

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

MARCH 3, 2021

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

4:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

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

The Chair noted that all Committee members were present.

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

Members of the public, as identified, attending remotely at times throughout the meeting were D. Barrickman, L. Getz, C. Kaiser, P. Popple, and D. Staber.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

C. Kaiser addressed the Committee. She expressed concern regarding Committee meeting date changes, frac sand mining, and water quality issues in Chippewa County (copy of written comments on file).

P. Popple addressed the Committee. She requested action to be taken by the Committee on nonmetallic mining issues in Chippewa County and the area (copy of written comments on file).

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D. Barrickman, representing the Board of Directors for the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association, addressed the Committee. He expressed the association's support in extending the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project contract for another year.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the agenda

5. REPORTS

1. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to D. Nashold
The Chair presented D. Nashold (Environmental Engineer) with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of outstanding achievements in County administration and professional contributions toward conservation & natural resources in Chippewa County, Wisconsin for 32 years; and extended congratulations upon his retirement on 3/5/21.
2. Overview of Request to Extend the Cooperative Agreement Between Chippewa County and the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association to Administer the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project - D. Masterpole & C. Meyer
D. Masterpole and C. Meyer presented an oral report. The report was supported by correspondence from A. Gordon (President, Lake Wissota Improvement & Protections Association) to R. Scholz (Co. Administrator), (received 2/3/21 by LCFM), (Distributed 2/25/21 - copy on file & attached).

The correspondence proposes a one year extension to the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, supporting the project through 2023.

There was general discussion.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consider Request to Authorize 50K Race Permit in County Forest - M. Hansen
M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:
 1. Form titled: Dept. of Administrator Contract/Grant Approval Form completed by LCFM to DOA, (2/4/21), requesting DOA approval of the Chippewa County Forest Special Event Permit and Agreement concerning the Chippewa 50K Trail Run, (Distributed 2/25/21 - copy on file & attached).
 2. Memo to R. Scholz (Co. Administrator) from M. Hansen (LCFM), (2/4/21) requesting DOA review of a special event permit and agreement to conduct a 50K running event on the Ice Age Trail between True North Adventures and Chippewa County, (Distributed 2/25/21 - copy on file & attached).
 3. Agreement titled: Chippewa County Forest Special Event Permit and Agreement, (Distributed 2/25/21 - copy on file & attached). The agreement outlines the terms and conditions of the agreement to conduct a 50K running event on the Ice Age Trail.
 4. Map titled: Tentative Race Map 2021 Chippewa 50K, (Distributed 2/5/21 - copy on file & attached). The map shows the tentative race map for the 50K race, (Distributed 2/25/21 - copy on file & attached).

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5. Certificate titled: Certificate of Liability Insurance, (Distributed 2/25/21 - copy on file & attached). The certificate provides the insured and liability limits for the race.

There was limited discussion.

Motion to approve (the Special Event Permit and Agreement for the 50K race): Steele/Schmitt. Motion carried.

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

2. Consider Annual 2021 Matching Grant Criteria; Chippewa County Stewardship Fund - D. Masterpole
D. Masterpole presented an oral report. The report was supported by a document titled: Annual Criteria for Evaluating and Selecting Projects Submitted to the Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Local Match Grant Program in 2021, (Distributed 2/25/21 - copy on file & attached). The document shows the changes to the annual criteria (dates changed from 2020 to 2021).

There was limited discussion.

Motion to approve the (Stewardship Fund) criteria for 2021: Schmitt/Hauser. Motion carried.

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

3. Consider and Rank LCFM CIP Projects (2022-2026) - D. Masterpole
D. Masterpole presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:
 1. Schedule titled: 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program Calendar, (Distributed 2/25/21 - copy on file & attached).
 2. Spreadsheet titled: Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management, 2022 Capital Improvement Plan Ranking, (LCFM - distributed 2/25/21 - copy on file & attached).
 3. Spreadsheet titled: Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management, Capital Improvement Plan Requests & Adjustments, (LCFM 2/24/21 - distributed 2/25/21 - copy on file & attached).
 4. Forms titled: Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Forms for the LCFM for 2022-2026 fiscal years (Distributed 2/25/21 - copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

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1. Moving projects from different budget years to the 2022 budget year (Co. Forest Dam Drop Structure Replacement).
2. The proposed County Groundwater Quality Study of Well Sampling Update.

Motion to move the dam structure (Co. Forest Dam Drop Structure Replacement from 2024 CIP) to the 2022 CIP: Sikorski/Schmitt. Motion carried.

Motion to change (CIP 2022) rank as follows:

1. County Groundwater Quality Study of Well Sampling Update.
2. Climate Change Flood Control Buffer Initiative.
3. County Forest Dam Drop Structure Replacement.
4. Co. Stewardship Fund.
5. County Forest Land Acquisitions.
6. Snowmobile Bridge - TBD.

Steele/Sikorski. Motion carried.

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

4. Consider Whether Chippewa County Wants to Continue with a Joint Storm Water Management Plan with the Current Towns - D. Masterpole
D. Masterpole presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Handout titled: Overview of Conceptual Models that Could be Evaluated for Storm Water Facility Management in Chippewa Falls Urban Area Under WPDES Permit #WI-S050075, (LCFM 2/25/21 - Distributed 2/25/21 - copy on file & attached). The handout outlines several different models that could be applied to manage storm water infrastructure in the Chippewa Falls Urban Area and to pay for custodial services and facility maintenance.
2. Draft agreement titled: A Cooperative Agreement to Implement a Joint Storm Water Program for the Chippewa Falls Urban Area, (LCFM 2/1/21 - Distributed 2/24/21 - copy on file & attached). The draft agreement was prepared to update the now expired cooperative agreement, dated 11/1/07, which established a joint storm water management program to meet the requirements of WI Admin. Code NR 216, and State WPDES permit.

T. Pauls presented WI Statute 66, Subchapter VI which deals with general municipal law, finance and revenue. Section 66.0626 defines special charges & fees that may be charged by municipalities for storm water management.

Minutes amended per 3/17/21 LCFM meeting:

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

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1. The elements of a stormwater management program, as required under a municipal WPDES storm water permit. The joint storm water contract with the towns expired in 2011 and we have been operating without a contract.
2. The responsibilities of the County and municipalities, as established under the Chippewa Falls Urban Area Storm Water Plan.
3. The scope of storm water services that have been provided by the LCFM through time, both within and outside of the Chippewa Falls Urban Area.
4. The general program cost and estimated staff time allocated by the County to implement the storm water program for the Chippewa Falls Urban Area. The Committee requested cost of the program and staff was unable to provide that information.

Move with Alternative A (as illustrated in handout dated 2/25/21) as model for proceeding, and take to towns with established costs on the 12th of March: Schmitt

The Chair clarified that the agenda item, as listed, is only to consider whether Chippewa County wants to continue with a joint storm water management plan with the current towns or do our own.

