AGENDA

Eau Claire County

• Land Conservation Commission •

Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 Time: 1:00 P.M.

*via remote access ONLY.

*Event link below can be used to connect to meeting and interact (by the chair) from computer or through the WebEx Meeting smartphone app.

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Meeting ID: 2598 628 9206, Password: 8Kv8mepTPr7

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Audio conference: 1-415-655-0001, Access Code: 2598 628 9206

For those wishing to make public comment, you must e-mail Greg Leonard at

<u>Greg.Leonard@co.eau-claire.wi.us</u> at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. You will be called on during the public comment period to make your comments.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order by Chair
- 2. Roll call
- 3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
- 4. Public Comment Period
- 5. Review/Approval of October 18, 2021 meeting minutes Discussion/Action pages 2-3
- 6. Conservation Technician-Agronomist position update Discussion
- 7. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update Discussion page 4
- 8. Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements Discussion/Action pages 5-10
- 9. Land & Water Resource Management Plan update: Advisory Committee Members Discussion/Action page 11-16
- 10. Conservation Awards Discussion/Action page 17-19
- 11. Committee, Staff and Agency Updates
 - a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition EPA grant page 20-21
 - b. Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program
 - c. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program page 22-25
 - d. Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta
 - e. Land Stewardship Subcommittee
 - f. USDA-NRCS / FSA
 - g. DNR-Forestry
 - h. UW-Extension
- 12. Future Agenda items
- 13. Set date for next meeting
- 14. Adjourn

Prepared by: Holly Kuhl

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 2021 REMOTE MEETING - EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Gibson, Robin Leary, Ricky Strauch, Glory Adams, Heather DeLuka, Tami Schraufnagel, Missy

Christopherson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean Solie

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Leonard, Liz Fagen and Holly Kuhl – Land Conservation Division; Rod Eslinger– Planning and

Development

OTHERS PRESENT: KaYing Vang – USDA-NRCS, Michele Skinner – Lake Altoona, Lia Landowski – Aquatic Invasive Species

(AIS) Coordinator - Beaver Creek Reserve

1) Call to order by Chair

Chair Gibson called the remote meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2) Roll call

Roll call was taken; Gibson, Leary, Strauch, Adams, DeLuka, Schraufnagel, and Christopherson were present. Solie was absent. A quorum was present.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Gibson confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

4) Public Comment Period

None.

5) Review/Approval of September 20, 2021 meeting minutes – Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Leary to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote without any opposition, 7-0-0.

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

The September expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

7) Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements - Discussion/Action

The following Cost-Share applications were presented for approval.

Darrin & Amy Nelson – Well Abandonment - \$124.43 (County Levy Funds), \$124.42 (Landowner funds) Scott Geske – Nutrient Management Plan - \$6,520.00 (DATCP – SEG funds)

The following Cost-Share application was previously approved, but the cost has exceeded the original approval. The updated request is as follows:

Larry Sprague – Waste Facility Closure - \$11,208.40 (DATCP-bond funds), \$800.60 (County Levy funds), \$4,003.00 (Landowner funds)

ACTION: Motion by Adams to approve the new and updated cost-share agreements. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 7-0-0.

8) Transfer of 2021 DATCP SEG funds to Chippewa County- Discussion/Action

Chippewa County has requested SEG funds to provide cost-share assistance for a Chippewa County farmer's nutrient management plan which includes farmland within Eau Claire County. The balance of uncommitted SEG funds available to transfer is \$1,016.00. Chippewa County has already authorized the transfer.

ACTION: Motion by Leary to authorize the transfer of \$1,016.00 of DATCT SEG funds to Chippewa County. Motion carried on a voice vote without any opposition, 7-0-0.

9) Aquatic Invasive Species program agreement with Beaver Creek Reserve – Discussion/Action

Beaver Creek Reserve provided Lake Monitoring and Protection Network programming utilizing DNR grant funds for Eau Claire and surrounding counties. Lia Landowski, Beaver Creek Reserve, provided an update of the first year of this program. The grant application for 2022 is now available.

ACTION: Motion by DeLuka to enter into a cooperative agreement with Beaver Creek Reserve acting as a designated agent to provide Lake Monitoring and Protection Network programming. Motion carried on a voice vote without any opposition, 7-0-0.

10) NACD donation/dues- Discussion/Action

ACTION: Motion by Leary to authorize \$125.00 payment to the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) for 2022. Motion carried on a voice vote without any opposition, 7-0-0.

11) Conservation Technician-Agronomist position update - Discussion

Eslinger and Leonard provided an update to the recruitment. Interviews have been completed.

12) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

- a) Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition: EPA grant was discussed.
- b) **Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) program:** A one-year extension has been requested from DNR for the Large Scale project; the Small Scale project will require an administrative extension request.
- c) Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program: Staff are finalizing distribution of MDV funds.
- d) Water Quality Trading with the City of Augusta: Part of the project will be completed this year and the remainder completed next spring.
- e) **Land Stewardship Subcommittee:** The subcommittee will meet on Wednesday of this week with several new properties to consider with the Parks and Forestry Department.
- f) **USDA-NRCS / FSA:** Vang reported the EQIP sign-up deadline is November 19. CRP sign-up is complete with many native plantings included. Leonard reported some of this year's CRP native planting projects utilized the No-Till drill for establishment.
- g) **DNR-Forestry:** No report.
- h) UW-Extension: No report.

13) Future Agenda Items.

EPA grant ideas and Conservation awards will be on the agenda.

14) Set Date for next meeting

The next meeting was set for Monday, November 15, 2021 at 1:00 pm as a remote meeting.

15) Adjourn

Gibson adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Leonard, LCC Clerk

Land Conservation Division 2021 Bills and Deposits

The following bills were sent to the Finance Department for payment.

October

Invoices

Vendor	Description	Account #	Amount
County of Pierce	Conservation Tour	100-15-56920-340-000	\$ 40.00
Greg Leonard	Gas Reimbursement	100-15-56920-330-000	\$ 25.00
Greg Leonard	Gas Reimbursement	100-15-56920-330-000	\$ 50.00
New Life Nursery	Tree Order	100-15-56922-829-701	\$ 300.00
Northland Excavating LLO	Sprague Acres	207-15-56924-200-706	\$ 11,208.40
Northland Excavating LLC	Sprague Acres	207-15-56924-390-703	\$ 800.60
Northland Excavating LLO	Sprague Acres - Bid Bond	100-00-23172-000-000	\$ 1,000.00
In Situ Inc	Internet	207-15-56924-390-716	\$ 696.68
		Total	\$ 14,120.68

Deposits

The following deposits were taken to the Treasury Department to be processed.

Vendor	Description	Date	Account Number	Amount Deposited	
Carl Knudtson	No Till Drill	10/7/2021	207-15-46820-000-720	\$	218.00
Ben Polzin	EC-21-25	10/9/2021	100-15-46820-000-000	\$	580.00
	Bagging Plant - Financial			·	
Menard	Assurance	10/14/2021	100-00-23172-000-000	\$	232,080.00
Multiple	Tree Sales	10/14/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$	425.00
Nathan Peleschak	EC-21-26	10/15/2021	100-15-46820-000-000	\$	290.00
Multiple	Tree Sales	10/15/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$	500.00
Multiple	Tree Sales	10/18/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$	125.00
Multiple	Tree Sales	10/20/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$	160.00
Multiple	Tree Sales	10/21/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$	130.00
Multiple	Tree Sales	10/25/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$	335.00
Cedar Corporation	SW-21-05 Huntsinger Farms	10/25/2021	100-15-46820-000-000	\$	3,680.00
Tom Dobbs	Tree Sales	10/27/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$	300.00
Randy Volbrecht	EC-21-28	10/28/2021	100-15-46820-000-000	\$	580.00
Multiple	Tree Sales	10/28/2021	100-15-46810-000-701	\$	610.00
Duane Klindworth	NTD-21-33	10/28/2021	207-15-46820-000-720	\$	106.00
Ronnie Williams	EC-21-27	10/29/2021	100-15-46820-000-000	\$	290.00
			Total	\$	240,409.00



