

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

- Land Conservation Commission •

Date: Monday August 28, 2023 **Time:** 1:00 pm

Location: Ag Resource Center, Room 103 & 104

227 1st Street West, Altoona, WI 54720

Join WebEx Meeting:

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A majority of the county board may be in attendance at this meeting, however, only members of the committee may take action on an agenda item.

AGENDA

1. Call to order by the Chair
2. Roll call
3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
4. Public Comment Period
5. Review/Approval of the July 17, 2023, meeting minutes (Discussion/Action) **Pages 2-3**
6. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update (Discussion) **Page 4**
7. Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements (Discussion/Action)
8. 2024 Wisconsin Envirothon Sponsorship (Discussion/Action) **Pages 5-6**
9. Review of Act 32, appointment of an FSA Representative to the LCC (Discussion) **Pages 7-8**
10. Selection of the 2023 Conservation Awards (Discussion) **Page 9**
11. Review of the proposed DATCP/DNR Joint Allocation Plan (Discussion/Action) **Pages 10-70**
12. Review of the LCC Tour (Discussion) **Page 71**
13. Committee, Staff and Agency Updates
 - a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition
 - b. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program
 - c. Land Stewardship Subcommittee
 - d. USDA-NRCS / FSA
 - e. DNR/Forestry
 - f. UW-Extension
 - g. Beaver Creek Reserve – Quarterly Report **Pages 72-80**
 - h. Ascent Stormwater Database
14. Future Agenda items
15. Set date for next meeting
16. Adjourn

Prepared by: Holly Weigand

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**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023

AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104

227 – 1ST STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720

Members Present: Robin Leary, Tami Schraufnagel, Heather DeLuka, Glory Adams, Missy Christopherson, Jim Stensen, Jodi Lepsch, Ricky Strauch

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Chad Berge, Christina Rauh, Holly Weigand, Zach Mohr, Timothy Wucherer, Rod Eslinger (LCD)

Others Present: Jeremy Mack, Kolby Grint (NRCS)

1) Call to order by Chair

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2) Roll call

Roll call was taken. A quorum was present with 8 members in attendance.

3) Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Leary confirmed compliance with the open meetings law.

4) Public Comment Period

None.

5) Review/Approval of June 19, 2023, meeting minutes

DISCUSSION: The June 19, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion by Adams to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition, 8-0-0.

6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update

DISCUSSION: The June 2023 expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

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

DISCUSSION: No cost-share applications were previously authorized. The following cost-share applications were presented for approval:

- Darrell Kleven – Nutrient Management - \$716.00 (NMFE)

ACTION: Motion by Lepsch to approve the cost-share agreements as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote with no one in opposition, 8-0-0.

8) LCD Performance Management modifications

DISCUSSION: Berge reviewed the modifications to the Performance Management form and the committee approved of the changes. Eslinger went on to give a high-level overview of the budget.

9) No-till drill trade-in update

DISCUSSION: The LCD is receiving \$29,000 for the NTD trade-in. They have purchased a new drill for \$47,000, which leaves a \$3,000 surplus for future potential maintenance. The new drill will come with a 90-day warranty, and LCD should receive it in September 2023.

10) Bond, SEG and Nutrient Management Farmer Education funding review

DISCUSSION: The Bond, SEG and NMFE budgets were reviewed with no concerns of overspending.

11) Gutter versus manure storage update

DISCUSSION: The committee reviewed previous discussion and no new updates were given.

12) Finalize LCC tour sites and set tour date

DISCUSSION: There will be 4 stops on the tour: Erdman, Madsen, Harstad Park, and Lake Altoona. The tour is set for Monday, September 25th, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

13) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:

June and July meetings canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for August.

b. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:

There are funds from 2020 that need to be spent and staff are considering revising the MDV plan to include cost share of cover crops.

c. Land Stewardship Subcommittee:

LSSC and Parks and Forest are planning to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony fall of 2023 at the donated Mathy Property.

d. USDA-NRCS / FSA:

Currently doing wetland compliance checks and went over the current potassium deficiency in soils.

e. DNR-Forestry:

No new updates.

f. UW-Extension:

No new updates.

g. Beaver Creek Reserve

No new updates.

h. Ascent Stormwater Database

IS (Information Systems) has the funding to purchase/set up a Stormwater Database within our Ascent program to track Stormwater permits. Test database should be sent relatively soon, and final system by the end of the year.

14) Future Agenda Items

15) Set date for next meeting

The next LCC meeting was set for August 28, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

16) Adjourn

Leary adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Berge, LCC Clerk

Land Conservation Division 2023 Bills and Deposits

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

July

Invoices

Vendor	Description	Account #	Amount
Advanced Engineering Concepts	Remington Auto SW Closeout	100-00-23172-000-000	\$ 656.00
WI Land+Water - PCard	WI Land+Water Conference	100-15-56920-340-000	\$ 125.00
Menards - Pcard	River Gauge Equipment	207-15-56924-390-716	\$ 3.70
Menards - Pcard	Equipment-P&F Account	100-22-55212-370-370	\$ 19.98
UPS Store - Pcard	Shipping	100-15-56920-311-000	\$ 48.45
RTK Mobile - Pcard	Monthly GPS Data	100-15-56920-226-000	\$ 30.00
ECC HWY	Flagging - 06/26	207-15-56924-390-716	\$ 406.58
Stevens Point Conv - Pcard	WI Land+Water Conference Hotel	100-15-56920-340-000	\$ 90.00
Menards - Pcard	River Gauge Supplies	207-15-56924-390-716	\$ 17.79
Awards & More - Pcard	Name Plaques	100-15-56922-326-000	\$ 45.00
Grease Monkey - Pcard	Oil Change - 2015	100-15-56920-241-000	\$ 72.72
Express Lane - Pcard	Oil Change - 2013	100-15-56920-241-000	\$ 82.14
Total			\$ 1,597.36

Deposits

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

Vendor	Description	Date	Account Number	Amount Deposited
Edward Accola	NTD-23-15	7/7/2023	207-15-46820-000-720	\$ 147.00
Jeff Zimmerman	NTD-23-13	7/7/2023	207-15-46820-000-720	\$ 131.00
Menard Inc	EC-23-17	7/10/2023	100-15-46820-000-000	\$ 680.52
Advanced Engineering Concepts	SW-21-02 Amendment Fee	7/10/2023	100-15-46820-000-000	\$ 290.00
Evan Swenson	NTD-23-14	7/14/2023	207-15-46820-000-720	\$ 227.00
Larry Myhre	NTD-23-11 & NTD-23-16	7/17/2023	207-15-46820-000-720	\$ 350.00
Mike Ausen	EC-23-18	7/20/2023	100-15-46820-000-000	\$ 290.00
The Towers LLC	EC-23-19	7/28/2023	100-15-46820-000-000	\$ 290.00
Rebecca Maug	SW-23-08 Ladybug Lane	7/28/2023	100-15-56820-000-000	\$ 1,227.60
Total			\$	3,633.12

Holly Weigand

From: 'Arnold, Tracy' via LCD Staff <lcd-staff@wisconsinlandwater.org>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 3:54 PM
To: lcc-supervisors@wisconsinlandwater.org; lcd-staff@wisconsinlandwater.org
Subject: 2024 WI Envirothon Sponsorship
Attachments: Wi Envirothon Sponsorship 2024.pdf

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If you have any questions, please reach out to any Youth Education Committee members. We appreciate your support!

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Chad Berge

From: WI Land+Water <matt@wisconsinlandwater.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2023 1:01 PM
To: Chad Berge
Subject: CAPITOL UPDATE: Act 32 signed into law, clarifying LCC membership

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Capitol Update

Greetings conservationists,

In some welcome news from the state capitol, [Act 32 \(Assembly Bill 131\)](#) was signed into law last Friday by Governor Evers, which affects the future membership of county land conservation committees (LCCs).

By this point, most counties are quite familiar with the issue related to USDA-Farm Service Agency representation on county LCCs. In Nov. 2021, the FSA Attorney Advisor issued a determination that FSA county commission members in Wisconsin do not represent FSA in any official capacity in "outside groups," including committees of the county board.

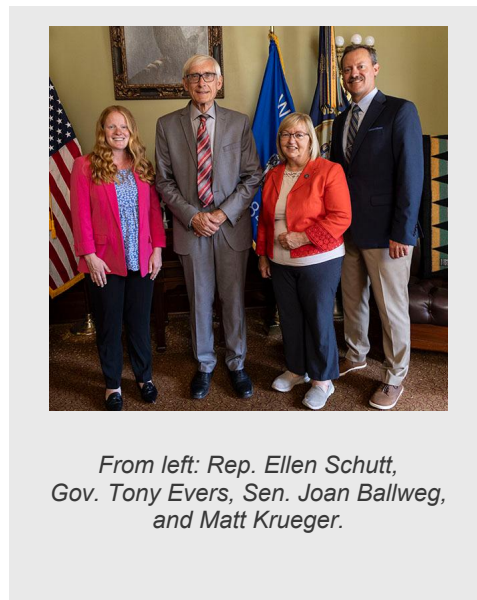
This determination created confusion and differing interpretations across counties as to what was necessary to comply with the statute, as Chap. 92 required each county board to appoint to the LCC a person from the county's FSA committee.

Act 32 removes the requirement in Chap. 92 to appoint an FSA member to the county LCC and replaces it with a requirement to appoint a person who is engaged in an agricultural use. "Agricultural use" is defined as crop or forage production; keeping livestock; beekeeping; nursery, sod, or Christmas tree production; floriculture; aquaculture; fur farming; and forest management. This is an existing statutory definition of "agricultural use" that is used in the Farmland Preservation Program (s. [91.01 \(2\) \(a\) 1. to 7.](#)). This new statute will take effect during the next cycle of counties naming LCC members, in 2024.

WI Land+Water applauds the passage of Act 32 and the leadership of Governor Evers for signing this bipartisan legislation. We are grateful to have had the privilege of working with the offices of Sen. Ballweg and Rep. Schutt to shape this sensible legislation that allows agriculture to continue to have a seat on county LCCs, while allowing counties the flexibility to determine the best way to do that.

WI Land+Water's Legislative-Administrative Committee was vitally important to shaping this legislation, as was productive dialogue with Wisconsin Counties Association and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, whose support on this we appreciate.

[Click here](#) to see a press release from Rep. Schutt in support of Act 32/AB 131, her first bill as a legislator.



From left: Rep. Ellen Schutt, Gov. Tony Evers, Sen. Joan Ballweg, and Matt Krueger.

Best,

Matt Krueger,
Executive Director

2023 Joint Allocation Plan

Final

OCTOBER 2022

Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program and Nonpoint Source Program



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Summary of Changes to the 2023 Joint Allocation Plan

The DATCP portion of the final plan includes the following changes from the preliminary allocation plan:

- DATCP reallocated \$9,000 of Kewaunee County's SEG award to NMFE. This decreases their SEG cost-share award to \$6,000. Kewaunee County asked for this adjustment.
- The staffing unmet request amount in Chart 1 was corrected to reflect the total of all staffing funding requested, not just the first three positions for each county. This change makes Chart 1 consistent with the methodology used in previous allocation plans.
- A bullet was added to the SEG "Future Funding Directions" to suggest expanding eligible activities for stipends for Tier 2 NMFE recipients.

The DNR portion of the final plan includes the following changes from the preliminary allocation plan:

- DNR worked with Outagamie County staff to determine the best split of the DNR Sec. 319 Account (Federal) funds between local assistance and cropping practices and offered the county additional DNR Bond Revenue from s. 20.866(2)(f) to come closer to the full funding request for the project.

Approval Signatures

DATCP has determined that the action described in this allocation plan for the 2023 soil and water resource management grant program shown in [Table A](#) conforms to the applicable DATCP provisions of s. 92.14, Wis. Stats, and ATCP 50, Wis. Administrative Code. DATCP reserves the right to reallocate grant funds unexpended by recipients.

