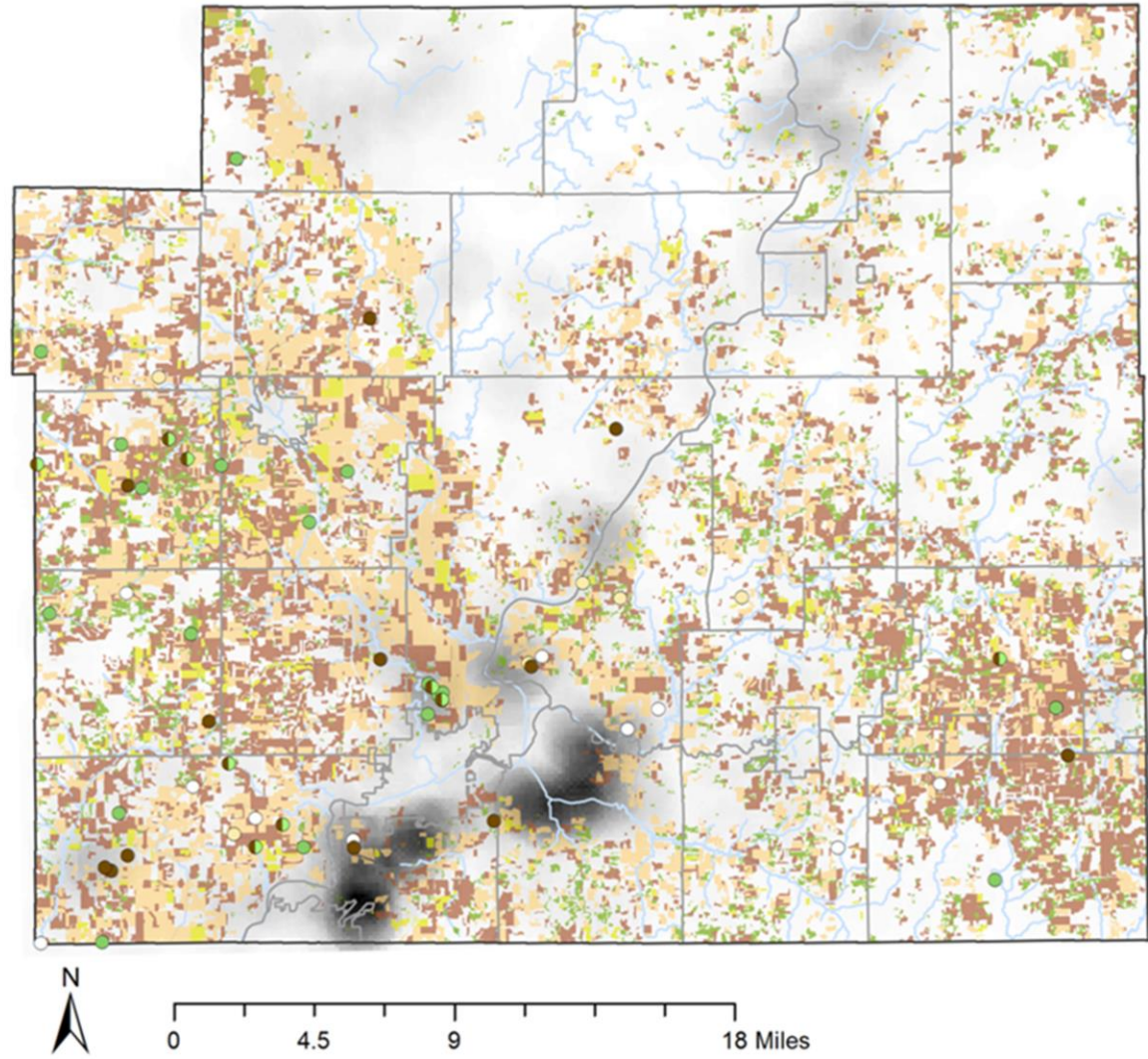
- Likely Agricultural & Septic
- Likely Agricultural
- Likely Septic
- Possibly Septic
- Undetermined

**Types of Agriculture**

- Cash Grain
- Continuous Corn
- Dairy Rotation
- Pasture
- Vegetables

**Relative Septic Density**

- High : 100%
- Low : 0%





**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION  
REVIEW LIMITS ON CHIPPEWA COUNTY STEWARDSHIP FUND &  
SPECIAL CONSERVATION FUNDS**

5.4

Resolution 76-98 and 77-98 created the Stewardship Fund, administered by the Department of Land Conservation, and the Quality of Life Fund, administered by the Forest & Parks Department. Resolution 33-09 transferred responsibility for County Forest management and the Quality of Life Fund to the Land Conservation Department. Both funds were designed to be funded with \$100,000.00 of sales tax revenue annually from the Capital Improvement Program.