Motion to continue with the joint storm water plan (with municipalities): Schmitt/Hauser. There was a voice vote.

Supervisor Schmitt requested that the roll be called.

The Chair called roll call vote:

Supervisor Steele - Nay, Supervisor Schmitt - Aye, Supervisor Hauser - Aye, Supervisor Sikorski - Nay, FSA Representative Pingel - Aye, and Chair Gullickson - Nay. Motion tied.

RESULT:	FAILED [3 TO 3]
MOVER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3
SECONDER:	Don Hauser, District 6
AYES:	Schmitt, Hauser, Pingel
NAYS:	Gullickson, Steele, Sikorski

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There were no future agenda items.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Schmitt/Steele. Motion carried at 6:12 p.m.

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



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO D. NASHOLD**

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Chippewa County will present a certificate of appreciation to D. Nashold in recognition of his outstanding achievements in county administration and professional contributions toward conservation and natural resources in Chippewa County, in recognition of his pending retirement (3/5/21).



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
OVERVIEW OF REQUEST TO EXTEND THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CHIPPEWA COUNTY AND THE LAKE WISSOTA
IMPROVEMENT & PROTECTION ASSOCIATION TO ADMINISTER THE
LAKE WISSOTA STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

The Little Lake Wissota Stewardship Project (LLWSP) is a community based watershed and lake improvement project that has been co-sponsored by the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company and the Chippewa County Land Conservation Committee.

The LLWSP was initiated in 2009 as a pilot project, and is administered by the LCFM to encourage water conservation and to improve the water quality of Little Lake Wissota.

Under the project technical assistance and funding is provided to landowners in the watershed to encourage the adoption of best management practices to control runoff and reduce nonpoint source pollutant loads.

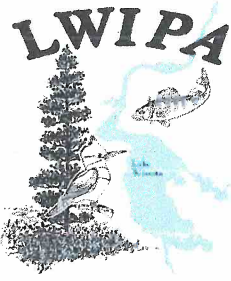
The project is unique in that it is community driven and is funded from a combination of private and public sources, including corporate and business contributions, private donations, and state and federal grants.

On 10/18/17, the LCFM Committee approved a resolution to authorize co-sponsorship and implementation of the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project to approve cooperative agreements with the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association (LWIPA) and the Community Foundation.

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

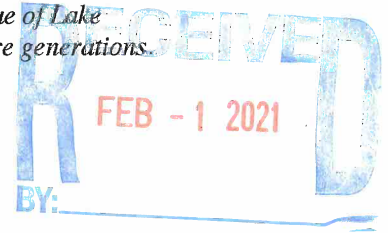
On 2/1/21, the LWIPA submitted correspondence to R. Scholz (Co. Admin) requesting a one year extension to the agreement.

This agenda item will be used to introduce the request, and to review the terms of the cooperative agreement between the Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association and the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee to implement the "The Lake Wissota Stewardship Project".



Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association, Inc
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Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

...to preserve and protect Lake Wissota and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and the aesthetic value of Lake Wissota as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations.



Mr. Randy Scholz
Chippewa County Administrator
711 North Bridge Street
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729

Dear Mr. Scholz,

The purpose of this letter is to follow-up on the recent virtual meeting hosted by your office and attended by Mr. Dan Masterpole and board members of the Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association. (LWIPA)

In review, LWIPA, Chippewa County Department of Land Conservation and Forestry, and the Community Foundation of Chippewa County have completed three years of a five-year cooperative agreement seeking to improve the water quality of Lake Wissota through the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project (LWSP). The Department of Land Conservation has provided leadership and support for these water quality improvement efforts. The day-to-day responsibilities of grant application and administration, contracting and communication with Chippewa County land-owners, and implementation of LWSP goals has been the responsibility of Mr. Caleb Meyer of Meyer Environmental LLC.

LWIPA has been involved from the very beginning of LWSP having raised \$250,000+ in donations and pledges to support the Meyer Environmental contract to implement project goals. LWIPA believes that outstanding progress has been, and is being made, to improve water quality in the Lake Wissota watershed. The support and responsiveness of the Chippewa County Department of Land Conservation and Forestry has also played a significant role, as has the recent addition of an agronomist to county staff.

With two years remaining on the LWSP agreement, LWIPA is looking ahead for ways to keep LWSP on-going into the future. Lake Wissota water quality is a generational challenge, and one that impacts the economy and quality of life in Chippewa County and beyond. Interest among farmers in the watershed is growing, water quality plans have been submitted and approved by Wisconsin DNR, and many other pieces of LWSP are gathering positive momentum.

As discussed at our recent meeting, LWIPA is proposing a one-year extension to the agreement referenced above. The LWSP Fund at the Community Foundation can financially support LWSP at current levels through 2023. The one-year extension we propose will allow exploration of funding sources beyond 2023, with the goal of sustaining the LWSP into the indefinite future.

It is our understanding that the Chippewa County Land Conservation and Forestry Committee will need to consider the contract extension, and LWIPA asks that you convey our extension request to the committee as soon as it can be placed on the agenda. LWIPA representatives welcome the opportunity to attend the committee's meeting to answer questions and present any other necessary information.

Thank you, Randy, for hosting the LWSP meeting. We look forward to hearing from you and meeting with the Land Conservation and Forestry Committee.

Sincerely,



Ann Gordon, President
Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association

✓ cc: Dan Masterpole



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
CONSIDER REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE 50K RACE PERMIT IN COUNTY
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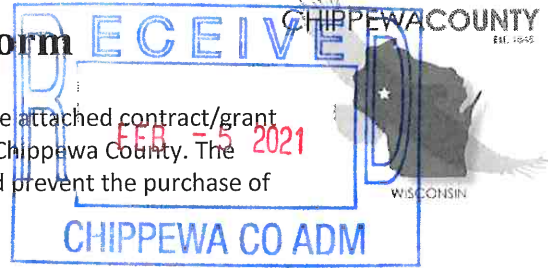
Under Section 510.2(4), the Chippewa County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan states: "Organized events or special uses, other than information recreation use, require specific permission from the Forest and Parks Committee".

The Chippewa 50K Trail Run will be hosting their 13th annual race event this April 25, 2020. The race starts and ends at the Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Reserve. Race organizers have historically obtained a Special Event Permit from WDNR for their event.

The race course follows the Ice Age Trail on both State and Chippewa County Forest properties. Race organizers assumed the State Permit was all that was required. LCFM staff identified that there could be liability issues and that a permit issued by the Committee would put everyone on the best legal footing. LCFM worked with Corporation Counsel, the State of Wisconsin, and trail organizers to create a Special Event Permit in time for the Committee to take action before this year's event.

This agenda item will be used to present the permit for Committee consideration.

Department of Administration
Contract/Grant Approval Form



This contract/grant approval form is required to be completed and the attached contract/grant approved, prior to entering into any agreement that will legally bind Chippewa County. The purpose of this review is to limit the County's exposure to liability and prevent the purchase of duplicate services.