Dated this 11 day of October, 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

DocuSigned by:

Aileen Switzer

Randy Romanski, Secretary

DNR has determined that the actions described in this allocation plan for the 2023 allocations of DNR funds shown in [Table B](#) conforms with the provisions of ss. 281.65 and 281.66, Wis. Stats.

Dated this 5 day of October, 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DocuSigned by:

Sarah Barry

Preston D. Cole, Secretary

for

Introduction

The allocations identified in this plan provide counties and others with grant funding for conservation staff and support costs, landowner cost-sharing, and runoff management projects. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are making these allocations to protect Wisconsin's soil and water resources, consistent with the objectives in chs. 92 and 281, Wis. Stats.

DATCP is allocating grants to county land conservation committees (counties) and other project cooperators in 2023 through the Soil and Water Resource Management Program ([Table A](#)). DNR is allocating grants to counties through the Targeted Runoff Management (TRM), the NR 243 Notice of Discharge (NOD), and Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Construction Projects (UNPS Construction) Grant programs ([Table B](#)).

For 2023, a total of \$22,357,043 is allocated based on the state budget for the 2021-23 biennium. [Table C](#) summarizes all allocations, by grantee. Organized by funding category, Chart 1 on page 3, summarizes grant fund requests, unmet funding requests, and allocation amounts. Chart 2 on page 3, shows the allocation categories by funding sources. *If required, these allocations may be adjusted based on reductions or lapses in appropriations or authorizations.*

Funding Sources and Allocation Requests

CHART 1: GRANT REQUESTS AND ALLOCATIONS			
Funding Category	Total Requests	Unmet Requests	Allocation Amounts
DATCP			
County Staff/Support	\$18,775,068	\$7,495,068	\$11,280,000
LWRM Cost-Share (B)	\$7,039,500	\$3,493,759	\$3,545,741
Bond Reserve (B)	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
LWRM Cost-Share (SEG)	\$2,769,100	\$644,000	\$2,125,100
Project Contracts (SEG)	\$1,030,859	\$80,000	\$950,859
Innovation Grants (SEG)	\$362,415	\$38,356	\$324,059
NMFE Grants (SEG)	\$174,982	\$0	\$174,982
SUBTOTAL	\$30,401,924	\$11,751,183	\$18,650,741
DNR			
UNPS Planning	NA	NA	NA
UNPS Construction	\$0	NA	NA
TRM	\$4,407,798	\$1,701,496	\$2,706,302
NOD Reserve (B)			\$1,000,000
SUBTOTAL	\$4,407,798	\$1,701,496	\$3,706,302
TOTAL			\$22,357,043

CHART 2: FUNDING SOURCES	
Staff and Support Grants	
\$7,480,800	DATCP SEG from s. 20.115(7)(qe)
\$3,799,200	DATCP GPR from s. 20.115(7)(c)
\$11,280,000	DATCP Subtotal
\$45,000	DNR SEG from s.20.370(6)(aq)
\$376,546	DNR Sec. 319 Account (Federal)
\$421,546	DNR Subtotal
\$11,701,546	TOTAL Staff & Support Grants
Cost-Share Grants	
\$3,545,741	DATCP Bond from s. 20.866(2)(we)
\$250,000	DATCP Bond (Reserve) from s. 20.866(2)(we)
\$2,125,100	DATCP SEG from s. 20.115(7)(qf)
\$5,920,841	DATCP Subtotal
\$3,042,297	DNR Bond Revenue from s. 20.866(2)(tf)
\$55,000	DNR SEG from s. 20.370(6)(aq)
\$187,459	DNR Sec. 319 Account (Federal)
\$3,284,756	DNR Subtotal
\$9,205,597	TOTAL Cost-Share Grants
Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) & Other Project Cooperator (OPC) Grants	
\$174,982	DATCP SEG (NMFE) from s. 20.115(7)(qf)
\$950,859	DATCP SEG (OPC) from s. 20.115(7)(qf)
\$324,059	DATCP SEG (Innovation) from s.20.115(7)(qf)
\$1,449,900	TOTAL NMFE & Other Grants
\$22,357,043	Grand Total

DATCP Allocations

Staff and Support

The allocation under this category provides county staff and support funding. Grant awards are consistent with the terms of the 2023 grant application and instructions located at https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SWRMSect6.aspx.

Funds Available

The allocation amount listed in [Table A-1](#) consists of annual appropriations of \$3,799,200 in GPR funds and \$7,480,800 in SEG funds “for support of local land conservation personnel under the soil and water resource management program.” DATCP has no underspending from prior years to increase this allocation.

Grant Awards

Grants are awarded using the following formula:

Tier 1

DATCP is exercising its discretion under ch. ATCP 50.32(5) to award each county a \$75,000 base grant.

Tier 2

DATCP will allocate the remaining \$5,880,000 using a modified version of the formula designed to meet the goal in s. 92.14(6)(b), Wis. Stats., of funding 100, 70 and 50 percent of the costs of three staff positions in each county. As modified, the formula allows counties to claim department heads, technicians and engineers as their first positions (entitled to 100 percent funding) only if they work over 95% on eligible conservation activities.

DATCP makes Tier 2 awards in three rounds in an attempt to meet the statutory goal. For round one, DATCP will fully fund county requests for their first position at the 100% rate. Due to an increase in the allocation for the 2021-2023 budget cycle for round two, DATCP will fund 100% of the county requests for their second position at the 70% rate. Additionally, after funding the first two positions for each county at the maximum rate, there will be a small allocation for third positions. Dividing the balance between the 70 counties that requested funding for a third position, DATCP will award approximately 5% of the requested amount. [Table A-1](#) provides round-by-round details of the Tier 2 allocation for each county.

Unmet Need for Staff and Support Funds

Despite an increase to the appropriation, DATCP requires an additional \$2.2 million appropriated to reach the goal of providing 50% of the third position; nearly \$7.5 million

additional would be needed to meet the goal of 50% of any additional staff persons under s. 92.14(6)(b). Even with increases in funding, counties are anticipated to contribute a significant part of the staffing costs. For example, in 2021, counties provided funding to pay 205 of the 378 conservation staff employed statewide.

Reallocation and Redirection

DATCP approves Menominee County's request to reallocate up to \$8,000 to the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin on the condition that county provides a report on the use of the reallocated funds.

Future Funding Directions

DATCP awards grants for a county's first position only if the staff is actively engaged in qualified conservation activities. Also, DATCP requires annual work planning and reporting in order to qualify for DATCP funding. These requirements build county conservation capacity and better account for the performance of conservation activities using state funds. If sufficient additional staffing funding is made available in the future to fully fund the statutory goal in s. 92.14(6)(b), DATCP may consider further adjustments to the grant formula to advance the goals of capacity building and accountability without compromising the basic funding for county staff. If additional funding is provided moving forward, DATCP could consider the amount of DATCP programming a county supports, such as nutrient management farmer education, farmland preservation, CREP, or livestock siting, in determining how funds are allocated.

In the future, DATCP could ensure that counties maintain adequate conservation delivery capacity by requiring that a county's second or third position be engaged in providing high level conservation support as a technician with conservation engineering practitioner certification or as a planner qualified to write nutrient management plans. Also, DATCP could preclude a county from claiming a department head as its second or third position if the county has listed a department head in its first position. To reward county performance, the staffing grant formula could be modified to provide additional payments for counties that are making reasonable progress in implementing their annual work plans. If adjustments to the staffing formula are made in the future, DATCP will proceed with caution and only after input from counties, mindful of the challenges, even with increases in the appropriation.

With the increase in the allocation expiring with the 2023 Allocation, the funding available for the staffing allocation could drop by up to \$2.3 million. This would have a negative impact on counties who have had four years of enhanced staffing awards, allowing new staff to be hired. Without consistency in the staffing funding allocation, counties face challenges in growing their outreach and management abilities due to staffing shortages.

Bond Revenue Cost-Sharing

The allocations under this category provide cost-sharing to resolve discharges on farms, address priority non-point runoff projects, and provide counties grants for landowner cost-

sharing. Unless otherwise noted below, grant awards are consistent with the terms of the 2023 grant application and instructions (see page 4 for the link to these documents).

Bond Funds Available

The allocation amount listed on page one consists of \$3.5 million (half of DATCP's \$7.0 million authorization in the 2021-23 budget), with the following adjustments:

- Decrease the amount by \$250,000 for an engineering reserve fund
- Increase the amount by \$295,741 using unspent bond funds previously allocated.

Grant Awards

Bond Reserve Projects

DATCP will allocate \$250,000 to an engineering reserve primarily for the purpose of funding projects to address discharges on farms including regulatory animal waste response (NR 243) projects in cooperation with DNR. Some funds may be used for priority projects related to extreme weather events or other non-runoff related projects. These projects are usually higher cost and funds are awarded first come, first serve using a separate process that includes completing a form for engineering reserve projects and projects over \$50,000 as well as obtaining a recommendation from DATCP engineering staff.

DATCP will allocate \$3,545,741 in bond funds to counties for landowner cost-sharing. DATCP makes county awards by first providing base funding, and then awarding funds based on criteria related to county performance and need.

After providing each county \$10,000 in base funding, DATCP awards the remaining \$2,825,741 using two performance-based criteria (a 3-year record of cumulative spending of cost-share funds, and a 3-year average of underspending of cost-share funds) and one needs-based criteria (farmland acres based on 2017 Census of Agriculture data). Minor manual adjustments are then made to the allocation, if needed.

[Table A-2](#) shows each county's total award amount and the factors that contributed to the county's award.

Unmet Need for Bond Cost-Share Funds

DATCP's allocation provided 50% of the bond funds requested, leaving \$3,493,759 in unfunded county requests. A shortfall in bond funds has practical implications to implement state and local priorities including farm runoff standards. Of particular concern, cost-share dollars are not keeping pace with increased costs for conservation practices and expanded priorities reflected in the new ch. NR 151.075 targeted performance standard.

Future Funding Directions

In response to the impact of unusual weather events during 2018 and 2019, the SWRM program managers determined the best way to ensure future allocations are not unfairly impacted is to eliminate the inclusion of extended underspending in the bond award calculations for grant cycles for 2021, 2022, 2023. After this three year period, the matter will be reassessed. Additionally, as bond funding has stayed the same and costs have increased, underspending by counties has dropped to almost nothing. Therefore, that criteria is less meaningful when awarding funds than in previous years.

DATCP may update the review of applications and awards process using a rubric to score applications and supporting information. The criteria would stay the same – underspending, acres of farmland and positive spending – but the interpretation of the data may be updated.

SEG Fund Allocation

The allocations under this category provide funding for (1) landowner cost-sharing for soft practices including nutrient management (NM), (2) farmer and related training involving NM, (3) NM implementation support and other projects of statewide importance and 4) innovation projects. Unless otherwise noted below, grant awards are consistent with the terms of the 2023 grant application and instructions (see page 4 for the link to these documents).

Funds Available

The total allocated for SEG programming is a \$4,675,000 “for cost-sharing grants and contracts under the soil and water resource management program under s. 92.14” with the following adjustments:

- A decrease of \$1,000,000 as a result of a redirection of funds for producer-led watershed protection grants.
- A reserve of \$100,000 to support the newly established nitrogen optimization pilot program and the cover crop rebate program, or for the DATCP database upgrade. If funds are not needed for these programs, they will be reallocated as cost-share funds to existing grantees, or to completely fund innovative grants, other project cooperator requests, or in support of other projects supporting nutrient management implementation.

Of the \$3,575,000 available for allocation, \$2,125,100 will be provided to counties for landowner cost-sharing, \$174,982 will be awarded for farmer NM training, \$324,059 will be given to counties for innovation grants and \$950,859 will be awarded to project cooperators for training and support services. The majority of funding awarded in this category directly benefits farmers and other landowners by providing NM cost-sharing and farmer training.