The Chippewa County Stewardship Fund can be used to: 1.) Receive public financial contributions and donations of land for conservation purposes, 2.) Purchase land or conservation easements or 3.) Distribute match grants to eligible municipalities and non-profit organizations to support the purchase of conservation and recreational lands for public outdoor recreation. The County's current policy for non-lapsing accounts limits the fund to a \$100,000.00 balance.

The balance in the Quality of Life Fund was transferred to the Special Conservation Projects Fund in 2016. The 20% severance set aside for payment of WDNR loan balances was also transferred into the account, as there was no loan amount to repay. Since 2016, there have been no appropriations into the Special Conservation Projects Fund. The County's current policy for non-lapsing accounts limits the fund to a \$500,000.00 balance.



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION  
TIMBER SALE ALTERATION #1356 - WAGON TRAIL OAK**

5.5

As Chippewa County sells timber through a sealed bid process, it is impossible to know precisely which bidder and what type of equipment will win a contract for any given sale. Different types of equipment can allow contractors to harvest areas that other equipment could not.

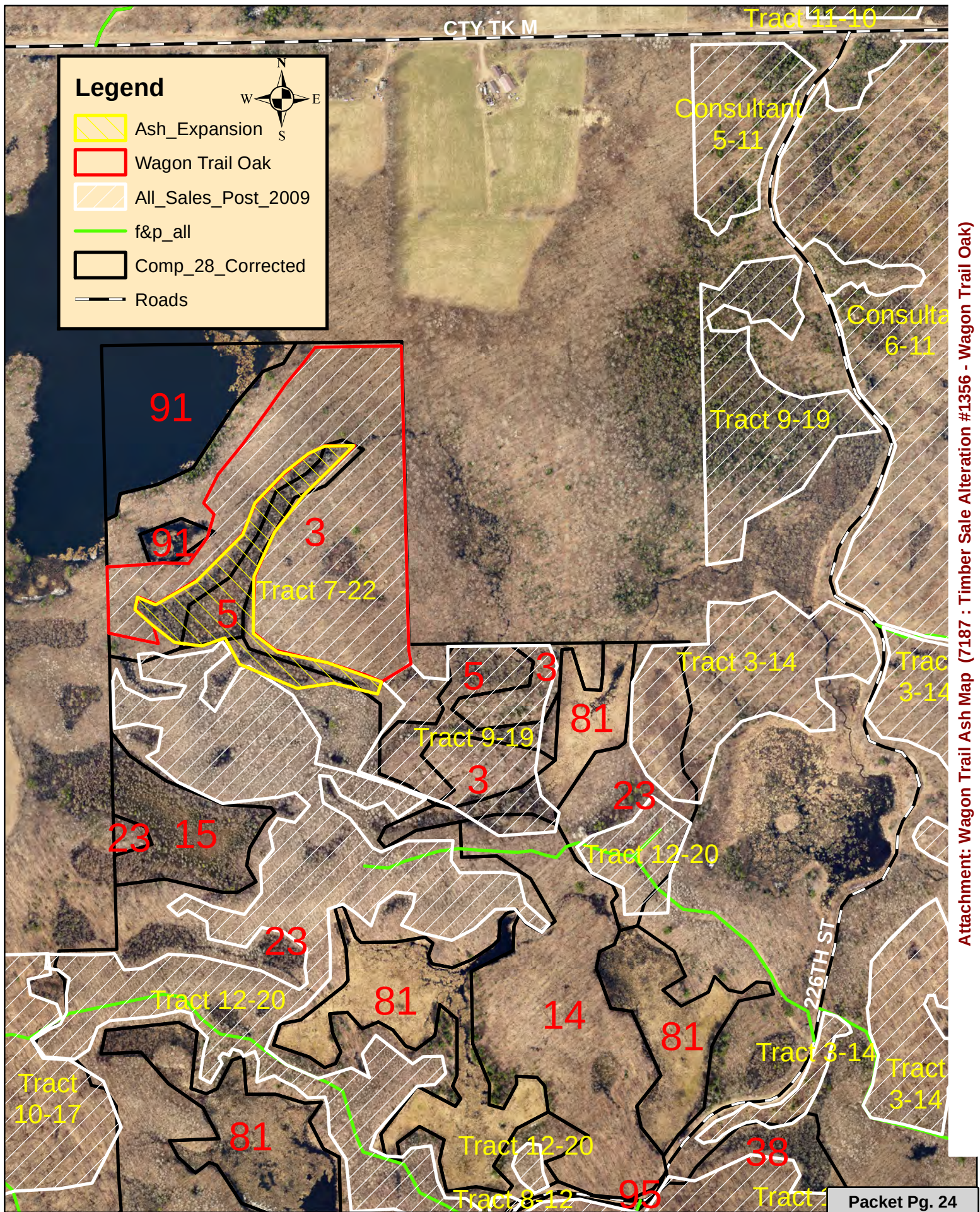
Contractors who fell trees via hand cutting with a chainsaw often use cable skidders. A cable skidder allows the contractor to harvest trees in areas that are difficult to access because they can use the cable to winch the felled tree to areas that are more favorable to harvest operations.