NOTE: The County Administrator shall be notified in writing to determine if a new request shall be required if at any time either of the following circumstances exist: (1) The purpose of the contract or grant has changed; or (2) The duties of one or both of the parties under the contract have changed.

Originating department/division heads should complete the form, attach a copy of the contract/grant and certificate of liability, and submit it to the County Administrator's Office. The form will be logged and initiated through the review process. Please allow two weeks for the review process.

Department/Division: Land Conservation & Forest Management Submitted by: Matt Hansen

Date Submitted: 2/4/2021 Deadline for Staff Action: 3/3/2021 ☒ Time Sensitive

☐ New Contract ☒ Contract Renewal ☐ Contract Amendment
☐ New Grant ☐ Grant Renewal ☐ Grant Amendment ☐ RFP

Is an e-signature required for final submittal of this contract/grant? ☐ Yes ☒ No

For renewal or amendment, indicate date the original contract was approved: 4/1/2020

Contract/Grant Name: Chippewa County Forest Special Event Permit and Agreement

Contract/Grant Period: 4/24-26/2020 Three days Amount of Contract/Grant: \$0.00

Funding Source: ☐ County ☐ Grant ☐ Other: None required

Budgeted: ☐ Yes ☒ No Springbrook Account Number: _____

Contract Type: ☒ MOU ☐ Grant ☐ Service Provided ☐ Service Received ☐ Maintenance
☐ Product ☐ Building ☐ Professional

Is a copy of the certificate of liability attached? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Purpose of Contract/Grant: To allow True North Adventures to use the Ice Age trail as the course for the Annual Chippewa 50K Trail Run.

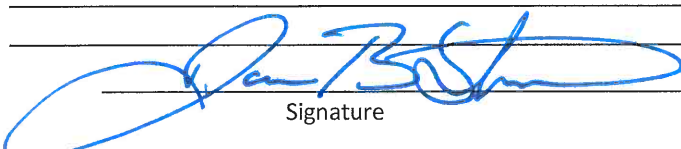
Potential Liability/Concerns: _____

Is this a federal contract or subcontract that contains the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) E-Verify clause?

☐ Yes ☒ No

➤ (If you answered yes, a copy of this contract, if approved, must be immediately forwarded to Human Resources.)

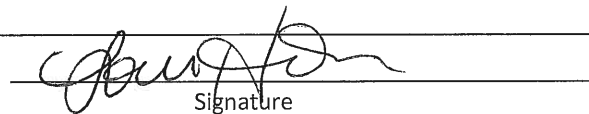
Policy Committee Actions/Comments (if any)

Corporation Counsel DivisionCertificate of liability is attached: ☒ Yes ☐ NoCertificate of liability is current: ☒ Yes ☐ NoComments: 02/05/2021 deb☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Template Contract Previously ApprovedComments: might be good to attach the approved COVID protocols for the event.
Signature2/8/21
Date**Finance Division**☐ Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Review Not Needed

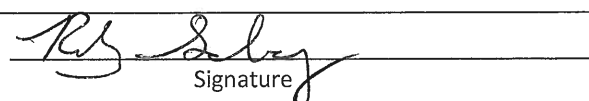
Comments: _____

Signature_____
Date**Human Resources Division**☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Review Not Needed

Comments: _____


Signature2/5/21
Date**County Administrator**☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved

Comments: _____


Signature2.8.21
Date



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Randy Scholz, County Administrator

FROM: Matt Hansen, County Forest Administrator

DATE: February 4, 2021

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR D.O.A. REVIEW OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT A 50K RUNNING EVENT ON THE ICE AGE TRAIL BETWEEN TRUE NORTH ADVENTURES, AND CHIPPEWA COUNTY

Please find attached for Dept. of Administration (D.O.A.) review a Special Event Permit and Agreement between True North Adventures, and Chippewa County titled: Chippewa County Forest Special Event Permit and Agreement.

This is a contract renewal among the parties to allow the use of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, within the Chippewa County Forest to conduct a 50K running event. It also defines the responsibilities and expectations of each party.

True North Adventures submitted a Covid-19 Risk Mitigation Plan to the County for review. The plan was approved by the Chippewa County Public Health Department contingent upon incorporation of suggested improvements into the plan.

If there are no outstanding concerns, the agreement will be signed upon your review.

Please give me a call at #715-738-2599 if there are any concerns or if there is any additional information that I can provide to support this request.

Thank you.

Matt Hansen
Chippewa County Forest Administrator

Attachment: 50K Race Agreement & Supporting Materials (6206 : Consider Request to Authorize 50K Race Permit in County Forest)

CHIPPEWA COUNTY FOREST SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND AGREEMENT

This Chippewa County Forest Special Event Permit (the "Permit") and Chippewa County Forest Special Event Agreement (the "Agreement") (collectively, the "Permit and Agreement") is granted to and made and entered into by and between Chippewa County, Wisconsin, through the Chippewa County Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management (the "County") and Jeff Allen d/b/a True North Adventures (the "Permittee"), subject to following terms and conditions:

1. **Purpose.**

The purpose of this Permit and Agreement is to grant the Permittee non-exclusive use of certain Chippewa County Forest property (the "Property") to conduct a 50k running event on the Ice Age Trail (the "Special Event") as identified, described and depicted in Attachment A to this Permit and Agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

2. **Special Event Date.**

The Special Event shall start on April 23, 2020, and end on April 26, 2020, upon which time the Permit shall expire.

3. **Special Event Permit Fee.**

There shall no permit fee charged for the Special Event.

4. **Items and Structures.**

- A. The Permittee may place portable tent structures, tables for food and first aid, flagging and route signs, temporary barriers (i.e. caution tape, ribbon, lathe, etc.) and a PA system on the Property.
- B. The Permittee shall maintain an inventory of all deployed signage and temporary barriers and like material that is used for the race. Said inventory should include the location where material is deployed and an identification system that allows the Permittee, to confirm posting and removal with the County by 9:00 am on April 26, 2020.
- C. No other items or structures shall be placed on the Property without the prior, written approval of the County.

5. **Concessions.**

- A. "Concession" for the purposes of the Permit shall include the selling or giving away of goods or services.
- B. The Permittee shall be solely responsible for complying with all applicable ordinances, laws and regulations and obtaining any applicable permits with regard to any concessions that may be offered at the Special Event.

6. **Hazards, Maintenance, Trash and Recyclables.**

- A. The Permittee shall inspect the Property before the event and shall remove, eliminate or correct any unsafe or dangerous conditions or hazard. The Permittee shall maintain the area in a safe condition for the duration of the Special Event.

- B. No cutting or trimming of trees shall be performed without prior approval of the Department.
- C. No fire(s) shall be started without prior approval of the Department; if prior approval is granted, solely in grills and fire-rings provided by the Department.
- D. The Permittee shall be solely responsible for any and all clean-up of the Property, including, but not limited to, legal disposal of trash, recyclables and refuse and removal of all items and structures under Section 4. No litter shall be left on the Property by the Permittee, any Special Event participant or spectator.