Landowner Cost-Sharing

DATCP provides grants to counties primarily for cost-sharing NM plans to meet the 2015 Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) 590 Standard. Some of these funds may be used to cost-share (a) cover crops and other cropping practices to implement a NM plan, and (b) for “hard practices” with DATCP approval if the county’s grant contract authorizes such use.

Sixty counties applied for \$2,769,100 in grants, and DATCP will award \$2,125,100 to applicants based on ranking determined by the following scoring criteria:

- Up to 20 points based on acres covered by Farmland Preservation Zoning and Agriculture Enterprise Areas.
- Up to 20 points based on the extent of impaired waters located in each county.
- Up to 30 points based on a county’s participation in NM planning and implementation as demonstrated by specific employee positions, inclusion of NM planning in the 2022 work plans, providing educational opportunities related to NM planning, soil testing, or plan renewal.
- Up to 30 points based on a county’s total three-year positive spending on NM cost-sharing for the previous year.

DATCP relies on data in its possession to score county applications based on the four funding criteria. Counties are ranked according to their cumulative score (up to 100 points) and are organized into five groups for allocation purposes. Counties receive the highest maximum preliminary award for their grouping, unless a county requests a lower amount. The five award groups are listed in Chart 3.

Group	Maximum Award	Maximum Awards in Groups
1	\$95,000	1 of 1
2	\$75,000	7 of 10
3	\$65,000	7 of 29
4	\$35,000	1 of 15
5	\$15,000	2 of 5

Funds were then manually adjusted in a few cases to provide additional SEG funding to counties who requested larger allocations and have demonstrated an ability to spend it, or to limit funds going to counties who have a proclivity of transferring all SEG funds. In no case did the award exceed a county’s request or the maximum of \$95,000. [Table A-3](#) enumerates each county’s score, grouping, and grant award. The term “N/A” identifies the twelve counties that did not apply for funds. [Table A](#) also reflects amounts allocated to each county under the “SEG Cost-Sharing” column. Without prior approval from DATCP, counties may spend up to 50% of SEG cost-share allocation on cropping practices. With prior approval from DATCP, counties may spend up to 50% of their cost-share SEG allocation on bondable practices in support of nutrient management plan implementation. Counties may request additional flexibility to use the funds with DATCP approval.

NMFE Training Grants

For 2023, DATCP fully funded all Nutrient Management Farmer Education requests, in the amounts listed in Chart 4.

All grant recipients must sign a contract with DATCP that incorporates the requirements of Ch. ATCP 50.35 and commits the project to developing NM plans that meet the 2015 NRCS 590 standards. Three of the awards also include funds to purchase laptops for training.

Chart 4: NMFE Grant Awards	
Organization	Total Award
Calumet Co	\$1,100
CVTC	\$19,960
Douglas Co.	\$1,200
Eau Claire Co.	\$10,800
Kewaunee Co.	\$9,000
Lafayette Co.	\$19,050
Langlade Co.	\$11,200
Manitowoc Co.	\$7,700
Marathon (Tylr, Clrk, Lcln, Wd)	\$32,410
NWTC	\$11,262
Ozaukee Co.	\$2,500
Trempealeau Co.	\$20,000
Vernon Co. / WTC	\$27,300
Washington Co.	\$1,500
Total	\$174,982

Statewide Projects: Project Cooperator Grants

In addition to supporting NMFE training, DATCP uses its SEG appropriation for projects that contribute to statewide conservation goals, meeting the following grant priorities in Ch. ATCP 50.30(3):

- fund cost-effective activities that address and resolve high priority problems;
- build a systematic and comprehensive approach to soil erosion and water quality problems;
- contribute to a coordinated soil and water resource management program and avoid duplication of effort.

DATCP has targeted the following areas for funding: nutrient management implementation activities including SnapPlus, support for statewide training of conservation professionals, development and support of technical standards, and coordinated activities in AEAs and impaired waters.

In the cooperator subcategory of Nutrient Management Implementation Support, DATCP received a tiered application from the UW-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. The tier 1 request totals \$580,000 and tier 2 request totals \$660,000. DATCP will fund the UW-CALS request as follows: (1) \$300,000 for maintaining and improving education and training (2) \$280,000 for SnapPlus maintenance and development. The support for the A2809 calculator is included within this funding.

Funding the UW CALS Nutrient and Pest Management Program supports the development of a digital, self-paced, interactive, interview-based NM planning workbook with an updated NM curriculum. The workbook will be obtained online or on a thumb drive but will also be available as a printed document. The UW CALS project will also include the continued development of training videos to be linked into the interactive workbook and the SnapPlus NM software program.

In the training and technical standard support category of project cooperators, DATCP will provide the following funding:

- Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water) is awarded \$241,610. The funds are intended to build statewide capacity to deliver and coordinate conservation training including implementation of recommendations of the statewide interagency training committee (SITCOM). Funding also supports activities to promote accountability and achievements among county conservation programs. Finally, a focus on enhancing state conservation delivery will be facilitated through statewide conservation initiatives and by fostering state and local priorities.
- The Standards Oversight Council (SOC) is awarded the full \$40,000 requested. This award recognizes the high costs for maintaining statewide capacity to develop and maintain technical standards for conservation programs, as well as the Council's specific support of DATCP standards.
- Up to \$3,500 is awarded to the host county for costs related to Conservation Observance Day.

DATCP received three other applications for cooperator funds:

- UW-Extension – Natural Resource Educators. Request: \$30,699. Award: \$30,699. This award will provide regional support to the producer-led watershed groups.
- UW-GNHS – Support of Silurian data: \$37,699, Award: \$37,699. This project is required in order to house data verifying depth to bedrock.
- UW-SFAL – Support of Soil Lab services: Request: \$17,351. Award: \$17,351. This project will support the NM soil lab certification program.

Innovation Grants

With the 2023 SWRM grant application, counties were invited to submit Innovation Grant requests for new ways to approach land and water conservation. Thirteen applications were received from counties and \$362,415 SEG funds were requested. A total of \$324,059 is awarded shown in Chart 5.

Chart 5: Innovation Awards			
Innovation Grant	Amount	Innovation Grant	Amount
Calumet County	\$33,750	Manitowoc County	\$21,925
Columbia County	\$19,500	Marathon County	\$25,000
Door County	\$4,740	Ozaukee County	\$36,644
Eau Claire County	\$3,500	Polk County	\$9,000

Fond du Lac County	\$50,000	Racine County	\$25,000
Langlade County	\$50,000	Waupaca County	\$45,000
TOTAL AWARDED		\$324,059	

Projects were scored by four raters on a 20 point scale that considered alignment with the program goals, a logical plan, the proposed budget and previous funding. Three Innovation Grant proposals are fully funded based on the level of innovation: Calumet County, Columbia County, and Fond du Lac County. These projects are not only innovative but also could provide models for other counties and programs moving forward. Three requests were for less than \$5,000, and therefore were fully funded: Door County, Eau Claire County and Manitowoc County interseeding. Five additional applications were funded to ensure continuation of progressing projects within the counties: Langlade County, Manitowoc County harvestable buffers, Polk County, Racine County and Waupaca County. Due to scoring lower in the rankings and the competition for funding, Marathon County and Ozaukee County were partially funded.

The 2023 cooperator awards are documented in the lower section of [Table A](#). All award recipients are required to sign grant contracts that incorporate the requirements of s. ATCP 50.35, and include significant accountability measures.

Unmet Need for Cost-Share Funding

DATCP will provide about 77% of the SEG funding requested by counties for cost-sharing, which is \$644,000 less than the requested amounts. While the cost-share funding aligns with county spending, the average total spent by counties annually over the past several years is significantly less than what was allocated. The department hopes that the continued additional flexibility provided will increase the amount of cost-sharing utilized by counties.

Future Funding Directions

DATCP continues to consider how it can best apply its SEG funding to improve conservation and implement conservation practices.

There is a growing interest in cropping practices where SEG funds could be targeted to improve soil health and watershed management, specifically cover crops and reduced/no-till practices. Looking forward, practices such as harvestable buffers, small grains projects, rotational grazing, cropping practices that improve climate resiliency, precision agriculture, and carbon credit processing will be emphasized.

To the extent that DATCP will spend SEG funding to support NM planning and implementation, the department will use feedback from counties and other stakeholders to determine which, if any, of the following strategies are possible and could be used:

- Allow cost-sharing for cropping practices for farms without a NM plan, but with a farm assessment.

- Create a soil health program that includes targeted funding specifically for soil health practices.
- Create soil health outreach module, to be taught alongside or in addition to the Nutrient Management Planning modules.
- Create a mentorship program to facilitate learning and better understanding of NM between producers and their plan writers.
- Provide funds to regional support groups to provide agronomic and conservation compliance assistance for FPP and other state priorities.
- Set aside funds to support SWRM program technology. With an aging database paired with ever-changing program needs, DATCP is seeking technological support and solutions more frequently. Funding a modern database system would also allow DATCP to track and target its funding more effectively, and potentially allow for tracking of the conservation impacts of the program across the state.
- Expand eligible activities for stipends for Tier 2 NMFE recipients.

Regarding the allocation of SEG funds specifically for nutrient management cost-sharing, DATCP remains interested in refining the formula for awarding county cost-sharing and the policies surrounding its use.

Before making major changes to what is funded and how it is distributed, DATCP will engage stakeholders to develop a workable approach. The counties can share insights on approaches to effectively target cost-sharing and increase farmer participation.

DNR Allocations

DNR's portion of this final allocation provides funding to counties through three programs:

- 1) Targeted Runoff Management (TRM)
- 2) Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management (UNPS), and
- 3) Notice of Discharge (NOD).

[Table B](#) shows the final allocation to each county grantee for TRM and UNPS-Construction. Additionally, NOD reserves are established as specific county allocations are unknown at this time.

Funding Sources

Allocations for TRM projects and NOD projects are from bond revenue appropriated under s. 20.866(2)(tf), Wis. Stats., Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 funds, and segregated funds appropriated under s. 20.370(6)(aq), Wis. Stats.

Allocations to counties for UNPS-Construction projects, when requested, are from segregated funds appropriated under s. 20.866(2)(th), Wis. Stats.

Allocations to counties for UNPS-Planning projects, when requested, are from segregated funds appropriated under s. 20.370(6)(dq), Wis. Stats.

Note: DNR will also provide TRM grants and UNPS-Construction grants to non-county grantees. Wisconsin Statutes do not require that non-county grantees be listed in this allocation plan.

- For all grant programs, funds will be considered “committed” when a grantee has returned to the DNR a signed copy of the grant agreement.
- For the TRM program, grant agreements not signed by the deadline may be rescinded by DNR, and the associated grant funds may be used to fund other eligible projects in rank order based on project scores. If, for any reason, funds committed through this allocation plan become available after March 31, 2023, these funds may be held to fund projects selected in the next grant cycle.

1. TRM Final Allocation

The DNR allocates up to \$2,706,302 to counties for cost sharing of TRM projects during calendar year 2023. This amount is adequate to fully fund the estimated state share for 5 out of 8 eligible county Small-Scale TRM applications. Additionally, this amount is adequate to fully fund the estimated state share for 3 out of the 6 eligible county Large-Scale TRM applications, and partially fund one additional Large-Scale TRM application. As shown in Chart 1, there is \$1,701,496 of unmet needs for county TRM projects.

The maximum cost-share amount that can be awarded for a single Small-Scale TRM project is \$225,000. The maximum cost-share amount that can be awarded for a single Large-Scale TRM project is \$600,000.

TRM allocations made through this plan will be reimbursed to grantees during calendar years 2023 through 2024 for Small-Scale projects and through 2025 for Large-Scale projects. Project applications are screened, scored, and ranked in accordance with s. 281.65(4c), Wis. Stats. Adjustments to grant amounts may occur to account for eligibility of project components, cost-share rates, or ch. NR 151 enforcement action at the time that DNR negotiates the actual grant agreement with an applicant.