As the highest bidder, the Committee awarded Contract #1356-20, Wagon Trail Oak to Peter Hetke. Mr. Hetke's operation utilizes a cable skidder to drag felled trees to a landing. The cable skidder could allow harvesting of Ash swamps during unfrozen conditions without causing environmental degradation to the site.

The Forest & Trails Division intends to alter the harvest boundaries of Sale #1356-20 so that Ash accessible to a cable skidder may be harvested under this contract.



## Sale #1356 - 6 acres of Ash Logs added to the sale







## STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION OVERVIEW OF SCHEDULED COUNTY TOUR

5.6

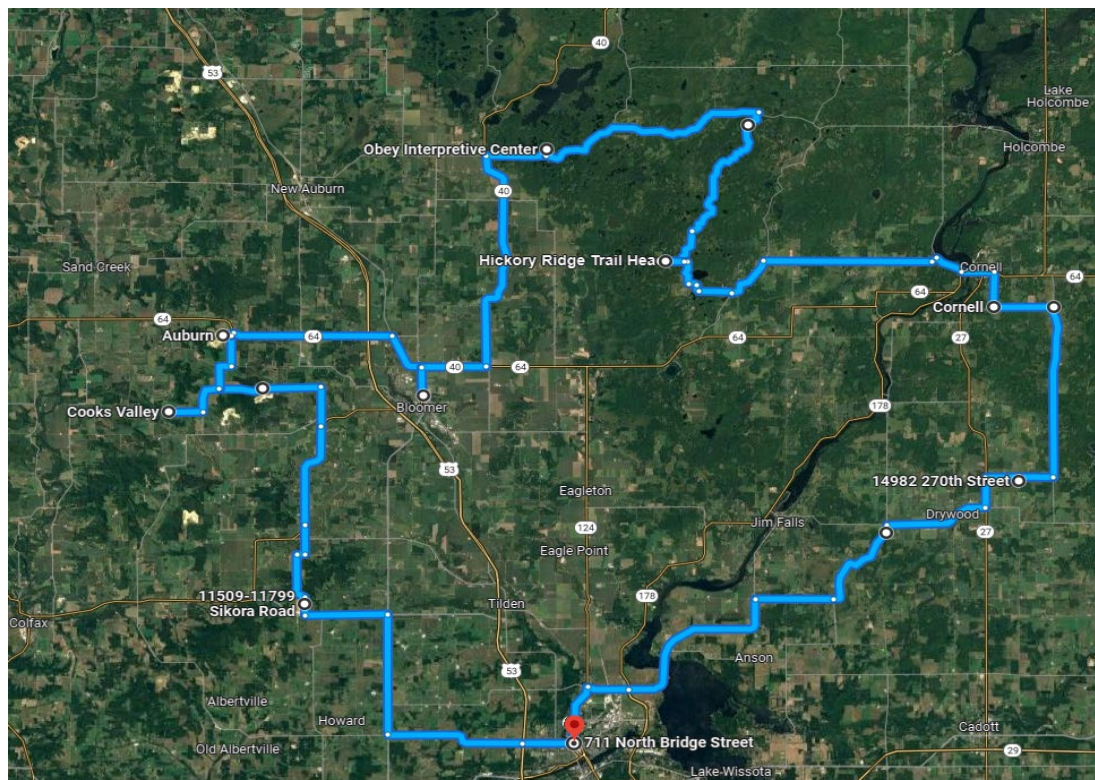
Attached is an outline for the LCFM Committee tour on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. We will showcase a variety of land uses the LCFM Department works with, including non-metallic mining, forestry, and agriculture.