7. **Compliance with Applicable Laws.**

The Permittee of the Special Event shall become familiar with, and shall at all times comply with and observe all local, state and federal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations which in any manner affect the conduct the Permittee and its employees, officers, directors and agents with regard to the Special Event.

8. **Control of Performance.**

The Permittee shall have sole control of the method, hours worked and time and manner of any performance under this permit other than as specifically provided herein. The County takes no responsibility for supervision or direction of the performance of the Permittee to be performed by the Permittee or the Permittee's employees, officers, directors and agents. The County will exercise no control over the selection and dismissal or of the Permittee's employees, officers, directors and agents.

9. **Non-Discrimination.**

The Permittee shall not discriminate against any employee, participant or applicant for employment in the Special Event because of age, race, color, sex, religion, disability, physical condition, developmental disability as defined in s. 51.01(5), Wis. Stats., sexual orientation or national origin.

10. **Indemnification.**

The Permittee shall indemnify the County and its employees, officers, officials and agents against all claims, damages, costs and expenses including liability costs and attorney's fees arising either from the management of the Special Event or from any breach or default on the part of the Permittee in the performance of this Permit and Agreement, or from any negligence of the Permittee in the Special Event.

11. **Insurance.**

- A. The Permittee shall purchase liability insurance to be effective the dates of the Special Event and listing the County, its employees, officers, officials and agents as additional insureds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 single limit per occurrence including \$1,000,000.00 for bodily injury, including death, and \$25,000.00 property damage.
- B. The Permittee shall furnish the County with a copy of the insurance policy or certificate of insurance no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Special Event. This permit is conditioned upon the County's approval of the insurance policy. The Permittee will immediately notify the County both verbally and in writing of any action by the insurer to cancel the insurance policy.

12. **Mandatory Contacts.**

The Permittee shall notify the following entities/user groups/individuals with specific details and course map of the Special Event no later than April 9, 2020:

A. Recreation Deputy Craig Fleischhacker
Chippewa County Sheriff's Department
Email: cfleischhacker@co.chippewa.wi.us
Phone: (715) 726-7701 Ext. 2275

B. Jeanne Fox, Treasurer
Chippewa Valley Trail Riders
Email: jeannefox227@gmail.com
Phone: (715) 577-6737

13. **Notices.**

Any notice required or permitted hereunder shall be given by personal delivery upon an authorized representative of a party hereto; or if mailed by United States registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; or if deposited cost paid with a nationally recognized, reputable overnight courier, properly addressed as follows, or by electronic mail:

If to Permittee: True North Adventures
Attn: Jeff Allen
26806 Goldman Blvd.
Wyoming, MN 55092
Email: runjeffrun50k@yahoo.com

If to County: Chippewa County Department of Land Conservation & Forest
Management, Forest & Trails Division
Attn: Matt Hansen
711 N. Bridge Street, Room 011
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
Email: mhansen@co.chippewa.wi.us

14. **Assignability.**

Neither this Permit and Agreement nor any right or duty in whole or in part by the Permittee under this Permit and Agreement may be assigned, delegated or subcontracted without the prior written consent of the County.

15. **Entire Permit and Agreement.**

This Permit and Agreement, together with the requirements herein and referenced parts and attachments, shall constitute the entire Permit and Agreement and any previous communication or permit and agreement pertaining to this Permit and Agreement are hereby superseded.

16. **No Waiver.**

No failure to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right, power or remedy hereunder on the part of the County or Permittee shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any

right, power or remedy preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy. No express waiver shall affect any event or default other than the event or default specified in such waiver, and any such waiver, to be effective, must be in writing and shall be operative only for the time and to the extent expressly provided by the County or Permittee therein. A waiver of any covenant, term or condition contained herein shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same covenant, term or condition.

17. **Termination and Modification.**

The County may terminate or modify the conditions of this Permit and Agreement at any time, except that modifications relating to time extensions must be made by an amendment to this Permit and Agreement or other written documentation, signed by the Permittee and the County at least thirty (30) days prior to the ending date of this Permit and Agreement.

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The County may consider Permittee's failure to comply with the conditions of this Permit and Agreement as adequate justification to deny any future special event applications submitted by the Permittee or its sponsoring organization.

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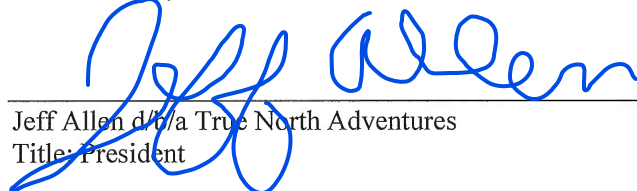
The Permittee and the County having read and understood the entirety of this Agreement, consisting of five (5) typewritten pages and Attachment A, hereby affix their duly authorized signatures.

For County, BY:

Matt Hansen
Title: County Forest Administrator & Public Liaison

Date

For Permittee, BY:



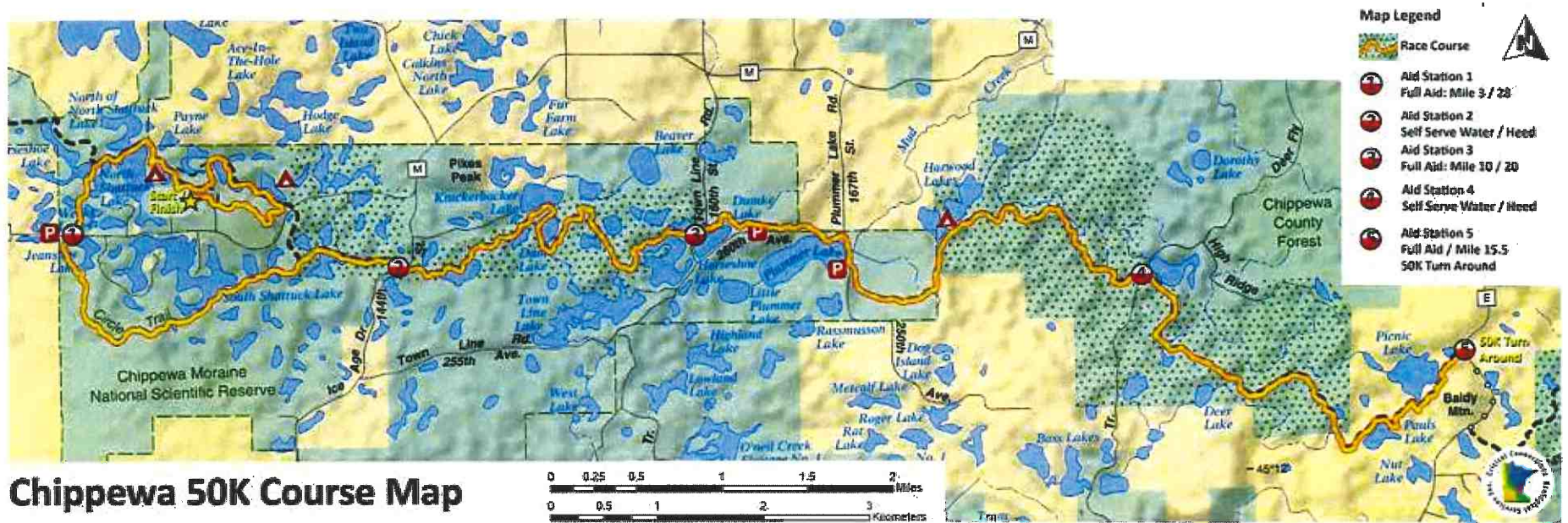
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Attachment A

Tentative Race Map 2021 Chippewa 50K





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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
CONSIDER ANNUAL 2021 MATCHING GRANT CRITERIA; CHIPPEWA
COUNTY STEWARDSHIP FUND.