2. UNPS Final Allocation

DNR has implemented an alternating schedule for both UNPS-Planning and UNPS-Construction grants. The UNPS-Planning grants are solicited in odd years, and the UNPS-Construction grants are solicited in even years. The maximum cost-share amount that can be awarded for a UNPS-Construction grant is \$150,000, with an additional \$50,000 for land acquisition. The maximum cost-share amount that can be awarded for a UNPS-Planning grant is \$85,000.

UNPS grant awards will be reimbursed to grantees during calendar years 2023 and 2024. Project applications have been screened, scored, and ranked in accordance with s. 281.66, Wis. Stats.

CONSTRUCTION. The DNR did not receive any applications from counties for cost sharing of UNPS-Construction projects during the calendar year 2023 grant cycle.

PLANNING. UNPS-Planning grant applications were not solicited in 2022 for the 2023 award cycle. The UNPS-Planning grant application will be available in early 2023 for 2024 awards.

3. Notice of Discharge Program

A. Background

DNR issues notices of discharge (NOD) and notices of intent (NOI) under ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code; this code regulates animal feeding operations. DNR has authority under s. 281.65(4e), Wis. Stats., to provide grant assistance for NOD and NOI projects outside of the competitive TRM process. DNR is authorized to award grants to governmental units, which in turn enter into cost-share agreements with landowners that have received an NOD or NOI.

Cost-share assistance is provided to landowners to meet the regulatory requirements of an NOD issued under ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code. In some cases, cost-share assistance must be offered before enforcement action can be taken. In other cases, DNR is not required to provide cost sharing but may do so at its discretion. DNR has several permitting and enforcement options available under ch. NR 243 if landowners should fail to meet the conditions of the NOD.

B. NOD Final Allocation

This Preliminary Allocation Plan establishes a reserve of \$1,000,000 for NOD projects during calendar year 2023. The reserve includes funds for structural practices in eligible locations. DNR may use its discretion to increase this reserve if needed. To receive a grant award, a governmental unit must submit an application to DNR that describes a specific project and includes documentation that an NOD or NOI has either already been issued or will be issued by DNR concurrent with the grant award. Once DNR issues a grant to the governmental unit to address an NOD or NOI, DNR will designate a portion of the reserve specifically for that project.

DNR will require that county grantees commit funds to a cost-share agreement with the landowner within a timeframe that is consistent with the compliance schedule in the NOD. The county grantee shall use the grant award to reimburse the landowner for costs incurred during the grant period, which may extend beyond calendar year 2023. If the landowner fails to install practices listed in the cost-share agreement within the timeframe identified, DNR will terminate its grant with the county, leaving the landowner to correct the problems identified in the NOD without the benefit of state cost sharing.

Fund balances from terminated NOD grants and projects completed under budget may be returned to the reserve account and made available to other NOD applicants. Reserve funds remaining at the end of calendar year 2023 may either be carried over for the calendar year 2024 NOD reserve account or may be allocated for calendar year 2023 or 2024 TRM projects.

Attachments

Tables

Table A: DATCP Allocations									
STAFFING AND COST-SHARE ALLOCATIONS									
County	DATCP Staffing & Support Allocation	LWRM Plan Implementation		Total DATCP Allocation	County	DATCP Staffing & Support Allocation	LWRM Plan Implementation		Total DATCP Allocation
		Bond Cost-Sharing	SEG Cost-Sharing				Bond Cost-Sharing	SEG Cost-Sharing	
Adams	148,693	43,000	65,000	256,693	Marathon	183,559	70,000	95,000	348,559
Ashland	142,842	50,000	40,000	232,842	Marinette	165,620	55,000	60,000	280,620
Barron	163,647	58,000	10,000	231,647	Marquette	169,939	43,000	65,000	277,939
Bayfield	141,926	50,000	8,000	199,926	Menominee	95,087	20,000		115,087
Brown	182,710	48,000	20,000	250,710	Milwaukee	76,554	15,000		91,554
Buffalo	126,351	60,000	20,000	206,351	Monroe	156,919	59,000	50,000	215,919
Burnett	122,659	33,000	20,000	175,659	Oconto	170,230	48,000		218,230
Calumet	197,782	40,000	30,000	267,782	Oneida	129,010	39,000		168,010
Chippewa	202,731	65,000	70,000	337,731	Outagamie	219,102	55,000	65,000	339,102
Clark	161,889	64,500	75,000	301,389	Ozaukee	178,612	53,500	25,000	257,112
Columbia	146,920	68,000	75,000	289,920	Pepin	104,565	39,000	40,000	183,565
Crawford	137,818	55,000	8,000	200,818	Pierce	168,208	60,000	20,000	248,208
Dane	247,461	65,000	75,000	387,461	Polk	161,239	50,000		211,239
Dodge	176,702	53,000	20,000	249,702	Portage	181,735	59,000		240,735
Door	178,571	50,000	30,000	258,571	Price	103,314	43,000		146,314
Douglas	134,888	30,000	5,000	169,888	Racine	189,031	58,500	90,000	337,531
Dunn	191,041	56,000	20,000	267,041	Richland	122,273	55,000	20,000	197,273
Eau Claire	177,773	47,000	65,000	289,773	Rock	171,739	65,000	75,000	311,739
Florence	76,554	34,000		110,554	Rusk	115,573	43,000	40,000	198,573
Fond du Lac	186,197	40,000	20,000	246,197	Saint Croix	181,352	51,000	35,000	267,352
Forest	115,787	20,000	15,000	150,787	Sauk	182,261	66,500	60,000	308,761
Grant	129,865	70,000		199,865	Sawyer	112,855	29,000	8,000	149,855
Green	166,475	71,500	20,000	257,975	Shawano	157,137	44,000	20,000	221,137
Green Lake	191,649	50,000	30,000	271,649	Sheboygan	170,106	55,000	15,000	240,106
Iowa	159,612	45,000	40,000	244,612	Taylor	148,312	65,241	40,000	253,553
Iron	133,256	44,000	100	177,356	Trempealeau	126,524	66,500	30,000	223,024
Jackson	159,655	63,500	0	223,155	Vernon	154,494	66,500	75,000	295,994
Jefferson	184,269	35,000	12,000	231,269	Vilas	143,107	33,000		176,107
Juneau	155,020	44,000	20,000	219,020	Walworth	189,764	55,000	20,000	264,764
Kenosha	148,997	34,000	5,000	187,997	Washburn	131,070	43,000	6,000	180,070
Kewaunee	190,786	48,000	6,000	244,786	Washington	152,223	37,000	10,000	199,223
LaCrosse	181,602	45,000	20,000	246,602	Waukesha	208,933	33,000		241,933
Lafayette	118,478	63,000		181,478	Waupaca	165,542	63,500	80,000	309,042
Langlade	102,999	29,000	12,000	143,999	Waushara	180,627	43,000	25,000	248,627
Lincoln	98,257	42,000	1,000	141,257	Winnebago	185,481	42,000	70,000	297,481
Manitowoc	170,194	55,000	75,000	300,194	Wood	175,847	54,000	54,000	283,847
					Reserve		250,000		250,000
					Sub-Totals	\$11,280,000	\$3,795,741	\$2,125,100	\$17,200,841
PROJECT COOPERATOR ALLOCATIONS									
UW-CALS				580,000	Nutrient Management Farmer Education				174,982
WI Land + Water (WLWCA)				241,610	Innovation Grants				324,059
Standard Oversight Council (SOC)				40,000					
Conservation Observation Day				3,500	Sub-Total Cooperator Allocation				\$1,449,900
UW-GNHS				37,699					
UW Ext - Cons. Training				30,699					
UW-SFAL				17,351					
PROGRAM ALLOCATION TOTALS				TOTAL	\$11,280,000	\$3,795,741	\$2,125,100	\$18,650,741	

Table A-1: Staff and Support Tier 1, Tier 2, Rounds One, Two, Three

County	Tier 1	Tier 2									2023 DATCP Staffing and Support Allocation
	Base Allocation	First Position at 100% (Round 1)	Round 1 Award	Adjusted Award (Tier 1 + Round 1)	Second Position at 70% (Round 2)	Eligible Round 2 Award	Round 2 Award at 99% of 70%	Adjusted Award (Tier 1 + Round 1&2)	Third Position at 50% (Round 3)	Round 3 Award	
Adams	75,000	\$88,065.00	13,065	88,065	\$59,074.00	59,074	59,074	147,139	33,436	1,554.00	148,693
Ashland	75,000	\$83,796.00	8,796	83,796	\$57,492.00	57,492	57,492	141,288	36,543	1,554.00	142,842
Barron	75,000	\$94,992.00	19,992	94,992	\$67,101.00	67,101	67,101	162,093	45,292	1,554.00	163,647
Bayfield	75,000	\$86,342.00	11,342	86,342	\$54,030.00	54,030	54,030	140,372	37,902	1,554.00	141,926
Brown	75,000	\$111,414.00	36,414	111,414	\$69,742.00	69,742	69,742	181,156	43,091	1,554.00	182,710
Buffalo	75,000	\$77,037.00	2,037	77,037	\$47,760.00	47,760	47,760	124,797	16,912	1,554.00	126,351
Burnett	75,000	\$77,070.00	2,070	77,070	\$44,035.00	44,035	44,035	121,105	17,516	1,554.00	122,659
Calumet	75,000	\$122,218.00	47,218	122,218	\$74,010.00	74,010	74,010	196,228	52,703	1,554.00	197,782
Chippewa	75,000	\$116,306.00	41,306	116,306	\$84,871.00	84,871	84,871	201,177	49,322	1,554.00	202,731
Clark	75,000	\$98,723.00	23,723	98,723	\$61,612.00	61,612	61,612	160,335	39,136	1,554.00	161,889
Columbia	75,000	\$87,105.00	12,105	87,105	\$58,261.00	58,261	58,261	145,366	41,567	1,554.00	146,920
Crawford	75,000	\$79,192.00	4,192	79,192	\$57,072.00	57,072	57,072	136,264	28,809	1,554.00	137,818
Dane	75,000	\$146,438.00	71,438	146,438	\$99,443.00	99,443	99,443	245,881	62,776	1,580.00	247,461
Dodge	75,000	\$110,611.00	35,611	110,611	\$64,537.00	64,537	64,537	175,148	40,945	1,554.00	176,702
Door	75,000	\$107,952.00	32,952	107,952	\$69,065.00	69,065	69,065	177,017	49,095	1,554.00	178,571
Douglas	75,000	\$83,346.00	8,346	83,346	\$49,988.00	49,988	49,988	133,334	24,577	1,554.00	134,888
Dunn	75,000	\$112,673.00	37,673	112,673	\$76,814.00	76,814	76,814	189,487	52,790	1,554.00	191,041
Eau Claire	75,000	\$108,745.00	33,745	108,745	\$67,474.00	67,474	67,474	176,219	45,982	1,554.00	177,773
Florence	75,000	\$57,776.00	-	75,000	\$6,575.00	-	-	75,000	9,278	1,554.00	76,554
Fond du Lac	75,000	\$115,358.00	40,358	115,358	\$69,285.00	69,285	69,285	184,643	37,535	1,554.00	186,197
Forest	75,000	\$83,544.00	8,544	83,544	\$30,689.00	30,689	30,689	114,233	15,727	1,554.00	115,787
Grant	75,000	\$76,946.00	1,946	76,946	\$51,365.00	51,365	51,365	128,311	34,799	1,554.00	129,865
Green	75,000	\$108,327.00	33,327	108,327	\$56,594.00	56,594	56,594	164,921	24,175	1,554.00	166,475
Green Lake	75,000	\$117,036.00	42,036	117,036	\$73,059.00	73,059	73,059	190,095	49,693	1,554.00	191,649
Iowa	75,000	\$105,904.00	30,904	105,904	\$52,154.00	52,154	52,154	158,058	36,085	1,554.00	159,612
Iron	75,000	\$77,773.00	2,773	77,773	\$53,929.00	53,929	53,929	131,702	10,568	1,554.00	133,256
Jackson	75,000	\$98,846.00	23,846	98,846	\$60,809.00	60,809	60,809	159,655			159,655
Jefferson	75,000	\$113,324.00	38,324	113,324	\$69,391.00	69,391	69,391	182,715	42,355	1,554.00	184,269
Juneau	75,000	\$92,464.00	17,464	92,464	\$61,002.00	61,002	61,002	153,466	32,752	1,554.00	155,020
Kenosha	75,000	\$113,576.00	38,576	113,576	\$33,867.00	33,867	33,867	147,443	14,431	1,554.00	148,997
Kewaunee	75,000	\$119,203.00	44,203	119,203	\$70,029.00	70,029	70,029	189,232	38,203	1,554.00	190,786
LaCrosse	75,000	\$110,378.00	35,378	110,378	\$69,670.00	69,670	69,670	180,048	46,526	1,554.00	181,602
Lafayette	75,000	\$71,507.00	-	75,000	\$45,417.00	41,924	41,924	116,924	26,534	1,554.00	118,478
Langlade	75,000	\$82,520.00	7,520	82,520	\$18,925.00	18,925	18,925	101,445	12,541	1,554.00	102,999
Lincoln	75,000	\$83,740.00	8,740	83,740	\$12,963.00	12,963	12,963	96,703	7,548	1,554.00	98,257
Manitowoc	75,000	\$115,754.00	40,754	115,754	\$52,886.00	52,886	52,886	168,640	36,992	1,554.00	170,194