WELL ABANDONMENT COST SHARE APPLICATION

LCD PERMIT #: WA -2021-____

·	DATE RECEIVED:
ZOWNERINIZATION	
Name: E1120 SWITN	Phone Number: 715-225-228
Mailing Address: 242 S. VILTOVV St.	Priorie Hamber, 115 225 228
City: tou Darre fall (Yeek State: WI	zip: 54742
E-mail Address: C/12AOSMITM9D@ama	11.6000
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□Bridge Creek □Brunswick □Clear Creek □Dramm	en □Fairchild □Lincoln
☐ Otter Creek ☐ Pleasant Valley ☑ Seymour ☐ Union	□Washington □Wilson
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Type of Well: ☑Drilled □Dug □Driven	
Dimensions of Well: Diameter 4 x 58 ff Depth Closure Plans: ☑Chipped Bentonite □Concrete □Grout □Other:	
cost: \$ 650.00 Reimburseme	nt will be 50% of the abandonment up to \$400
ALTERNATION OF THE PROPERTY OF	
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As a Cost Share recipient, I agree to: 1. Properly abandon the well, in accordance with specifications and properly abandon the well.	Ovisions of the Natural Resources Chanter of
the Wisconsin Administrative Code.	- voicino or ana riacarar nazoza con chapter of
2. Provide evidence of abandonment, including the completed DNR Fo	rm 3300-58 "Well/Orill Hole/Barehole
Abandonment" and receipts for materials and labor.	Welly Drill Holey Borefiole
Signature of Applicant: Plya O. Smuth	Date: 10/4/2021
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RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Land Conservation Division Attn: Well Abandonment 721 Oxford Avenue Suite 3344 Eau Claire, WI 54703



WELL ABANDONMENT COST SHARE APPLICATION

LCD PERMIT #: WA -2021-____

DATE RECEIVED:
Cau Claire County Cand Collise valion (Ilviniu): Cest State Application (Iss Well Abandonment)
I request cost sharing for the Well Abandonment listed on Page 1 of this agreement and will provide the appropriate paperwork per the "Agreement for Cost Sharing"
Signature: <u>Polisa O. Smuth</u> Date: <u>10/4/2021</u>
The County Agrees to Cost Share the Well Abandonment once receipts and proper certification have been received:
Land Conservation Commission Action: Approved Denied
LCC Member Signature: Date:

	EONE			
Total Project Cost	\$			
. Cost Share Rate	50%			
Eligible Cost Share Amount up to \$400	\$			
**Form 3300-5B and receipts are attached				
The applicant has met all program requirements and is eligible to receive the cost share pay from Eau Claire County in the amount shown above:				
Administrator Signature:	Date:			



EAU CLAIRE COUNTY COST SHARE AGREEMENT

NAME Scott Geske	PRACTICE	Grassed Waterway (412
TELEPHONE 715-877-2603		1.0 ac
ADDRESS E 12805 Hilltop DG Fall Creek	PRACTICE	Access Road (560)
Units		900 feet

AGREEMENT PROVISIONS:		Large		
1.	TOTAL:	SCORM	COUNTY	GRANTEE
		x 76.0 %	x 5.0 %	x 25.0%
ESTIMATED COST:	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.60
ACTUAL COST:	\$	\$	\$	\$

Any practice cost estimated to exceed \$25,000 requires bids. The Land Conservation Division (LCD) will obtain these.

2. As a Cost Share Recipient, I agree to:

- A. Install the practice(s) listed above by August 26, 2022. If NOT installed by August 22,2021 understand that cost share funds shall be withdrawn and reallocated to other projects, unless the parties in writing agree to an extension. A Nutrient Management Plan must be developed within one year of installation of other practices.
- B. Notify Eau Claire County Land Conservation Division (LCD) staff immediately if I decide to withdraw from this agreement.
- C. Operate and maintain the practice(s) for a period of ten (10) years from the time of installation.
- D. Repay the full amount of cost share funds to Eau Claire County, if:
 - 1) The practice(s) is rendered ineffective during its ten (10) year life span due to an action or neglect on my part.
 - 2) A change in ownership, land use, or management occurs –unless the new owner agrees in writing to assume operation and maintenance of the practice(s) for the rest of the agreement period or it can be demonstrated a change in land use or management affecting the installed practice(s) will not result in deterioration of soil and water resources.
- E. Hire a contractor for practice(s) estimated to cost less than \$25,000.
- F. Provide at least three (3) days notice to the LCD office that installation will occur.
- G. Install the practice according to the design, standards, and specifications provided by the LCD staff.
- H. Submit all receipts to the LCD office. Payment will be made after inspection and certification from LCD staff that the practice(s) was installed and completed according to the design.

3. THE LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION AGREES TO:

- A. Provide technical assistance for design, construction, and inspection for the practice (s).
- B. Obtain bids for practices estimated to cost \$25,000 or more.
- C. Pay the cost share rate when the receipts are received and the practices (s) is certified complete.