6.2

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 2021.

ANNUAL CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING AND SELECTING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY STEWARDSHIP FUND LOCAL MATCH GRANT PROGRAM IN 2021 2020

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 2021 2020 Annual Grant Application Evaluation Criteria

In the Year 2021 2020 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.

1. Priority will be given to:

- a. Municipal governments (cities, villages, towns) 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 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.
 - i. Acquisition of land or conservation easements to protect shoreland corridors or areas of unique geological, environmental, or biological significance; or
 - ii. Acquisition of land or conservation easements to establish green space or recreational trail corridors in urbanizing areas subject to development; or

YEAR ~~2020~~ 2021 CHIPPEWA COUNTY STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM - ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING AND SELECTING PROJECTS – continued from previous page

- iii. Acquisition of conservation easements to protect areas of farmland which have been identified in an approved Town land use plan and are zoned for “Production Agriculture” which establishes a residential density of no more than 1 residential unit per 35 acres; or lands covered by an active Farmland Preservation Agreement.

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.



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
CONSIDER AND RANK LCFM CIP PROJECTS (2022-2026)**

6.3

Chippewa County administers a multi-year Capital Improvement Program, (CIP).

As a first step in the 2022 budget process, the Dept. of Administration has directed each Department to prepare and update a five (5) year Capital Improvement Plan proposal to be considered as part of the 2022 annual budget process.

This agenda item will be used to review the process used by the County to prepare the five year CIP proposal and the Department's recommendation for that proposal, as prepared by the Dept. of LCFM for consideration by the County Administrator.

This agenda item will also be used to seek Committee feedback and to enable the Committee to rank the projects for consideration by the County Administrator as part of the 2022 budget process.



2022 – 2026 Capital Improvement Program Calendar

(Bonding not required in FY21 for FY22 budget)

12/07/2020	CA sends CIP instructions and justification forms to Department Heads
01/08/2021	Deadline for DH to communicate with the Facilities & Parks Director and IT Director if there are projects that involve the Divisions. This will allow time to determine the project details and cost in order to meet the 03/25/2021 deadline.
12/07/20 – 03/25/21	CIP justification forms (See Appendix DOA-304-A) are completed by Departments and reviewed with the policy committees for feedback and priority ranking
02/02/2021	CA presents status update to <u>Executive Committee</u> on current CIP projects
02/09/2021	CA presents status update to <u>County Board</u> on current CIP projects
03/25/2021	CIP justification forms are submitted electronically to Traci Bremness to be compiled for review by the Finance Division and County Administrator
04/19 – 04/30/2021	Finance Division reviews and follows up with departments for clarification and/or additional information if needed
05/03/2021	Finance Division provides CIP requests to County Administrator for review and approval or denial
06/01/2021 *	County Administrator presents the proposed five-year CIP, CIP resolutions, and sales tax resolutions to the <u>Executive Committee</u> for recommendation to the County Board Initial borrowing resolution presented to <u>Executive Committee</u> for recommendation to the County Board
06/08/2021 *	County Administrator presents the proposed five year CIP, CIP resolutions, and sales tax resolutions to <u>County Board</u> for approval Initial borrowing resolution presented to <u>County Board</u> for approval
09/07/2021 *	Draft borrowing award resolution presented to <u>Executive Committee</u> for consideration
09/14/2021 *	Final borrowing award resolution presented to <u>Executive Committee</u> at special meeting (prior to County Board meeting) for recommendation to County Board
09/14/2021 *	Final borrowing award resolution presented to <u>County Board</u> for approval
09/17/2021	A copy of the 5-year Capital Improvement Program is distributed electronically to department heads and elected officials and posted on the employee portal
10/01/2021	Closing information available – funds are wired to the County

* Note: Bonding not required in FY21 for FY22 budget.

Revised: 12/04/2020

Attachment: CIP 2022-2026 (6203 : Consider and Rank LCFM CIP Projects (2022-2026))

Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management
2022 Capital Improvement Plan Ranking

Committee Rank	Department Rank	Project	Source of Funding				
			Expenditure	Fund Balance	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants/Other
	1	Co Stewardship Fund	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000			
	2	County Forest Land Acquisitions	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000
	3	Snowmobile Bridge - TBD	\$ 120,000				\$ 120,000
	4	County Groundwater Quality Study of Well Sampling Update	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000		
	5	Climate Change Flood Control Buffer Initiative	\$ 100,000		\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000

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

Year	Project	Source of Funding					Comments
		Expenditure	Fund Balance	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants	
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2024	WisCorps Equipment & Support ③	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000			\$ 25,000	Requested in 2018
2024	Co. Forest Dam Drop Structure Replacement	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000			Requested in 2021
2024	Upgrade GPS/Total Station Survey & CAD Technology	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000			Requested in 2021
2025	Co Stewardship Fund ①	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000				Requested in 2018
2025	Snowmobile Bridge - TBD	\$ 120,000				\$ 120,000	Requested in 2018
2025	County Forest Land Acquisitions ②	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000	Requested in 2018
2026	Co Stewardship Fund ①	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000				Requested in 2018
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

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. Fund Balance as of 12/31/2020 \$85,600.42

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 The capital allocation will allow the Department to contract the Wisconsin Conservation Corp to complete major repair on county forest infrastructure (i.e. signage, gates, fencing, bathrooms, etc.) and select recreational trails systems maintained by the County (i.e. Old Abe Trail, Riverview Conservancy Trails, River Road Trails). It is intended that the County allocation be used to match a State grant made available pursuant to 2017b Senate Bill 648.

④ Funds to install permanent stream buffers and wetland, protected by conservation easements, to reduce flood peaks and protect infrastructure.