Table A-1: Staff and Support Tier 1, Tier 2, Rounds One, Two, Three											
County	Tier 1	Tier 2									2023 DATCP Staffing and Support Allocation
	Base Allocation	First Position at 100% (Round 1)	Round 1 Award	Adjusted Award (Tier 1 + Round 1)	Second Position at 70% (Round 2)	Eligible Round 2 Award	Round 2 Award at 99% of 70%	Adjusted Award (Tier 1 + Round 1&2)	Third Position at 50% (Round 3)	Round 3 Award	
Marathon	75,000	\$110,275.00	35,275	110,275	\$71,730.00	71,730	71,730	182,005	50,803	1,554.00	183,559
Marinette	75,000	\$97,541.00	22,541	97,541	\$66,525.00	66,525	66,525	164,066	43,696	1,554.00	165,620
Marquette	75,000	\$110,357.00	35,357	110,357	\$58,028.00	58,028	58,028	168,385	25,468	1,554.00	169,939
Menominee	75,000	\$37,898.00	-	75,000	\$57,189.00	20,087	20,087	95,087			95,087
Milwaukee	75,000		-	75,000	\$50,994.00	-	-	75,000	23,283	1,554.00	76,554
Monroe	75,000	\$107,863.00	32,863	107,863	\$47,502.00	47,502	47,502	155,365	32,060	1,554.00	156,919
Oconto	75,000	\$104,687.00	29,687	104,687	\$63,989.00	63,989	63,989	168,676	36,974	1,554.00	170,230
Oneida	75,000	\$80,582.00	5,582	80,582	\$46,874.00	46,874	46,874	127,456	8,915	1,554.00	129,010
Outagamie	75,000	\$132,404.00	57,404	132,404	\$85,144.00	85,144	85,144	217,548	42,468	1,554.00	219,102
Ozaukee	75,000	\$106,356.00	31,356	106,356	\$70,702.00	70,702	70,702	177,058	45,314	1,554.00	178,612
Pepin	75,000	\$43,449.00	-	75,000	\$59,562.00	28,011	28,011	103,011	21,137	1,554.00	104,565
Pierce	75,000	\$98,468.00	23,468	98,468	\$68,186.00	68,186	68,186	166,654	45,226	1,554.00	168,208
Polk	75,000	\$104,325.00	29,325	104,325	\$55,360.00	55,360	55,360	159,685	36,392	1,554.00	161,239
Portage	75,000	\$114,243.00	39,243	114,243	\$65,938.00	65,938	65,938	180,181	45,345	1,554.00	181,735
Price	75,000	\$62,307.00	-	75,000	\$39,453.00	26,760	26,760	101,760	9,604	1,554.00	103,314
Racine	75,000	\$114,522.00	39,522	114,522	\$72,955.00	72,955	72,955	187,477	36,058	1,554.00	189,031
Richland	75,000	\$75,537.00	537	75,537	\$45,182.00	45,182	45,182	120,719	24,783	1,554.00	122,273
Rock	75,000	\$100,322.00	25,322	100,322	\$69,863.00	69,863	69,863	170,185	41,558	1,554.00	171,739
Rusk	75,000	\$60,944.00	-	75,000	\$53,075.00	39,019	39,019	114,019	24,052	1,554.00	115,573
Saint Croix	75,000	\$101,067.00	26,067	101,067	\$78,731.00	78,731	78,731	179,798	36,272	1,554.00	181,352
Sauk	75,000	\$111,899.00	36,899	111,899	\$68,808.00	68,808	68,808	180,707	47,296	1,554.00	182,261
Sawyer	75,000	\$68,736.00	-	75,000	\$42,565.00	36,301	36,301	111,301	20,091	1,554.00	112,855
Shawano	75,000	\$102,293.00	27,293	102,293	\$53,290.00	53,290	53,290	155,583	31,235	1,554.00	157,137
Sheboygan	75,000	\$100,028.00	25,028	100,028	\$68,524.00	68,524	68,524	168,552	45,089	1,554.00	170,106
Taylor	75,000	\$97,029.00	22,029	97,029	\$49,729.00	49,729	49,729	146,758	33,095	1,554.00	148,312
Trempealeau	75,000	\$63,324.00	-	75,000	\$61,646.00	49,970	49,970	124,970	37,584	1,554.00	126,524
Vernon	75,000	\$96,633.00	21,633	96,633	\$56,307.00	56,307	56,307	152,940	35,289	1,554.00	154,494
Vilas	75,000	\$89,605.00	14,605	89,605	\$51,948.00	51,948	51,948	141,553	31,459	1,554.00	143,107
Walworth	75,000	\$116,531.00	41,531	116,531	\$71,679.00	71,679	71,679	188,210	47,080	1,554.00	189,764
Washington	75,000	\$85,011.00	10,011	85,011	\$44,643.00	44,643	44,643	129,654	1,416	1,416.00	131,070
Washington	75,000	\$97,487.00	22,487	97,487	\$53,182.00	53,182	53,182	150,669	29,950	1,554.00	152,223
Waukesha	75,000	\$138,010.00	63,010	138,010	\$69,369.00	69,369	69,369	207,379	36,337	1,554.00	208,933
Waupaca	75,000	\$96,379.00	21,379	96,379	\$67,609.00	67,609	67,609	163,988	47,544	1,554.00	165,542
Waushara	75,000	\$111,897.00	36,897	111,897	\$67,176.00	67,176	67,176	179,073	45,185	1,554.00	180,627
Winnebago	75,000	\$117,925.00	42,925	117,925	\$66,002.00	66,002	66,002	183,927	45,225	1,554.00	185,481
Wood	75,000	\$118,390.00	43,390	118,390	\$55,903.00	55,903	55,903	174,293	34,819	1,554.00	175,847
Totals	5,400,000	6,910,325	1,719,384	7,119,384	4,226,352	4,051,948	4,051,948	11,171,332	2,392,238	108,668	11,280,000

Table B: Total DNR Final Allocations					
County	Targeted Runoff Mgmt. BMP Construction	Local Assistance Funding for Large Scale TRM	Urban NPS & Storm Water Mgmt. BMP Construction	Urban NPS & Storm Water Mgmt. Planning	Total DNR Final Allocations
Marathon	\$243,958	\$97,583	\$0	\$0	<u>\$341,541</u>
Marinette	\$225,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	<u>\$225,000</u>
Outagamie	\$355,216	\$130,000	\$0	\$0	<u>\$485,216</u>
Polk	\$372,407	\$148,963	\$0	\$0	<u>\$521,370</u>
Rusk	\$419,425	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	<u>\$464,425</u>
Trempealea	\$218,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	<u>\$218,750</u>
Washington	\$225,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	<u>\$225,000</u>
Waupaca	\$225,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	<u>\$225,000</u>
DNR NR243 NOD Reserve					\$1,000,000
Total	\$2,284,756	\$421,546	\$0	\$0	\$3,706,302

*The reserve amounts for TRM and UNPS Grants are estimated because the grants have not yet been awarded.

Table C: Summary of DATCP and DNR Allocations							
County	Staffing & Support from DATCP and DNR	Cost-Sharing from DATCP and DNR	Total Allocation of DATCP and DNR Funding	County	Staffing & Support from DATCP and DNR	Cost-Sharing from DATCP and DNR	Total Allocation of DATCP and DNR Funding
Adams	148,693	108,000	256,693	Marinette	165,620	340,000	505,620
Ashland	142,842	90,000	232,842	Marquette	169,939	108,000	277,939
Barron	163,647	68,000	231,647	Menominee	95,087	20,000	115,087
Bayfield	141,926	58,000	199,926	Milwaukee	76,554	15,000	91,554
Brown	182,710	68,000	250,710	Monroe	156,919	109,000	265,919
Buffalo	126,351	80,000	206,351	Oconto	170,230	48,000	218,230
Burnett	122,659	53,000	175,659	Oneida	129,010	39,000	168,010
Calumet	197,782	70,000	267,782	Outagamie	349,102	475,216	824,318
Chippewa	202,731	135,000	337,731	Ozaukee	178,612	78,500	257,112
Clark	161,889	139,500	301,389	Pepin	104,565	79,000	183,565
Columbia	146,920	143,000	289,920	Pierce	168,208	80,000	248,208
Crawford	137,818	63,000	200,818	Polk	310,202	422,407	732,609
Dane	247,461	140,000	387,461	Portage	181,735	59,000	240,735
Dodge	176,702	73,000	249,702	Price	103,314	43,000	146,314
Door	178,571	80,000	258,571	Racine	189,031	148,500	337,531
Douglas	134,888	35,000	169,888	Richland	122,273	75,000	197,273
Dunn	191,041	76,000	267,041	Rock	171,739	140,000	311,739
Eau Claire	177,773	112,000	289,773	Rusk	160,573	502,425	662,998
Florence	76,554	34,000	110,554	Saint Croix	181,352	86,000	267,352
Fond du Lac	186,197	60,000	246,197	Sauk	182,261	126,500	308,761
Forest	115,787	35,000	150,787	Sawyer	112,855	37,000	149,855
Grant	129,865	70,000	199,865	Shawano	157,137	64,000	221,137
Green	166,475	91,500	257,975	Sheboygan	170,106	70,000	240,106
Green Lake	191,649	80,000	271,649	Taylor	148,312	105,241	253,553
Iowa	159,612	85,000	244,612	Trempealeau	126,524	315,250	441,774
Iron	133,256	44,100	177,356	Vernon	154,494	141,500	295,994
Jackson	159,655	63,500	223,155	Vilas	143,107	33,000	176,107
Jefferson	184,269	47,000	231,269	Walworth	189,764	75,000	264,764
Juneau	155,020	64,000	219,020	Washburn	131,070	49,000	180,070
Kenosha	148,997	39,000	187,997	Washington	152,223	272,000	424,223
Kewaunee	190,786	54,000	244,786	Waukesha	208,933	33,000	241,933
LaCrosse	181,602	65,000	246,602	Waupaca	165,542	368,500	534,042
Lafayette	118,478	63,000	181,478	Waushara	180,627	68,000	248,627
Langlade	102,999	41,000	143,999	Winnebago	185,481	112,000	297,481
Lincoln	98,257	43,000	141,257	Wood	175,847	108,000	283,847
Manitowoc	170,194	130,000	300,194	DATCP NR243 Res.		250,000	250,000
Marathon	427,517	262,583	690,100	DNR NR243 Res.		1,000,000	1,000,000
				Sub-Totals	11,847,921	9,059,222	20,907,143
OPERATOR ALLOCATIONS							
UW-CALS			580,000	Nutrient Management Farmer Education			174,982
WI Land + Water (WLWCA)			241,610	Innovation Grants			324,059
Standard Oversight Council (SOC)			40,000				
Conservation Observation Day			3,500	Sub-Total Cooperator Allocation			\$1,449,900
UW-GNHS			37,699				
UW Ext - Cons. Training			30,699				
UW-SFAL			17,351				
PROGRAM ALLOCATION TOTALS					11,847,921	9,059,222	22,357,043