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION COST SHARE AGREEMENT (PAGE 2 of 2)

ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE

I request cost sharing for the practice (s) listed on Page 1 of this agreement and agree to install and maintain the practice(s) in accordance with the "Agreement Provisions" listed: Signature: DATE ADDRESS E 12805 Hill top Dr. Fall Creek WI 54742 ☐ DENIED ☐ **A**PPROVED LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACTION: DATE LCC MEMBER LCC APPROVAL REQUIRED IF UPDATED COSTS EXCEED % FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Units Installed _____ Practice The above practice(s) & units were installed according to the Standards & Specifications: Date **Technician's Signature** Remarks: TOTAL PROJECT COSTS INCURRED: \$ **GRANTEE** COUNTY **COST SHARE RATE: ELIGIBLE COST SHARE AMOUNT:** THE APPLICANT HAS MET ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE COST SHARE PAYMENT FROM EAU CLAIRE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ABOVE:

DATE



EAU CLAIRE COUNTY COST SHARE AGREEMENT

NAME Gerard (Gary) Hanson TELEPHONE 715-695-2950	PRACTICE	Stream	Crossing	(578)
TELEPHONE 715-695-2950			0	
ADDRESS 514610 Cty Rd D. Strum, WI	PRACTICE			
UNITS 550 ft				

AGREEMENT PROVISIONS:

1. TOTAL: DATCP COUNTY GRANTEE

X 50.0% X 5.0 % X 45.0 %

ESTIMATED COST: \$ 27,500 \$ 13,750 \$ 1,375.00 \$ 12,375.00

ACTUAL COST: \$ \$ \$ \$

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DATE

Eau Claire County is scheduled for presenting to the Land & Water Board in Dec. 2022. Date ranges are based on this.

Timeline for Review and Approval of County Land and Water Resource

Timeline for Review and Approval of County Land and Water Resource Management Plans

		Management i lans	
Action		Timeline for Land and Water Conservation Board Meeting	Checklist
Contact your Regional N Source Coordinator for in Evaluate benefits of expa cover EPA 9 key elemen	nformation. anding plan to	12 months before Board Presentation Dec. 2021	☐ Completed
Set up at least one local committee, representing of interests. You may cre committees: Citizen Advi Committee (CAC) and Tadvisory Committee (TA not have a separate TAC from UWEX, NRCS, and Regional Nonpoint Sourcon your one committee.	a wide range eate two sory echnical C). If you do the chical the DNR	11 months before Board Presentation Jan. 2022	☐ Completed
Review your "resource a section(s) from your curr plan. Re-assess resourc your county as needed, i collection of updated dat established sources. Che NPS Coordinator and/or obtain water quality asse information, identify key problem areas to determ quality objectives, and to pollutant load reduction to the linterpret data and start in trends and developments advisors.	ent LWRM e conditions in ncluding the a from eck with DNR Biologist to essment water quality ine water identify eargets. dentifying	10-11 months before Board Presentation Jan. 2022	☐ Completed
Convene advisory commeeting(s) to review current plan. Provide them with a resource assessment information Determine if the goals are have changed and what department should work 5-10 years (remember, 5 year horizon)	rent LWRM any updated ormation. nd objectives the on for the next	9 months before Board Presentation Feb. 2022 but may want to do earlier for farmer participation	☐ Completed

Timeline for Review and Approval of County Land and Water Resource Management Plans

9 months before Board Presentation	☐ Completed
Feb. 2022, but see note above	
7 months before Board Presentation Apr. 2022, but see note above	☐ Completed
4-6 months before Board Presentation Jun. 2022	☐ Completed
4 months before Board Presentation Jul. 2022	☐ DATCPCompleted ☐ DNR Completed
3 months before Board Presentation Aug. 2022	☐ Completed ☐ DNR Completed
2-3 months before Board Presentation Sep. 2022	☐ Completed
1-2 months before Board Presentation Oct. 2022	Scheduled hearing date: Completed
	Feb. 2022, but see note above 7 months before Board Presentation Apr. 2022, but see note above 4-6 months before Board Presentation Jun. 2022 4 months before Board Presentation Jul. 2022 3 months before Board Presentation Aug. 2022 2-3 months before Board Presentation Sep. 2022 1-2 months before Board Presentation

Timeline for Review and Approval of County Land and Water Resource Management Plans

County submits the following: a. Provide one electronic copy of the plan for DATCP and hard copies as needed for Board members who request paper copies. b. Complete LWCB guidance checklist	1 month before Board Presentation Nov. 2022	☐ Completed
County presents plan to LWCB who may make a recommendation to DATCP to approve or disapprove the plan.	Month of Board Presentation Dec. 2022	☐ Completed
After reviewing the LWCB recommendation, DATCP approves or disapproves the plan, and notifies the county of its decision	Immediately following LWCB meeting unless DATCP has not received a county board resolution/minutes adopting plan	☐ Completed
Address plans to DATCP to: Lisa Trumble DATCP- ARM PO Box 8911 2811 Agriculture Drive Madison, WI 53708-8911 Lisa.Trumble@wisconsin.gov Phone: 608-224-4617	Address plan to DNR to: Andrew Craig or NPS coordinator DNR, GEF 2, WT/2 PO Box 7921 101 S. Webster St. Madison, WI 53707-7921 e-mail: andrew.craig@wisconsin.gov Phone: 608/267-7695	

additional information is available on the DATCP website here...