**2022 Chippewa County  
LCFM Tour**

5.6.a

**LCFM Committee Tour - 7/26/22**

| Start    | End      | Place           | Description                              | Total Time |
|----------|----------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|------------|
| 8:00 AM  | 8:30 AM  | LCFM            | Registration; Coffee, Milk & Donuts      | 30         |
|          |          |                 | Travel to EOG SS Mine                    | 20         |
| 8:50 AM  | 9:30 AM  | EOG SS          | Mine Reclamation                         | 40         |
|          |          |                 | Travel to Preferred Sands                | 15         |
| 9:45 AM  | 10:00 AM | Preferred Sands | Mine - Roadside View                     | 5          |
|          |          |                 | Travel to Culver Farms                   | 10         |
| 10:10 AM | 10:45 PM | Culver Farms    | Manure Storage Facility - Construction   | 35         |
|          |          |                 | Travel to Superior Silica                | 10         |
| 10:55 AM | 11:25 AM | Superior Silica | Mine Reclamation                         | 30         |
|          |          |                 | Travel to Lunch                          | 35         |
| 12:00 PM | 1:00 PM  | Obey Center     | Lunch at Ice Age Trail Center            | 60         |
|          |          |                 | Travel to Deer Fly Tree Cutting Site     | 10         |
| 1:10 PM  | 1:40 PM  | Deer Fly        | Tree Cutting Site                        | 30         |
|          |          |                 | Travel to Hickory Ridge Trail Head       | 20         |
| 2:00 PM  | 2:30 PM  | Hickory Ridge   | Trail Head Expansion                     | 30         |
|          |          |                 | Travel to Ice Age Trail Planned Corridor | 30         |
| 3:00 PM  | 3:05 AM  | Drive Thru      | Planned Ice Age Trail Cooridor           | 15         |
|          |          |                 | Travel to Rotational Grazing Site        | 10         |
| 3:10 AM  | 3:20 AM  | Ashley Steinke  | Roadside View/Rotaional Grazing          | 5          |
|          |          |                 | Travel to Contour Buffer Site            | 5          |
| 3:20 AM  | 3:50 AM  | Contour Buffer  | Contour Buffer                           | 30         |
|          |          |                 | Travel Back to the Office                | 20         |
|          |          |                 |                                          | hrs 8.25   |



<https://goo.gl/maps/MnfxMdbQVMAwbdqU6>

Attachment: Time Line for Tour (7170 : Overview of Scheduled County Tour)



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION  
PERMIT FOR ACCESS THROUGH COUNTY FOREST LAND; FISCHER  
PARCEL, T32N, R7W, SEC. 26**

6.1

An opinion issued by the Wisconsin State Attorney General states that County Forests are not allowed to grant access easements that run with the land to private landowners. Most County Forests, including the Chippewa County Forest, allow landowners to apply for Access Permit Agreements to landlocked parcels.

This agenda item will be used to present the proposed Access Permit Agreement for consideration by the Committee.

## FISCHER ACCESS PERMIT AGREEMENT

Chippewa County Land Conservation and Forest Management  
711 North Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
(715) 726-7920

This Access Permit Agreement entered into by and between Chippewa County, and Theodore Fischer, (Permittee) (the County and the Permittee may also be referred to herein individually as a “Party,” and collectively as the “Parties”) for the sole purpose of obtaining access to and from real property owned by the Permittee across that certain County-owned forest land identified as Tax Parcels #23207-2621-00000000 and #23207-2624-00000000, depicted on the attached Exhibit A and described as the East Half (E ½) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 26, Township 32 North, Range 7 West (the “County Parcel”).