Table A-2: County Bond Cost-Share Awards									
County	Bond				County	Bond			
	19-21 Cumulative Average Under-Spending*	2017 Census Acres**	19-21 Cumulative Total Dollars Spent***	Award		19-21 Cumulative Average Under-Spending*	2017 Census Acres**	19-21 Cumulative Total Dollars Spent***	Award
Adams	0.0000%	117,206	\$104,256	\$43,000	Marathon	0.0000%	473,147	\$193,600	\$70,000
Ashland	0.0000%	52,428	\$188,786	\$50,000	Marinette	0.4584%	133,068	\$172,576	\$55,000
Barron	11.3754%	305,604	\$172,903	\$58,000	Marquette	0.0000%	113,183	\$114,719	\$43,000
Bayfield	0.0000%	81,041	\$186,695	\$50,000	Menominee	0.0000%	290	\$60,000	\$20,000
Brown	0.0000%	192,007	\$131,959	\$48,000	Milwaukee	0.0000%	6,990	\$6,042	\$15,000
Buffalo	0.4217%	293,130	\$183,462	\$60,000	Monroe	0.5144%	300,659	\$187,844	\$59,000
Burnett	1.1463%	89,237	\$56,261	\$33,000	Oconto	0.0000%	189,898	\$138,002	\$48,000
Calumet	7.9340%	153,858	\$101,281	\$40,000	Oneida	0.0000%	34,670	\$112,726	\$39,000
Chippewa	0.0201%	356,176	\$160,913	\$65,000	Outagamie	0.0000%	236,963	\$155,600	\$55,000
Clark	0.0000%	451,035	\$185,144	\$64,500	Ozaukee	0.0000%	59,299	\$207,006	\$53,500
Columbia	0.0000%	304,058	\$181,265	\$68,000	Pepin	1.0753%	106,881	\$114,705	\$39,000
Crawford	0.0000%	210,550	\$170,653	\$55,000	Pierce	0.0000%	233,188	\$191,992	\$60,000
Dane	0.0000%	506,688	\$150,539	\$65,000	Polk	0.0000%	256,114	\$137,056	\$50,000
Dodge	0.5545%	405,992	\$96,370	\$53,000	Portage	2.1435%	280,410	\$184,569	\$59,000
Door	0.0000%	114,508	\$189,819	\$50,000	Price	0.0138%	89,203	\$123,173	\$43,000
Douglas	0.0000%	69,759	\$31,243	\$30,000	Racine	0.0000%	127,496	\$242,059	\$58,500
Dunn	0.0000%	348,301	\$116,563	\$56,000	Richland	0.0000%	220,843	\$153,980	\$55,000
Eau Claire	0.0000%	172,256	\$95,229	\$47,000	Rock	0.0000%	353,505	\$192,435	\$65,000
Florence	0.0000%	18,609	\$144,150	\$34,000	Rusk	0.0001%	136,062	\$128,361	\$43,000
Fond du Lac	2.3815%	317,371	\$97,279	\$40,000	Saint Croix	0.0009%	279,191	\$116,116	\$51,000
Forest	37.9287%	38,084	\$24,689	\$20,000	Sauk	0.0000%	298,906	\$212,541	\$66,500
Grant	0.0000%	600,324	\$175,219	\$70,000	Sawyer	1.3500%	46,009	\$96,876	\$29,000
Green	0.0000%	292,368	\$202,956	\$71,500	Shawano	0.7383%	247,241	\$118,067	\$44,000
Green Lake	0.0000%	126,751	\$181,999	\$50,000	Sheboygan	0.0000%	195,938	\$168,120	\$55,000
Iowa	0.0000%	360,134	\$139,832	\$45,000	Taylor	0.0851%	225,856	\$201,223	\$65,241
Iron	0.0000%	9,200	\$148,086	\$44,000	Trempealeau	0.0003%	329,916	\$269,158	\$66,500
Jackson	0.0000%	248,342	\$352,279	\$63,500	Vernon	0.0000%	337,086	\$202,455	\$66,500
Jefferson	0.2504%	221,355	\$58,144	\$35,000	Vilas	0.0000%	5,652	\$72,814	\$33,000
Juneau	2.1103%	175,417	\$113,768	\$44,000	Walworth	0.0000%	192,422	\$190,678	\$55,000
Kenosha	7.2100%	77,782	\$95,776	\$34,000	Washburn	0.0000%	73,773	\$142,053	\$43,000
Kewaunee	0.0000%	170,405	\$110,924	\$48,000	Washington	0.0000%	126,146	\$48,955	\$37,000
LaCrosse	0.0070%	144,334	\$128,264	\$45,000	Waukesha	1.4320%	97,460	\$64,510	\$33,000
Lafayette	0.0242%	342,518	\$192,017	\$63,000	Waupaca	0.0000%	201,603	\$211,378	\$63,500
Langlade	5.6447%	116,386	\$83,032	\$29,000	Waushara	0.0000%	135,306	\$119,209	\$43,000
Lincoln	0.0000%	78,293	\$86,140	\$42,000	Winnebago	0.0000%	162,052	\$75,964	\$42,000
Manitowoc	0.1761%	231,609	\$178,917	\$55,000	Wood	0.0000%	220,891	\$147,298	\$54,000
					TOTAL				\$3,545,741

Each County was given a base of \$10,000 to help counties receive closer to their requested amount. The following criteria were also applied to finalize a county's BOND award.

*Graduated awards based on 3-yr avg underspending, excluding extended underspending, year 3 of 3: 0% = \$10,000, 0.5-2.99% = \$6,000, 3-10% = \$2,000, >10% = \$0.

**Graduated awards based on 2017 Census acres: 350,000 or more=\$30,000; 250,000-349,999=\$23,000; 150,000-249,999=\$15,000, 50,000-149,999=\$10,000, <50,000=\$6,000.

***Graduated awards based on 3-yr cumulative spending: \$200K+ = \$28,500, \$150K-199,999=\$20,000, \$100K-\$149,999 = \$13,000, \$20K-\$99,999 = \$7,000, <\$20,000 = \$0

County Name in *Italics* = County transferred funds awarded in prior grant year

County Name Shaded: County awarded the amount of its request, which was less than the maximum grant award.

Table A-3: County SEG Cost-Share Awards

County	Ranking and Award			County	Ranking and Award		
	Score	Grouping	Award		Score	Grouping	Award
<i>Adams</i>	50	3	\$65,000	Marathon	100	1	\$95,000
Ashland	50	3	\$40,000	Marinette	50	3	\$60,000
Barron	55	3	\$10,000	Marquette	70	3	\$65,000
<i>Bayfield</i>	35	4	\$8,000	Menominee	0	0	NA
Brown	65	3	\$20,000	Milwaukee	0	0	NA
Buffalo	65	3	\$20,000	Monroe	70	3	\$50,000
Burnett	45	4	\$20,000	Oconto	0	0	NA
Calumet	60	3	\$30,000	Oneida	0	0	NA
Chippewa	60	3	\$70,000	Outagamie	55	3	\$65,000
<i>Clark</i>	80	2	\$75,000	<i>Ozaukee</i>	55	3	\$25,000
Columbia	85	2	\$75,000	Pepin	55	3	\$40,000
Crawford	30	4	\$8,000	Pierce	35	4	\$20,000
Dane	90	2	\$75,000	Polk	0	0	NA
Dodge	65	3	\$20,000	Portage	0	0	NA
Door	60	3	\$30,000	Price	0	0	NA
Douglas	25	4	\$5,000	Racine	65	3	\$90,000
Dunn	65	3	\$20,000	<i>Richland</i>	40	4	\$20,000
<i>Eau Claire</i>	70	3	\$65,000	Rock	85	2	\$75,000
Florence	0	0	NA	Rusk	35	4	\$40,000
Fond du Lac	90	2	\$20,000	Saint Croix	50	3	\$35,000
Forest	20	5	\$15,000	<i>Sauk</i>	75	2	\$60,000
Grant	0	0	NA	Sawyer	0	0	\$8,000
Green	40	4	\$20,000	Shawano	40	4	\$20,000
Green Lake	65	3	\$30,000	Sheboygan	65	3	\$15,000
Iowa	75	2	\$40,000	Taylor	55	3	\$40,000
Iron	5	5	\$100	Trempealeau	65	3	\$30,000
<i>Jackson</i>	15	5	\$0	Vernon	75	2	\$75,000
<i>Jefferson</i>	60	3	\$12,000	Vilas	0	0	NA
Juneau	30	4	\$20,000	Walworth	50	3	\$20,000
Kenosha	25	4	\$5,000	Washburn	5	5	\$6,000
Kewaunee	50	3	\$6,000	Washington	40	4	\$10,000
La Crosse	60	3	\$20,000	Waukesha	0	0	NA
Lafayette	0	0	NA	Waupaca	85	2	\$80,000
Langlade	45	4	\$12,000	Waushara	45	4	\$25,000
Lincoln	25	4	\$1,000	Winnebago	55	3	\$70,000
Manitowoc	95	2	\$75,000	Wood	55	3	\$54,000
TOTAL							\$2,125,100
County Name in Italics = County transferred funds awarded in prior grant year NA= County did not apply for SEG funds				County Name Shaded = County awarded the amount of its request, which was less than the maximum grant award			

Allocation Plan Dictionary

Chapter 92: Statute of Wisconsin law establishing soil and water conservation and animal waste management.

ATCP 50: State administrative rule that provides the framework to cost-share conservation practices including nutrient management plans; describes the parameters for grants for conservation practices; identifies the costs to be included in cost-share grants to landowners; identifies conservation practice standards available for cost-sharing; defines the requirements for a land and water resource management plan; establishes the process and priorities for allocating grants to support county conservation efforts; describes conservation compliance requirements for the farmland preservation program; describes the process to certify conservation engineering practitioners; establishes qualifications for nutrient management planners; allows for certification of soil and manure testing laboratories; ensures access to education and training opportunities.

Agricultural Enterprise Areas: A locally identified area of contiguous agricultural lands that has received designation from the state (DATCP), at the joint request of landowners and local governments through a petition, to qualify it as important to preserve and invest in. As a part of the state's Farmland Preservation Program, AEAs strive to support local farmland protection goals and enable landowners to sign voluntary 15-year farmland preservation agreements.

Bond: Bond authority is appropriated to the department through the state's biennial budget

process. Bonds can only be used to fund projects with a minimum of a 10-year life span. County LCDs uses bonding for cost-sharing of hard practices. If bonds are not used, they stay with the department and the program and can be reallocated for use in future years.

DATCP: Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Administers many conservation programs that are implemented by counties including the soil and water resource management grant program, producer-led watershed program, farmland preservation program, agricultural enterprise areas, nutrient management farmer education program, conservation reserve enhancement program, land and water resource management planning program, livestock siting program, drainage program, and conservation engineering support.

DNR: Department of Natural Resources. Administers the TRM and UNPS grant programs. Responsible for agricultural and nonagricultural performance standards and manages the WPDES permit program for concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs).

Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): Program through which counties are encouraged to plan for agricultural and agricultural-related uses; local governments may adopt zoning ordinances that restrict lands to agricultural or agricultural-related uses; landowners and local governments may jointly petition for an agricultural enterprise area (AEA) to qualify local areas important to Wisconsin's agricultural and economic future; landowners may enter into a farmland preservation agreement with the state for farms within an AEA to commit to keeping all or a part of their farm in agricultural use and to implement farm conservation

practices for 15 years; participating landowners must implement applicable soil and water conservation standards (see ATCP 50.04)* to qualify for an income tax credit. ***Note:** *Landowners of farmland subject to a farmland preservation agreement must meet the soil and water conservation standards in place at the time the agreement was signed. Contact the department for assistance in determining which standards apply to a specific agreement.*

GPR: General Purpose Revenue. GPR is funding that comes from the state's income and sales tax revenues. These dollars are very flexible and can be used for most purposes. In relation to the joint allocation plan, DATCP has a small GPR appropriation that helps fund the staffing grants. When the Governor calls for budget cuts from agencies, GPR is usually the money that is targeted for reductions since it can legally be used for any purpose. GPR is allocated on an annual basis and if it is not used it lapses back to the general fund and is not available for the program to use.

Hard Practices: Hard Practices are conservation practices that have a lifespan of at least 10 years, such as streambank stabilization, manure storage, well abandonment, managed grazing systems and others. Bond funding can only be used to cost-share hard practices. SEG funding can also be used to fund hard practices with permission from DATCP. SEG funding is not the preferred funding source for hard practices since that money is the only available funding for soft practices and OPCs.

LCC: Land Conservation Committee. Committee of county-board elected officials that oversee the LCD departments.

LCD: Land Conservation Department. County government department that receives staffing and cost-share grants from DATCP and DNR to implement soil and water conservation programs at the local level. In some counties, the department may go by a slightly different name such as soil and water conservation department, planning and land conservation department, etc.

LWRM: Land and Water Resource Management Plan. Each county must have an approved LWRM plan in order to receive funding from DATCP and DNR as part of the joint allocation plan. An approved LWRM plan ensures a county is eligible for staffing grants and a base amount of bond funding. DATCP coordinates the LWRM planning program. LWRM plans are approved by the LWCB for 10 years, with a progress check-in after 5 years.

NMFE: Nutrient Management Farmer Education. NMFE is a grant program funded through SWRM's SEG appropriation. The NMFE program provides grants to counties and technical colleges to deliver training for farmers to write their own NM plans. Funding from the NMFE program can go to farmer incentives, soil tests and training materials.

OPC: Other Project Cooperators. OPCs include non-county entities such as the University of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Land+Water that receive SEG grants from the SWRM program in order to advance the SWRM programs. OPC grants are often used for training and infrastructure services. The OPC recipients and the size of the grants have changed over time as needs have changed.

PL or PLWPG: Producer Led Watershed Program. The PL watershed grant program

funds farmer-led projects intended to reduce nonpoint source pollution and improve water quality. By statute, the PL watershed grant program is funded via the SWRM SEG account and is capped at \$1,000,000 annually.

SEG: Segregated Funds. Segregated funds are collected from fees and held in designated funds for specific purposes under state law. In relation to the joint allocation plan, the Environmental Fund is the source of the segregated funds. The joint allocation plan has two uses for segregated funds. One appropriation designates some segregated funds to the staffing allocation. The second appropriation of segregated funds is for “aids” that explicitly excludes county conservation staffing and is used for nutrient management and other soft practice cost-sharing, training and other related purposes. \$1,000,000 is also directed to Producer-Led Watershed Grants. SEG funds are allocated on an annual basis and if not used they lapse back to the Environmental Fund and are not available to the program to use.

SnapPlus: Soil Nutrient Application Planner is the computer program Wisconsin landowners and agronomists use to develop a compliant NM plan. The UW SnapPlus team developed, maintains, and offers technical assistance on SnapPlus.

Soft Practices: Soft practices are those conservation practices that are implemented on an annual or short-term basis. Soft practices include nutrient management planning, cover crops, residue management, contour farming, and strip-cropping, among others. Soft practices can only be cost-shared with SEG funding.

SWRM: Soil and Water Resource Management Program. The SWRM program is DATCP’s signature grant program that provides staffing and cost-share grants to county LCDs. The SWRM funding is distributed through the annual joint allocation plan process.

TRM: Targeted Runoff Management. The TRM program is a DNR competitive grant program for targeted nonpoint source pollution projects. TRM grants use bond funds allocated through the joint allocation plan

UNPS & SW: Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management: The UNPS & SW program is a DNR competitive grant program for urban nonpoint source pollution projects. UNPS grants use bond funds allocated through the joint allocation plan.

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Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program and Nonpoint Source Program



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Summary of Changes to the 2024 Joint Allocation Plan

This section will be completed to account for any changes in the proposed allocation plan based on comments received, LWCB input, and other factors identified by DATCP or DNR.

Counties, project cooperators, and other interested persons may comment on the 2024 Preliminary Joint Allocation Plan either by:

- Requesting to appear and present comments before the LWCB at a regularly scheduled meeting (a Public Appearance Request Card must be completed before the start of the meeting); or
- Emailing written comments by no later than September 5, 2023 to:
Kim Carlson at datcpswrm@wisconsin.gov.

Approval Signatures

DATCP has determined that the action described in this allocation plan for the 2024 soil and water resource management grant program shown in [Table A](#) conforms to the applicable DATCP provisions of s. 92.14, Wis. Stats, and ATCP 50, Wis. Administrative Code. DATCP reserves the right to reallocate grant funds unexpended by recipients.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Randy Romanski, Secretary

DNR has determined that the actions described in this allocation plan for the 2024 allocations of DNR funds shown in [Table B](#) conforms with the provisions of ss. 281.65 and 281.66, Wis. Stats.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Adam Payne, Secretary

Introduction

The allocations identified in this plan provide counties and others with grant funding for conservation staff and support costs, landowner cost-sharing, and runoff management projects. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are making these allocations to protect Wisconsin's soil and water resources, consistent with the objectives in chs. 92 and 281, Wis. Stats.

DATCP is allocating grants to county land conservation committees (counties) and other project cooperators in 2024 through the Soil and Water Resource Management Program ([Table A](#)).

DNR is allocating grants to counties through the Targeted Runoff Management (TRM), the NR 243 Notice of Discharge (NOD), and Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Planning Projects (UNPS Planning) Grant programs ([Table B](#)).

For 2024, a total of \$21,724,708 is allocated based on the state budget for the 2023-25 biennium. [Table C](#) summarizes all allocations, by grantee. Organized by funding category, Chart 1 on page 6, summarizes grant fund requests, unmet funding requests, and allocation amounts. Chart 2 on page 6, shows the allocation categories by funding sources. *If required, these allocations may be adjusted based on reductions or lapses in appropriations or authorizations.*

The 2023-2025 biennium budget changed the funding source for the SWRM cost-share traditionally referred to as "bond" projects. For this biennium, these funds will be general purpose revenue funds leading to a change in terminology within the SWRM program. Herein bond or GPR funded cost-share projects are referred to as "structural" practices.

Funding Sources and Allocation Requests

CHART 1: GRANT REQUESTS AND ALLOCATIONS			
Funding Category	Total Requests	Unmet Requests	Allocation Amounts
DATCP			
County Staff/Support	\$19,408,611	\$8,446,311	\$10,962,300
LWRM Cost-Share	\$6,955,000	\$3,455,000	\$3,500,000
Bond Reserve (B)	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
LWRM Cost-Share (SEG)	\$2,837,600	\$725,216	\$2,112,384
Cooperator Contracts (SEG)	\$1,072,126	\$69,213	\$1,002,913
Innovation Grants (SEG)	\$429,943	\$247,293	\$182,650
NMFE Grants (SEG)	\$377,053	\$0	\$377,053
SUBTOTAL	\$31,080,333	\$13,243,033	\$18,437,300
DNR			
UNPS Planning	\$29,015	\$0	\$29,015
UNPS Construction	NA	NA	NA
TRM	\$2,258,393	\$0	\$2,258,393
NOD Reserve (B)			\$1,000,000
SUBTOTAL	\$2,287,408	\$0	\$3,287,408
TOTAL			\$21,724,708

CHART 2: FUNDING SOURCES	
Staff and Support Grants	
\$7,269,000	DATCP SEG from s. 20.115(7)(qe)
\$3,693,300	DATCP GPR from s. 20.115(7)(c)
\$10,962,300	DATCP Subtotal
\$0	DNR SEG from s.20.370(6)(aq)
\$29,015	DNR SEG from s. 20.370(6)(dq)
\$201,428	DNR Sec. 319 Account (Federal)
\$230,443	DNR Subtotal
\$11,192,743	TOTAL Staff & Support Grants
Cost-Share Grants	
\$3,500,000	DATCP GPR from s. 20.115(7)(c)
\$300,000	DATCP Bond (Reserve) from s. 20.866(2)(we)
\$2,112,384	DATCP SEG from s. 20.115(7)(qf)
\$5,912,384	DATCP Subtotal
\$2,522,204	DNR GPR from s. 20.370(6)(ag)
\$0	DNR SEG from s. 20.370(6)(aq)
\$534,761	DNR Sec. 319 Account (Federal)
\$3,056,965	DNR Subtotal
\$8,969,349	TOTAL Cost-Share Grants
Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) & Other Project Cooperator (OPC) Grants	
\$377,053	DATCP SEG (NMFE) from s. 20.115(7)(qf)
\$1,002,913	DATCP SEG (OPC) from s. 20.115(7)(qf)
\$182,650	DATCP SEG (Innovation) from s.20.115(7)(qf)
\$1,562,616	TOTAL NMFE & Other Grants
\$21,724,708	Grand Total

DATCP Allocations

Staff and Support

The allocation under this category provides county staff and support funding. Grant awards are consistent with the terms of the 2024 grant application and instructions located at https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SWRMSect6.aspx.

Funds Available

The allocation amount listed in [Table A-1](#) consists of annual appropriations of \$3,693,300 in GPR funds and \$7,269,000 in SEG funds “for support of local land conservation personnel under the soil and water resource management program.” DATCP has no underspending from prior years to increase this allocation.

Grant Awards

Grants are awarded using the following formula:

Tier 1

DATCP is exercising its discretion under ch. ATCP 50.32(5) to award each county a \$75,000 base grant.

Tier 2

DATCP will allocate the remaining \$5,562,300 using a modified version of the formula designed to meet the goal in s. 92.14(6)(b), Wis. Stats., of funding 100, 70 and 50 percent of the costs of three staff positions in each county. As modified, the formula allows counties to claim department heads, technicians and engineers as their first positions (entitled to 100 percent funding) only if they work over 95% on eligible conservation activities.

DATCP makes Tier 2 awards in three rounds in an attempt to meet the statutory goal. For round one, DATCP will fully fund county requests for their first position at the 100% rate. Due to a decrease in the 2024 allocation, DATCP will fund 85% of the county requests for their second position at the 70% rate. DATCP has no funding to make awards in round three to fund a county’s third position at the 50% rate. [Table A-1](#) provides round-by-round details of the Tier 2 allocation for each county.

Unmet Need for Staff and Support Funds

DATCP requires an additional \$2.4 million appropriated to reach the goal of providing 50% of the third position; \$777,192 additional is required to fully fund 70% of the second position. With decreases in funding, counties are anticipated to contribute a significant part of the staffing costs. For example, in 2022, counties provided funding to pay 206 of the 394 conservation staff

employed statewide. For 2024, DATCP requires \$14,000,991 to reach the statutory funding goals.

Future Funding Directions

DATCP awards grants for a county's first position only if the staff is actively engaged in qualified conservation activities. DATCP also requires annual work planning and reporting in order to qualify for DATCP funding. These requirements build county conservation capacity and better account for the performance of conservation activities using state funds. If sufficient additional staffing funding is made available in the future to fully fund the statutory goal in s. 92.14(6)(b), DATCP may consider further adjustments to the grant formula to advance the goals of capacity building and accountability without compromising the basic funding for county staff. If additional funding is provided moving forward, DATCP could consider the amount of DATCP programming a county supports, such as nutrient management farmer education, farmland preservation, CREP, or livestock siting, in determining how funds are allocated.