⑤ County Groundwater Quality Study of Well Sampling Update



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Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2022	LCFM	County Stewardship Fund			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
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.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
Project Description and Justification					
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. Section 3.1 of the "Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Policy & 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." 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. 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 & 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. The request for continued sales tax financing supports the state goals & 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 & Water Resource Mgt. Plan (2015), to "Protect areas of special environmental, natural resource, or open space significance, (Wisconsin Stats. 91.57)".					
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Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2022	LCFM	County Forest Land Acquisitions			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Desired	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
Project Description and Justification					
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. Strategic additions to the County Forest and recreational land base, will allow for increased annual timber harvest and additional public recreational opportunities. 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. 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 & Water Resource Management Plan (July 2009) Land Management objectives. 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. 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 & Forest Management as funds become available.					
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2022	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		
Project Description and Justification					
Planned snowmobile TBD bridge. 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.					
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2022	LCFM	County Groundwater Quality Study of Well Sampling Update			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Desired	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
4		N/A			
Project Description and Justification					
The Chippewa County Land and Water Resource Management Plan, as adopted by the County Board, establishes public policy and objectives to actively monitor groundwater quality and quantity through time to evaluate groundwater conditions. The Chippewa County Groundwater Inventory has been adopted as Chapter 30 of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances. It is used as the administration to systematically collect data used to measure and monitor groundwater quality and quantity through time. The Chippewa County Groundwater Inventory has used periodic benchmark inventories conducted by the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey and the UW System to conduct county wide sampling of a standard subset of approximately 750 of domestic wells to evaluate changes through time, and areas of management concern. Benchmark sampling studies have been conducted in 1985, 2007 and 2016. This project is proposed to fund the next scheduled benchmark sampling project, which was previously planned for 2025. For purposes of comparison, it is anticipated that a different set of wells will be sampled for PH, NO3N, CL, conductivity, select metals, pesticides, artificial sweeteners and pharmaceuticals.					
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2022	LCFM	Climate Change Flood Control Buffer Initiative			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Desired	\$ 100,000	\$0	\$ 100,000	\$0	\$0
Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
Project Description and Justification					
This initiative will be used to install permanent stream and wetland buffers that will serve to store and infiltrate storm runoff and reduce flood peaks in order to protect public infrastructure and limit flood damage. Chippewa County is now experiencing seasonal variations in temperature and precipitation, including extreme rainfall and precipitation events that are attributed to climate change. These extreme precipitation events have increased the size and frequency of storm runoff events and flood peaks. These increases in storm runoff have had a negative impact on public infrastructure and personal property. This initiative will be used to install permanent stream and wetland buffers to mitigate these impacts throughout the County, with projects prioritized based upon site location and the environmental value that can be achieved. Under the project, the County would purchase conservation easements on a voluntary basis from willing landowners, using a standardized per acre reimbursement rate, calculated using soil rental value, established under the WI Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. These easements would be recorded on the deed of the affected parcel. The buffers would also serve to reduce stream erosion and sedimentation delivery, enhance diversity, and provide for the establishment of wildlife habitat and ecological corridors. Landowners willing to allow public access for nature-based outdoor activities would receive an enhanced payment. As part of the public participation component of the County's 2018-2019 Land & Water Resource Management Planning efforts, agricultural producers indicated a willingness to implement stream setbacks if compensated for lost production opportunity. The County would use this funding for sites where State and Federal funding is not available or when landowners are unwilling to contract with State and Federal agencies. LCFM staff would make every effort to leverage outside funding to match the County's sales tax allocation. Any sales tax funding that remains uncommitted at the end of the will remain in the County Sales Tax Account.					
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Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2023	LCFM	County Stewardship Fund			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
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.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
N/A		N/A			
Project Description and Justification					
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2023	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					
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2023	LCFM	County Forest Land Acquisitions			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Desired	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
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					
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Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2023	LCFM	Co. Forest Dam Relicensing Infrastructure Inspection			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Desired	\$50,000				
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					
The LCFM maintains eighteen (18) wildlife flowages in the Chippewa County Forest, that have been created through the construction of impoundments. Six (6) of these impoundments are classified as large-scale dams, subject to DNR license and inspection requirements. Scheduled inspections for licensed dams are conducted on a ten (10) year cycle and must be performed by a licensed engineer. To maintain the wildlife flowages as part of the the County Forest infrastructure, the engineering inspection of the licensed dams must be conducted before 12/31/2023. The CIP project will be used to contract an outside engineering consultant to conduct the inspection and file the necessary documentation to achieve the license renewal. This allocation will allow the County to meet goals and obligations defined in the Chippewa County Forest Comprehensive Land use Plan (2021-2036). This allocation will also allow the County to pursue an earlier Chippewa County Strategic Goal to provide a safe, healthy, and prosperous environment for Chippewa County residents by managing and protecting the County's natural resource base for the future.					
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Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2024	LCFM	County Stewardship Fund			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
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.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
N/A		N/A			
Project Description and Justification					
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. Section 3.1 of the "Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Policy & 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." 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. 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 & 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. The request for continued sales tax financing supports the state goals & 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 & Water Resource Mgt. Plan (2015), to "Protect areas of special environmental, natural resource, or open space significance, (Wisconsin Stats. 91.57)".					
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2024	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					
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2024	LCFM	County Forest Land Acquisitions			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Desired	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
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					
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. Strategic additions to the County Forest and recreational land base, will allow for increased annual timber harvest and additional public recreational opportunities. 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. 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 & Water Resource Management Plan (July 2009) Land Management objectives. 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. 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 & Forest Management as funds become available.					
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2024	LCFM	Co. Forest Dam Drop Structure Replacement			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Desired	\$50,000				
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					
The LCFM maintains eighteen (18) wildlife flowages in the Chippewa County Forest, that have been created through the construction of impoundments that are managed as public infrastructure. Twelve (12) of these impoundments are classified as small dams that are low head impoundments with water levels controlled by fixed culver elevations; or drop structures with the capacity to manage water elevations using removable timbers. These low head impoundments are inspected annually to determine the condition of the impoundments and of the control structures. This CIP project will be used to replace the control structure at the Hay Meadow Flowage and the control structure of another flowage, to be determined. This allocation will allow the County to pursue an earlier Chippewa County Strategic Goal to provide a safe, healthy, and prosperous environment for Chippewa County residents by managing and protecting the County's natural resource base for the future.					
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Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2024	LCFM	Upgrade GPS/Total Station Survey & CAD Technology			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
Desired	\$50,000		\$50,000		
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					
The LCFM administers a broad range of conservation programs and environmental regulations. To do so, the Department makes extensive use of a global position system (GPS), engineering total station survey, and computer aided design (CAD) technology. The existing equipment and associated software must be periodically updated to be supported by the manufacturer. The CIP project will be used to finance and schedule a planned upgrade. This allocation will allow the County to pursue an earlier Chippewa County Strategic Goal to provide a safe, healthy, and prosperous environment for Chippewa County residents by managing and protecting the County's natural resource base for the future.					
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Budget Year	Department Name	Project Name			
2025	LCFM	County Stewardship Fund			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
		Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing	Sales Tax	Borrowing	Grants
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.					
Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
N/A		N/A			
Project Description and Justification					
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2025	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					
Planned snowmobile TBD bridge. 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.					
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2025	LCFM	County Forest Land Acquisitions			
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Desired	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
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N/A		N/A			
Project Description and Justification					
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. Strategic additions to the County Forest and recreational land base, will allow for increased annual timber harvest and additional public recreational opportunities. 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. 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 & Water Resource Management Plan (July 2009) Land Management objectives. 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. 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 & Forest Management as funds become available.					
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2026	LCFM	County Stewardship Fund			
Priority	Total Expenditure	Source of Funding			
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Desired	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Department Head Recommended Ranking		Committee Approved Ranking			
N/A		N/A			
Project Description and Justification					
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. Section 3.1 of the "Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Policy & 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." 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. 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 & 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. The request for continued sales tax financing supports the state goals & 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 & Water Resource Mgt. Plan (2015), to "Protect areas of special environmental, natural resource, or open space significance, (Wisconsin Stats. 91.57)".					
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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
CONSIDER WHETHER CHIPPEWA COUNTY WANTS TO CONTINUE WITH
A JOINT STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH THE CURRENT
TOWNS