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/LWCPlanning.aspx

Eau Claire County Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plan

2012-2022



Eau Claire County

Department of Planning & Development

Land Conservation Division

http://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/CountyDepartments/planning and development/land conservation.htm

227 1st St. West

Altoona, WI 54720

715-839-6226

Public Input and Citizen Advisory Participation

Local County Government Partners

Land Conservation Commission

Robin Leary, Chair
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Ray Henning
Tami Schraufnagel
Bruce Willett

County Board Supervisor

Ronald Erickson Citizen Member

*Watford Seguin Farm Service Agency Representative

Currently Vacant Farmer Member

Groundwater Advisory Committee

Pete Marsnik, Chair Citizen Member

*James Dunning, Vice-Chair Will Fantle County Board Supervisor County Board Supervisor Steve Chilson County Board Supervisor

Duane Meritt Towns Association Representative
John Paddock Board of Health Representative

Kathleen Grote Expert Citizen Member Michael Blodgett WI DNR Representative

Land Stewardship Sub-Committee of the Land Conservation Commission

Kevin Stellies, Chair Citizen Member

*Rick Koziel Beaver Creek Reserve Will Fantle County Board Supervisor

Monica Lewis Citizen Member Randy Tews Citizen Member John (Duke) Welter Citizen Member

Bruce Willett County Board Supervisor

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*Mike Torud Eau Claire County Parks and Forest Department

*Ardyth Krause Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors

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*Chris Widstrand WI Department of Natural Resources
*Karen Voss WI Department of Natural Resources

*Jonathan Olson US Fish & Wildlife Service

*John Sippl USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service *Matt Blohowiak USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service

*Andy Bourget USDA – Farm Service Agency
*Daniel Zerr University of Wisconsin – Extension
*Mahlon Peterson University of Wisconsin – Extension

Other Partners

*Randall Horlacher Town of Ludington

*Douglas Kranig Town of Seymour, Lake Altoona District

*Mike Golat City of Altoona

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Matt Weber, President
*Jeanette Kelly
*Rick Remington
*Rick Horton
*Dan Masterpole
*Altoona District
Beaver Creek Reserve
West Wisconsin Land Trust
National Wild Turkey Federation
Chippewa County Land Conservation

*Gary Osbourne Former Eau Claire County Land Conservation staff

*Mark Grabarcyk Former Eau Claire County Land Conservation staff, USDA-NRCS

Members of other local organizations, town boards, and county committees.

* Denotes citizen advisory participation and/or provided public input. Please reference Attachment A for a summary of the survey results provided by this group.

Eau Clarie County Land Conservation Commission "Award Recipients"

Year	Conservation Farmer	Forestry Award	Special Recognition	Water Quality
1982	Howard Johnson			
1983	Dale Noel			
1984	Eldor and Allan Henning			
1985	Steve Haldeman			
1986				Forde Farm
1987				Wes and Greg Restad
1988	Mueller Hilltop Farms			Tom & Kristie Cousin
1989	Dale Noel Family			Schwoch Farms
1990	Seguin Valley View Acres			Everette and Jim Stenson
1991	Joe & Marian Smith			Arlen & June Johnson
1992	Russ Krenz Family			Wallace & Myrtle Smith
1993	Iner Stenson Jr. and Family			Richard & Donna Cleasby
1994	Marv & Dioney Sell			Harley & Pam Hutchingson
1995	Ken & Roselyn Dowiasch			Ken Vance
1996	Gabler Farms			Dennis & Tami Schacht Family Farm
1997	Mike and Roland Fischer			Kindercrest Farm
1998	Ron & Donna Steinke and Family			Geske Farms
1999	Jim & Bonnie Jackson			Jim & Barb Nicolet
2000	Dutter Farms			Jerry Stenson
2001	Merv & Gloria Lemmon			Ristau Farm
2002	Zimmerman Farms			Skyglo Farms
2003	Bischoff Family Farm	Mark & Barb Goings		Robert and Ron Perry
2004	Bill and Joel Matz	Thomas, Bradley, Peter Grewe	John Paddock, John Luechrson, John Tinker and Joe Smith	Todd Stanek
2005	Don and Matt Krenz	Bill Nielsen and Sarah Burgess	Marlo Orth	Larson Dairy
2006	Jim Volbrecht	Marlo Orth	WRR Enivronmental Service	Evergreen Organic Dairy (Andy & Bonny Glodowski)
2007	Greg & Jennifer Stanek	Forrest & Jill Schoen	Bob Bosold, WAXX Radio	Wier Farms Armond & Kay Wier
2008	Greg Erickson		Mahlon Peterson	Chad Doberstein
2009	Ricky Strauch	Richard Myren	Rod Zika	Bears Grass Dairy
2010	Fedie Farms	Randy Risler	Greg Erickson	Castle Rock Organic Diary