The access granted to the Permittee by the County pursuant to this Agreement shall be on that certain existing un-paved woods road identified and depicted in Exhibit A that is located upon, and travels across, the County Parcel (the “Access Corridor”) and provides access from County Highway M in the Town of Birch Creek to real property owned by the Permittee, which is identified as Tax Parcel #23207-2613-00000000, depicted in Exhibit A and described as the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 26, Township 32 North, Range 7 West (the “Permittee Parcel”).

The term of this Agreement shall be for Fifteen (15) years commencing July 31, 2022 and ending the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2037. This Agreement shall not automatically renew, however the parties may agree to a renewal, which shall be in writing and signed by both Parties.

Permittee agrees to and acknowledges that this Agreement in no manner conveys to Permittee any interest in the County Parcel, and that the Agreement is not an easement over the County Parcel but only permits access to Permittee on the Access Corridor to cross the County Parcel for the sole purpose of ingress and egress to and from the Permittee Parcel. The Access Corridor remains the real estate of the County.

County and Permittee further agree that this Agreement contains and is subject to the following:

1. No deviations from the existing dimensions and construction are allowed without the prior written approval of the County. This Agreement does not authorize expansion of the footprint of the existing lane or improvements over and above the existing, un-paved condition.

2. Any improvements or upgrading of the Access Corridor (beyond normal maintenance such as periodic addition of gravel and grading) must be approved in advance by the County (County approval must be requested by Permittee at least 30 days prior to the time Permittee intends on making any such improvements/upgrading).
3. The County, at any time during the term of this Agreement, may cancel said Agreement upon sixty (60) days advance written notice in the event the County, in its sole discretion, determines that any term of the Agreement has been violated by Permittee.
4. The access corridor width shall be no wider than twenty (20) feet.
5. No trees shall be cut or trimmed on the Access Corridor without the prior written approval of the County. All wood cut or trimmed shall be the property of the County.
6. Any wood approved for cutting shall be cut and piled by Permittee at locations designated by the County and in 100 inch lengths cut to a 4" top diameter.
7. All stumpage, slash, waste material and other debris resulting from use by Permittee under this Agreement shall be disposed of by Permittee as directed by the County.
8. The Permittee shall maintain the Access Corridor in a safe and environmentally sound condition at all times, causing no obstruction to free and uninhibited use by the Public. Permittee shall be responsible for maintaining the Access Corridor during the term of this Agreement so that such public use is possible. General maintenance of the Access Corridor during the term of this Agreement is the responsibility of the Permittee and not the County.
9. Present and future forest management, timber sales, timber stand improvement, reforestation or other forest or recreational activity is of high priority to the County and in no way shall be hindered by Permittee or by this Agreement.
10. No gates, signs or other similar structures will be allowed on the Access Corridor or surrounding County real estate without the prior written approval of the County.
11. The Permittee shall not store any equipment, lumber or other items on the Access Corridor.

12. This Agreement does not give the Permittee any rights pertaining to hunting or trapping. Those rights remain under control of the County.
13. This Agreement will automatically terminate in the event of non-use of the same by Permittee for a period of at least two (2) consecutive years.
14. The intended use of the Access Corridor is set forth above. Any deviation from said use without the prior written approval of the County may result in termination of the Access Corridor per Paragraph 3. above.
15. Permittee agrees to protect, indemnify and save harmless the County, its agents and employees, from and against all claims, demands, suits, liability and expense, by reason of loss or damage to any property or bodily injury to any person whatsoever, that may arise from the construction and placement of objects on the Access Corridor and from the maintenance or use of Access Corridor, and the Permittee shall defend the County in any such action or claim upon request by the County.
16. This Agreement is not transferable or assignable.

*[The remainder of this page is intentionally left blank.]*  
*[Signature page follows on next page.]*



**Signature Page****Agreed to Permittee:**

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Theodore Fischer

(Date)

**Agreed to County:**

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Matt Hansen, Chippewa County Forest Administrator

(Date)



# Exhibit A - Fischer Access Permit Agreement