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

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

The resulting *Chippewa Falls Urban Area Storm Water Plan* (10/10/07), defines a joint storm water management program which meets permit requirements.

In 2007, the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #35-07 to approve the Chippewa Falls Urban Area Storm Water Management Plan; and to authorize the County Board Chair and County Administrator to sign an intergovernmental agreement on behalf of the County.

The intergovernmental agreement was executed and a joint storm water program has been successfully implemented.

The WPDES Permit structure has now changed and the intergovernmental agreement has expired.

On 2/10/21, the LCFM Committee reviewed the existing joint storm water program under the new WPDES permit structure and a proposed revision of the intergovernmental agreement entered in 2007.

This agenda item will be used to provide an update on communications with DNR and the affected municipalities, and to introduce conceptual models for stormwater management that could be evaluated.

**OVERVIEW OF CONCEPTUAL MODELS THAT COULD BE EVALUATED FOR STORM WATER FACILITY
MANAGEMENT IN CHIPPEWA FALLS URBAN AREA UNDER WPDES PERMIT #WI- S050075**

Alternative A – Private Infrastructure Model; County Oversight

- County storm water plan review
- **Private sector facility ownership** with custodial inspection and regulatory **oversight by the County**
- Assumes funding reimbursement for County storm water services from the participating municipalities paid by either:
 - A. A general property tax levy as assessed on all tax parcels in the municipality, or
 - B. A special storm water service charge, as rendered on parcels serviced by a new storm water facility.

Alternative B – Private Infrastructure Model; Municipal Oversight

- County storm water plan review
- **Private sector storm water facility ownership** with custodial inspection and regulatory **oversight by the municipality.**
- Assumes storm water service costs incurred by the municipality are paid by either:
 - A. A general property tax levy as assessed on all tax parcels in the municipality, or
 - B. A special storm water service charge, as rendered on parcels serviced by a new storm water facility.

Alternative C – Public Infrastructure Model; County or Municipal Oversight

- County (or municipality) storm water plan review
- **Public storm water facility ownership** with custodial inspection and regulatory **oversight by the County (or municipality)**
- Assumes storm water service costs incurred by the municipality are paid by either:
 - A. A general property tax levy as assessed on all tax parcels in the municipality, or
 - B. A special storm water service charge, as rendered on parcels serviced by a new storm water facility.

Alternative D

- Other hybrid model using a mix of proposed roles and responsibilities

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A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT A JOINT STORM WATER PROGRAM FOR THE CHIPPEWA FALLS URBAN AREA

This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0301 to specify those certain responsibilities of the parties hereto in the implementation of a joint intergovernmental storm water program during the term of this Agreement.

I. PARTIES

This Agreement is between Chippewa County, Wisconsin, a quasi-municipal corporation, ("Chippewa County") located at 711 N. Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729; the Village of Lake Hallie, Wisconsin, a municipal corporation located at 13033 30th Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729; **the Town of Anson, a municipal corporation located at 13836 County Hwy S, South, Jim Falls, WI 54748;** the Town of Eagle Point, a municipal corporation located at 14802 State Hwy 124, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729; and the Town of Lafayette, a municipal corporation located at 5765 197th Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.

II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall commence **March 15, 2021**, ~~November 1, 2007~~, and shall continue through the term of WPDES Permit #WI-**S050075**, ~~S050121-1~~, and expire on **December 31, 2026**. ~~March 31, 2011~~. This Agreement may be terminated by any of the parties on thirty (30) days written notice to the others, subject only to the payment of any obligations due to the other parties under this Agreement up to the point of said termination.

III. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish and implement a single joint storm water management program which meets the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code Section § NR 216.07. This agreement will enable the parties to:

1. **Manage storm water runoff and to meet requirements of WPDES Permit #WI-S050075** ~~S050121-1~~.
2. Implement the Chippewa Falls Urban Area Storm Water Management Plan.

The agreement establishes the administrative framework necessary to establish a joint storm water program and defines the roles and responsibilities of the cooperating parties. The agreement will allow the parties to share resources and work together to avoid redundancy, limit duplication of effort, and achieve public cost savings.

IV. PROGRAM SUMMARY

The activities that will be conducted to implement this storm water management program include all of those which are necessary to meet WPDES permit WI- **S050075** ~~S050121-1~~. The elements of the joint storm water program, which are required to comply with the permit are as follows:

- A. Public Involvement and Participation.
- B. Public Education and Outreach.
- C. Storm Sewer System Map.
- D. Storm Water Quality Management Modeling.
- E. Illicit Discharge and Elimination.

- F. Construction Site Pollution Control and Post Construction Storm Water Management.
- G. Pollution Prevention.

V. SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. Chippewa County agrees to the following:

1. Establish procedures and institute routine opportunities for ongoing public participation, associated with joint storm water management plan and program review, through use of public notices and scheduled program reviews, conducted under the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.
2. Develop and implement a public education and outreach program for storm water management to comply with Wis. Admin. Code § NR 216.07.
3. Actively participate in meetings and provide financial support to implement and periodically evaluate a public education and outreach program. This program will be conducted in cooperation with other municipalities in the Eau Claire/Chippewa Falls urban area, also subject to WPDES storm water permit requirements, working in collaboration with "Rain to Rivers", a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and regional stormwater education service provider.
4. Actively maintain and routinely update the storm water system map. The map will show the location of public and private roads, storm water facilities, storm water conveyances, and storm water outfalls in the designated program area.
5. Participate in an illicit discharge program to detect and remove illicit discharges to the County and State road ditch network by conducting annual dry weather inspections of mapped ditch lines draining to designated storm water outfalls.
6. Actively conduct routine inspections of major storm water outfalls.
7. Actively conduct routine inspections of designated storm water facilities to document their condition and functional efficiency.
8. Develop, adopt, and implement a single construction site pollution control and storm water management ordinance to be administered in the storm water management program area.
9. Develop and implement a nonpoint source runoff pollution prevention program in the designated program area, including procedures for routine street sweeping, storm water facility maintenance, application of road salt and deicers, the management of leaves and grass clippings, and storm water pollution planning for municipal garages and storage areas.
10. Actively conduct individual and combined annual reporting for all municipalities subject to this agreement, using the prescribed reporting system and procedures established by the WI Dept. of Natural Resources.