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Eau Clarie County Land Conservation Commission "Award Recipients"

Year	Conservation Farmer	Forestry Award	Special Recognition	Water Quality
	Dan & Pamela Boettcher and			
2011	Matt & Rebekah Fendry		Marlo Orth	Marlo Orth, Fred Poss and Rod Zika
			Gary Osborne and	
2012	Jim and Ben Books		Mahlon Peterson	Bush Brothers & Co.
2013	the Anderson Family			Mayo Clinic Health Systems
			John Staszcuk and	
2014	James Hampton		Mike Torud	Rod Zika
			Bears Grass Diary and	
2015	Scott & Angela Graff		Dave Carlson	Steve Maciosek
2016	Vic & Mary Price		Fred Poss	Dan Zerr
2017	Steve & Leslie Strey		Bruce Willett	Mark Zuber
	Dan & Dawn Von Haden	Robert Paddock	Christine Yellowthunder and	
2018	Dan & Dawn von Haden	Robert Faddock	Patrick "Buzz" Sorge	Chris Straight
2019				
			Doug Burrows and	Mike Lea-Lake Eau Claire Lake Prot. District
2020	Doug Graff		Mark Hagedorn	Lori Bechtel-Lake Eau Claire Association
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Name(s)	Category	Accomplishments/Considerations/comments
Larry Wathke	Conservation Farmer	FPP Participant; updated 590; TRM cost share for rye cover crop in 2020
Aaron & Jody Wilhelm	Water Quality Leadership	
Brian Mahoney	Water Quality Leadership	UWEC Geology professor, mud lake study, member of Watershed Institute?
Sarah Vitalae	Water Quality Leadership	member of Groundwater Advisory Committee, UWEC Geology professor
Chuck Huth	Conservation Farmer	none; received manure spreading complaint winter 2020
Mark Karow	Conservation Farmer	Updated NMP.
Robin Walsh	Water Quality Leadership	Active member of Lake Eau Claire
William Henke		land in CRP, supportive of Beaver Creek Reserve in some fashion
Doug/Derrick & Miranda Nelson	Conservation Farmer	
Gary Wehling	Conservation Farmer	
Gordon Waller	Conservation Farmer	maybe for special recognition

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Hi all,

We are down to one, final \$4,800 subgrant still available under the EPA Environmental Education project. The project should engage and build the capacity of farmers and farmland owners within the watershed to consider or undertake regenerative agricultural practices. I encourage folks to come to the Zoom meeting with possible project ideas, then we can reach out to potential partners. As a starting point, below are a couple of pages from the Watershed's 9KE Plan with potential ideas...

Recommendations - General Education & Outreach	Timeline/ Milestones	Additional Guidance
Develop educational materials and identify conduct outreach to the general public and other key stakeholders in support of the plan vision and goals. Potential ideas include: Conduct presentations and discussion meetings with watershed stakeholder groups and communities, perhaps as part of a "conservation café" with student presentations and reports on actual BMPs and projects. Develop customized messaging and materials targeting specific, key stakeholder groups and attitude groups (see farmer survey results in Section VI). Establish a Clean Water Days campaign based on algae target objectives on lakes, similar to the Little Lake Wissota Stewardship Project with corporate sponsorship support. Maintain an Eau Claire River Watershed email list, webpage, and Facebook page. Publish an Eau Claire River Watershed newsletter and other informational materials. Work with ag and electrical coops for mailings. Work with local media to increase awareness of the relationship between soil health and water quality, as well as shared responsibility and how to get involved. Advocate for a series of related media stories. Install and maintain educational kiosks about the watershed, the economic value of surface waters, and best practices at key locations around the watershed. Engage in a conversation on soil health and water quality attitudes, interests, and opportunities with the Amish and Mennonite communities, beginning with bishops. Create a "trade show booth" for the watershed that can be used at events, county fairs, speaking engagements, etc. Print related flyers, brochures, and other marketing items. Develop and distribute a companion booklet to the Watershed Strategy that will educate the public and local officials on the life science, geology, and economic importance of water quality and soil health within the Eau Claire River Watershed.	I-3 years, then ongoing Specific activities will vary, in part, as opportunities become available.	It is okay to start small and, initially, rely on available materials and resources. Not all of the ideas may be implemented; the Plan Implementation Team and other stakeholders should set priorities based on needs and interests. The list of potentia ideas is not exclusive; remain flexible. This task will require significant volunteer time, unless grant funded under a contract Funding for customized materials, printing webpage development, etc. will be needed Potential funding sources include corporat sponsorships, private foundations, donation and the resources lists in Appendix B. The Plan Implementation Team may creats a work group or staff a coordinator position to take the lead on outreach. Publ relations expertise may be valuable.

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2. Increase I-on-I contacts and networking opportunities within the watershed, including building the capacity of peer-to-peer networking by residents. As staffing resources allow, professional staff (e.g., County LCDs) will provide I-on-I contacts and other networking opportunities (e.g., farm field days, demonstration projects, farm tours, soil health workshops) with farmers, landowners who rent farmland, and farm organizations on enhancing soil health, reducing soil erosion, and preventing phosphorus loading. For landowners who rent farmland, such outreach could also include model lease agreements and example projects that encourage more active management of their lands. When opportunities allow, similar networking opportunities can be provided for other watershed residents (e.g., lake tours, trout days) or target audiences (e.g., forest management BMPs for foresters, timber companies, and MFL landowners). Increase the capacity of residents (non-governmental) to engage in I-on-I discussions with their neighbors by developing a brief, easy-to-understand "watershed neighbor kit" of materials and talking points that can be used for peer-to-peer networking and media relations.	I-3 years, then ongoing As suggested in the farmer survey (Section VI), this is a key plan priority.	County LCDs, along with farmers, farm organizations/service providers, UW-Ext Ag Agents, and NRCS/FSA will be primary entities reaching out to farming community. May also network with agronomists, local banks, cooperatives, Farmers Union, Farm Bureau, and other ag business or farm groups. However, all Coalition members can have a peer-to-peer networking role, especially if provided the necessary tools.
3. Through a report, poster, video, or other appropriate format, provide farmers, those who rent farmland, watershed residents, and elected officials an explanation of the economic importance of good soil health, how it benefits farm profitability, and the importance of soil health to the long-term sustainability of agriculture. Include testimonials from area farmers, results of before/after monitoring, etc., that demonstrate that good soil health practices work and increases overall farm productivity. Discuss some of the most common BMPs, as well as available resources. Also encourage civic leadership and governance.	1-3 years	Use the farmer survey results as guidance (Section VI). This may be a potential student-assisted project (e.g., CVTC, UW-EC). Support may be available through private foundations, WI River Alliance, or other resources in Appendix B.
4. Conduct an annual Eau Claire River Watershed event, or become part of another, broader regular event, to provide networking, educational, and outreach opportunities on soil health, water quality, and civic governance.	Conduct the first event in 2017 or 2018	Xcel Energy Watershed Resources Fund for initial start-up; Event Sponsors; event registration fees
5. Implement demonstration and pilot projects and conduct soil health demonstrations to show the economic and ecological value of good soil health and erosion reduction projects to farmers and those who rent farmland. Acquire equipment (or assist with equipment cost-sharing) that can be used or rented by farmers to test different BMPs.	2+ years, then ongoing	Could be coordinated through Farmer-Led Councils or other farmer-led groups (e.g., AEAs). Explore potential funding support from area ag lenders for equipment (or other recommendations).

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Recommendations - Civic Engagement & Civic Governance	Timeline/ Milestones	Additional Guidance
I. Recognize conservation farms and other good practices within the watershed through signs, press releases, etc. Host site visits and field days so residents can see these practices first hand.	I-3 years, then ongoing	The Plan Implementation Team can start small, but demonstrating the value of BMPs should be a priority.
2. Encourage farmer-led councils or groups that can work with farmers and landowners to help prioritize soil health and water quality projects and share best practices at a local level. Additional education and awareness on this approach is needed within the watershed. The Golden Triangle AEA has the foundation in place to potentially take on this role in the very near future, if these farmers are interested. The creation of additional AEAs within the watershed may offer additional such opportunities.	1-3 years, then ongoing	Based on the farmer survey results (Section VI), Fall Creek HUC-12 subwatershed (and/or nearby subsheds) may be a good area to pilot this.
 3. Actively engage municipalities and elected officials. Educate local, county, state, and federal officials on the economic value of soil health and water quality, watershed issues/trends, accomplishments, and priority needs. Encourage policy and funding actions that support the vision and goals of this Watershed Strategy. Provide models and example tools that can be implemented locally, including opportunities for cost sharing. Encourage state, counties, and local municipalities to incorporate and/or reference the goals, objectives, and recommendations of the Eau Claire River Watershed Strategy in their own outdoor recreation plans, comprehensive plans, and other related plans. Promote the adoption of minimal or low impact design standards for stormwater management. 	I-3 years, then ongoing	The Plan Implementation Team could establish a work group to take the lead.