B. The Village of Lake Hallie, Town of Anson Town of Eagle Point, and Town of Lafayette agree to the following:

1. Actively participate in and support opportunities for ongoing public participation through use of public notices and scheduled program reviews, conducted under the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.
2. Actively participate in meetings and provide financial support to implement and periodically evaluate a joint public education and outreach program. This program will be conducted in cooperation with other municipalities in the Eau Claire/Chippewa Falls urban area, also subject to WPDES storm water permit requirements.

3. Routinely compile and provide information regarding the location of new public and private roads, storm water facilities, storm water conveyances, and storm water outfalls in the designated program area, to facilitate the maintenance of a common storm water system map.
4. Actively participate in an illicit discharge program to detect and remove illicit discharges to the town and village road ditch network, by conducting annual dry weather inspections of mapped ditch lines draining to designated storm water outfalls.
5. Financially support the routine inspections of major storm water outfalls.
6. Financially support the routine inspection of designated storm water facilities, to document their condition and functional efficiency.
7. Participate in the permit review, update, development and implementation of a single construction site pollution control and storm water management ordinance to be administered in the storm water management program area.
8. Develop and implement a nonpoint source runoff pollution prevention program in the designated program area, including procedures for routine street sweeping, storm water facility maintenance, application of road salt and deicers, the management of leaves and grass clippings, and storm water pollution planning for municipal garages or storage areas.
9. Authorize the County to conduct individual reporting on behalf of each municipality subject to this agreement, under a combined annual reporting approach using the prescribed reporting system and procedures established by the WI Dept. of Natural Resources.
10. Provide the County the information and data required for each designated stormwater program element, as specified in the General Stormwater permit #WI-S050075, on forms provided by the County.

VI. PROGRAM FINANCING AND DISTRIBUTION OF COSTS

The parties have evaluated the costs of implementing a storm water management program, and have determined how these costs will be distributed under a management approach described in the Chippewa Falls Area Storm water Management Plan.

Under the proposed management approach, the direct and indirect costs of meeting program requirements will be distributed between the public and private sectors.

A. Private Sector Costs

Under this intergovernmental agreement, the parties agree that the direct costs of planning and installing storm water best management practices will be incurred solely by the private sector, unless other arrangements are made between the developer and the municipality in which the development occurs. Under this management scenario, all storm water related permitting, engineering, and construction costs will be recognized as business expenses and will be incurred by the developer. It is assumed that the developer will add these business expenses to other development costs and attempt to recoup these costs through the market-driven real estate process.

Custodial responsibility for storm water facilities constructed by the developer will be assigned to the developer unless the responsible municipality agrees to accept management responsibility. Under this arrangement, the costs of maintaining privately-owned storm water facilities will ultimately be transferred by deed title to the end-owners of the parcels that are

served by the storm water facilities.

B. Public Sector Costs

Under this intergovernmental agreement, the parties agree that the public costs of implementing this joint storm water program will be defined as either capital expenses or operational expenses.

Capital expenses will include those associated with planning and installing publicly owned storm water infrastructure, including the costs of land acquisition, engineering, and site improvements. Under this agreement, these capital expenses will be incurred solely by the municipality that intends to acquire the land or develop storm water facilities to control storm water within its boundaries.

Under this intergovernmental agreement, operational expenses will include the costs of activities, which are conducted to implement the joint storm water program and comply with WPDES Permit number #WI- **S050075** ~~S05012101~~. This includes the costs of implementing a public education program, site specific storm water plan review and facility construction inspection, illicit discharge detection, outfall monitoring, storm water facility monitoring, ordinance administration and enforcement, and WPDES permit administration.

In assuming these new operational costs, Chippewa County and the participants will seek to limit property tax impacts by establishing service fees that will be charged directly to permit applicants subject to requirements of the storm water ordinance. Service fees will be charged by the County to offset the full public costs of storm water ordinance administration, plan review, and the County's storm water construction inspection.

The remaining operational expenses will be distributed between the parties based upon the program duties and responsibilities defined in Section V – Scope of Services.

The costs of WPDES permit administration, maintaining the storm water system map, and implementing the public education and community outreach components of the storm water program will be distributed equally between the County and the cooperating municipalities (50% County, and 50% Village of Lake Hallie, **Town of Anson**, Town of Eagle Point, Town of Lafayette). The village and towns share of these program costs will be distributed proportionately on a per capita basis.

The public costs of implementing an illicit discharge detection program and a joint storm water facility inspection program will be assumed fully by the Village of Lake Hallie, the **Town of Anson**, the Town of Eagle Point, and the Town of Lafayette. Annual payments will be made to the County by each municipality for annual inspections of storm water facilities and storm water outfalls, based upon the location of inspections and the number of inspections conducted. The County will bill each municipality on an annual basis.

Using these assumptions, the proposed distribution of annual program costs for **2022** ~~2008~~ can be estimated as follows:

<u>Estimated Annual Tax Levy</u>				
<u>Budget Contribution</u>				
<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Proportion of Program Costs</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
Village of Lake Hallie	% 25%	\$ 3,250	0	\$ 3,250
Town of Anson	%			
Town of Lafayette	% 25%	\$ 3,250	0	\$ 3,250
Town of Eagle Point	% 25%	\$ 2,600	0	\$ 2,000
Chippewa County	% 25%	\$ 4,000	0	\$ 4,000
	100%			

A proposed budget for the **2022** calendar year is provided as Attachment I.

VII. LIAISONS

For Chippewa County: Dan Masterpole, County Conservationist, Chippewa County

For the Village of Lake Hallie: Gary Spilde, Village President

Town of Anson: Gary Lazarz, Chair,

For the Town of Eagle Point: Dennis Ferstenou, Chair

For the Town of Lafayette: David Staber, Chair, Town of Lafayette

VIII. NOTICES

Notices required or deemed advisable under this Agreement shall be placed in writing and delivered personally or by registered or certified mail to the municipal clerks of each municipality that is party to this agreement.

IX. INSURANCE

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

X. MUTUAL INDEMNIFICATION.

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

XII. APPLICABLE LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by the State of Wisconsin. Venue for any dispute hereunder shall be in Chippewa County Circuit Court.

XIII. SECTION HEADINGS

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

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

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

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

All parties hereto having read and understood the entirety of this Agreement consisting of six (6) typewritten pages hereby affix their duly authorized signatures.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BY:

Dean Gullickson, Chair
County Board of Supervisors

(Date)

Randy Scholz
Chippewa County Administrator

(Date)

VILLAGE OF LAKE HALLIE BY:

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