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		2018 Funds (received March 2019) tracked in WAMS/BITS as "2018Funds_EauClaireWatershed Project"									
Watershed		Watershed Total funds	BMP funds (65% or more)	Support funds (up to 35%)	# add up?	Watershed plan due date	Plan completed?	Annual Report due date (funds to be expended by Mar 2022, as per the extension)	Report completed?		
Lower	funds received	\$833.53	\$541.79	\$291.74	TRUE						
Chippewa	funds expended		\$541.79	\$291.74		3/1/2020	Yes	5/1/2022	No		
River	balance		\$0.00	\$0.00							
5 01 1	funds received	\$4,011.22	\$2,607.29	\$1,403.93	TRUE						
Eau Claire	funds expended	***************************************	\$2,607.29	\$1,403.93		3/1/2020	Yes	5/1/2022	No		
River	balance		\$0.00	\$0.00							
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Buffalo -	funds received	\$3,471.85	\$2,256.70	\$1,215.15	TRUE						
Whitewater	funds expended		\$2,256.70	\$1,215.15		3/1/2020	Yes	5/1/2022	No		
Rivers	balance		\$0.00	\$0.00							

			2019 Funds (received March 2020) tracked in WAMS/BITS as "Eau Claire 2019 MDV"								
Watershed		Watershed Total funds	BMP funds (65% or more)	Support funds (up to 35%)	# add up?	Watershed plan due date	Plan completed?	Annual Report due date (funds to be expended by Mar 2022)	Report completed?		
Lower	funds received	\$1,552.03	\$1,008.82	\$543.21	TRUE						
Chippewa	funds expended		\$1,008.82	\$543.21		3/1/2021	Yes	5/1/2022	No		
River	balance		\$0.00	\$0.00							
E. Olivini	funds received	\$10,058.65	\$6,538.12	\$3,520.53	TRUE						
Eau Claire	funds expended		\$6,538.12	\$3,520.53		3/1/2021	Yes	5/1/2022	No		
River	balance		\$0.00	\$0.00							
Buffalo -	funds received	\$1,949.33	\$1,267.06	\$682.27	TRUE						
Whitewater	funds expended		\$1,267.06	\$682.27		3/1/2021	Yes	5/1/2022	No		
Rivers	balance		\$0.00	\$0.00							

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Watershed			Watershed Total funds	BMP funds (65% or more)	Support funds (up to 35%)	# add up?	Watershed plan due date	Plan completed?	Annual Report due date (funds to be expended by Mar 2023)	Report completed?	
Lower	funds received		\$708.56	\$708.56	\$0.00	TRUE					
Chippewa	funds expended			\$708.56			3/1/2022	Yes	5/1/2023	No	
River	balance			\$0.00	\$0.00						
Face Claims	funds received		\$7,265.31	\$7,265.31	\$0.00	TRUE					
Eau Claire	funds expended			\$7,265.31		***************************************	3/1/2022	Yes	5/1/2023	No	
River	balance			\$0.00	\$0.00						
Buffalo -	funds received		\$1,233.72	\$1,233.72	\$0.00	TRUE					
Whitewater	funds expended			\$1,233.72			3/1/2022	Yes	5/1/2023	No	
Rivers	balance			\$0.00	\$0.00						

Practice and cost	Funding Source	Original Amount	Updated Amount
	DATCP Bond	\$8,260.00 (70%)	\$4,092.52
Hermundson	County Levy	\$590.00 (5%)	
Waterway repair \$11,800.00	MDV		\$4,757.48
	Landowner	\$2,950.00 (25%)	\$2,950.00
	DATCP Bond	\$13,622.00 (70%)	\$5,449.59
Gabler Grassed	County Levy	\$973.00 (5%)	
\$19,460.00	MDV		\$9,145.41
	Landowner	\$4,865.00 (25%)	\$4,865.00