In the future, DATCP could ensure that counties maintain adequate conservation delivery capacity by requiring that a county's second or third position be engaged in providing high-level conservation support as a technician with conservation engineering practitioner certification or as a planner qualified to write nutrient management plans. DATCP reserves the right to adjust awards to buffer impacts due to changing state budgets. In addition, DATCP could preclude a county from claiming a department head as its second or third position if the county has listed a department head in its first position. To reward county performance, the staffing grant formula could be modified to provide additional payments for counties that are making reasonable progress in implementing their annual work plans. If adjustments to the staffing formula are made in the future, DATCP will proceed with caution and only after input from counties, mindful of the challenges.

Cost-Sharing, Structural Practices

With the 2023-2025 state budget plan, the source of funding for cost-sharing "hard" or "structural" practices to resolve discharges on farms, address priority non-point runoff projects, and provide counties grants for landowner cost-sharing was changed from bond to general purpose revenue (GPR). Historically, these cost-share funds and practices have been referred to as bond or bondable. For the 2024 Joint Allocation Plan, these practices will be referred to structural practices. Unless otherwise noted below, grant awards are consistent with the terms of the 2024 grant application and instructions (see page 7 for the link to these documents).

Structural Practice Funds Available

The allocation amount listed on page one consists of \$3.5 million (half of SWRM's \$7.0 million authorization in the 2023-25 budget) GPR funds. NOTE: Extended bond funds remain available for approved extended projects.

Grant Awards

Engineering Reserve Projects

DATCP will allocate \$300,000 to an engineering reserve primarily for funding projects to address discharges on farms including regulatory animal waste response (NR 151) projects in cooperation with DNR. Some funds may be used for priority projects related to extreme weather events or other non-runoff related projects. These projects are usually higher cost and funds are awarded based on a competitive application process that includes completing a form for engineering reserve projects and projects over \$50,000 as well as obtaining a recommendation from DATCP engineering staff.

DATCP will allocate \$3,500,000 for structural practices to counties for landowner cost-sharing. DATCP makes county awards by first providing base funding, and then awarding funds based on criteria related to county performance and need.

After providing each county \$10,000 in base funding, DATCP awards the remaining \$2,780,000 using two performance-based criteria (a three-year record of cumulative spending of cost-share funds, and a three-year average of underspending of cost-share funds) and one needs-based criteria (farmland acres based on 2017 Census of Agriculture data). Minor manual adjustments are then made to the allocation, if needed.

[Table A-2](#) shows each county's total award amount and the factors that contributed to the county's award.

Unmet Need for Structural Cost-Share Funds

DATCP's allocation provided 50% of the structural funds requested, leaving \$3,455,000 in unfunded county requests. A shortfall in structural funds has practical implications to implement state and local priorities including farm runoff standards. Of particular concern, cost-share dollars are not keeping pace with increased costs for conservation practices and expanded priorities reflected in the new ch. NR 151.075 targeted performance standard.

Future Funding Directions

Funding to install structural conservation practices has stayed the same since 2009, but costs have increased, resulting in 81% of counties having no underspending. Therefore, that criterion is less meaningful when awarding funds than in previous years. Acres of farmland per county and positive spending over three year are taking precedent in how funds are awarded.

DATCP may update the review of applications and awards process using a rubric to score applications and supporting information. The criteria would stay the same – underspending, acres of farmland and positive spending – but the interpretation of the data may be updated.

Finally, with the move to general purpose revenue funds, up to \$150,000 in unspent bond funds may be used to assist with setting up an external-facing database to ease the

counties' submission of documents and increase the counties' ability to access reporting and data from the SWRM program as a whole. Any funds not used for this purpose will be added to the 2025 engineering reserve fund.

SEG Fund Allocation

The allocations under this category provide funding for (1) landowner cost-sharing for soft practices including nutrient management (NM), (2) farmer and related training involving NM, (3) NM implementation support and other projects of statewide importance and 4) innovation projects. Unless otherwise noted below, grant awards are consistent with the terms of the 2024 grant application and instructions (see page 7 for the link to these documents).

Funds Available

The total allocated for SEG programming is \$6,475,000 “for cost-sharing grants and contracts under the soil and water resource management program under s. 92.14” with the following adjustments:

- A decrease of \$1,000,000 because of a redirection of funds for producer-led watershed protection grants.
- A decrease of \$1,000,000 for a redirection to the Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program.
- A decrease of \$800,000 for a redirection to the Crop Insurance Rebates for Cover Crops program.

Of the \$3,675,000 available for allocation, \$2,112,384 will be provided to counties for landowner cost-sharing, \$377,053 will be awarded for farmer NM training, \$182,650 will be given to counties for innovation grants and \$1,002,913 will be awarded to project cooperators for training and support services. The majority of funding awarded in this category directly benefits farmers and other landowners by providing NM cost-sharing and farmer training.

Landowner Cost-Sharing

DATCP provides grants to counties primarily for cost-sharing NM plans to meet the 2015 Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) 590 Standard. Some of these funds may be used to cost-share (a) cover crops and other cropping practices to implement a NM plan, and (b) for structural practices with DATCP approval if the county's grant contract authorizes such use.

Sixty counties applied for \$2,837,600 in grants, and DATCP will award \$2,112,384 to applicants based on ranking determined by the following scoring criteria:

- Up to 20 points based on acres covered by Farmland Preservation Zoning and Agriculture Enterprise Areas.
- Up to 20 points based on the extent of impaired waters located in each county.

- Up to 30 points based on a county’s participation in NM planning and implementation as demonstrated by specific employee positions, inclusion of NM planning in 2023 work plans, providing educational opportunities related to NM planning, soil testing, or plan renewal.
- Up to 30 points based on a county’s total three-year positive spending on NM cost-sharing.

DATCP relies on data in its possession to score county applications based on the four funding criteria. Counties are ranked according to their cumulative scores (up to 100 points) and are organized into five groups for allocation purposes. Counties receive the highest maximum preliminary award for their grouping, unless a county requests a lower amount. The five award groups are listed in Chart 3.

Chart 3: SEG Cost-Share Awards		
Group	Maximum Award	Maximum Awards in Groups
1	\$95,000	2 of 2
2	\$75,000	5 of 7
3	\$65,000	7 of 33
4	\$35,000	2 of 13
5	\$15,000	0 of 5

Funds may be manually adjusted in a few cases to provide additional SEG funding to counties who requested larger allocations and have demonstrated an ability to spend it, or to limit funds going to counties who have a proclivity of transferring all SEG funds. In no case did the award exceed a county’s request or the maximum of \$95,000. [Table A-3](#) enumerates each county’s score, grouping, and grant award. The term “N/A” identifies the twelve counties that did not apply for funds. [Table A](#) also reflects amounts allocated to each county under the “SEG Cost-Sharing” column. Without prior approval from DATCP, counties may spend up to 50% of SEG cost-share allocation on cropping practices. With prior approval from DATCP, counties may spend up to 50% of their cost-share SEG allocation on structural practices in support of nutrient management plan implementation. Counties may request additional flexibility to use the funds with DATCP approval.

NMFE Training Grants

For 2024, DATCP fully funded all Nutrient Management Farmer Education requests, in the amounts listed in Chart 4.

All grant recipients must sign a contract with DATCP that incorporates the requirements of Ch. ATCP 50.35 and commits the project to developing NM plans that meet the 2015 NRCS 590 standards. Six of the awards also include funds to purchase laptops for training.



Tier 1 funding provides for nutrient management training to producers and plan writers to develop 590-compliant nutrient management plans. These funds can be used for participant payments to complete soil tests or attend training, as well as for administrative costs. Tier 2 awards offer the same training, but developing a 590-compliant plan is not required.

Chart 4: NMFE Grant Awards	
Organization	Total Award
AshlandBayfieldDouglasIron*	\$26,940
Columbia County	\$14,950
CVTC	\$30,000
Dane County	\$14,600
Eau Claire County	\$19,250
Glacierland RC&D	\$23,000
Green Lake County*	\$12,628
Kewaunee Co.*	\$23,700
Lafayette Co.	\$9,750
Manitowoc Co.*	\$14,100
Marathon Co	\$1,350
Marathon (Tylr, Clrk, Lcln, Wd)	\$42,890
Marquette Co*	\$22,000
NWTC	\$14,297
Ozaukee Co.	\$3,000
Sauk Co (MATC Reedsburg)	\$21,500
Sawyer Co*	\$18,936
SWTC	\$20,000
Trempealeau Co.	\$20,262
Vernon Co. / WTC	\$20,900
Washington Co.	\$3,000
Total	\$377,053
Tier 1 and Tier 2 Awards	
*Laptop Award	

Statewide Projects: Project Cooperator Grants

In addition to supporting NMFE training, DATCP uses its SEG appropriation for projects that contribute to statewide conservation goals, meeting the following grant priorities in Ch. ATCP 50.30(3):

- fund cost-effective activities that address and resolve high priority problems;
- build a systematic and comprehensive approach to soil erosion and water quality problems;
- contribute to a coordinated soil and water resource management program and avoid duplication of effort.

DATCP has targeted the following areas for funding: nutrient management implementation activities including SnapPlus, support for statewide training of conservation professionals, development and support of technical standards, and coordinated activities in AEAs and impaired waters.

In the cooperator subcategory of Nutrient Management Implementation Support, DATCP received an application from the UW-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. The request totals \$666,713. DATCP will fund the UW-CALS request as follows: (1) \$300,000 for maintaining and improving education and training (2) \$296,000 for SnapPlus maintenance and development.

Funding the UW CALS Nutrient and Pest Management Program supports the maintenance and expansion of a digital, self-paced, interactive NM curriculum, including the development of new applications and resources. Funding also supports statewide delivery of the NM curriculum through virtual and in-person trainings. The UW CALS project will also support development of new training materials related to the launch of SnapPlus version 3, which is anticipated in 2024.

In the training and technical standard support category of project cooperators, DATCP will provide the following funding:

- Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water) is awarded \$255,732. The funds are intended to build statewide capacity to deliver and coordinate conservation training including implementation of recommendations of the statewide interagency training committee (SITCOM). Funding also supports activities to promote accountability and achievements among county conservation programs. Finally, a focus on enhancing state conservation delivery will be facilitated through statewide conservation initiatives and by fostering state and local priorities.

The Standards Oversight Council (SOC) is awarded the full \$42,000 requested. This award contributes support to ensure statewide capacity to develop and maintain technical standards for conservation programs.

- Up to \$5,000 is awarded to the host county for costs related to Conservation Observance Day.

DATCP received two other applications for cooperator funds:

- UW-SFAL – Support of Soil Lab services. This project will support the NM soil lab certification program. Request: \$18,005. Award: \$18,005.
- UW-NOP – Support of the Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program that is a partnership between DATCP and UW. This will fund a position in UW-Extension focused on program outreach. Request: \$86,176. Award: \$86,176.

Innovation Grants

With the 2024 SWRM grant application, counties were invited to submit Innovation Grant requests for new ways to approach land and water conservation. Nine applications were received from counties with \$429,943 SEG funds requested. A total of \$182,250 is awarded shown in Chart 5.

Chart 5: Innovation Awards			
Innovation Grant	Amount	Staffing Award from EPA Hypoxia Grant	Total Award
Dane County	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Fond du Lac County	\$50,000		\$50,000
Lanlade County	\$0	\$25,943	\$25,943
Manitowoc County	\$20,150		\$20,150
Polk County	\$11,500		\$11,500
Racine County	\$25,000		\$25,000
Wood County	\$26,000		\$26,000
TOTAL AWARDED	\$182,650	\$75,943	\$258,593

Projects were scored by four individuals on a 20-point scale that considered alignment with the program goals, a logical plan, the proposed budget and previous funding. Six Innovation Grant proposals are fully funded based on the level of innovation: Fond du Lac County, Lanlade County, Manitowoc County, Polk County, Racine County, and Wood County. These projects are not only innovative in the proposed county, but also could provide models for other counties and programs moving forward. One project was partially funded: Dane County. Due to scoring lower in the rankings and/or being outside of the scope of the Innovation Grants, Ozaukee County, and Rusk County were not funded.

The 2024 cooperator awards are documented in the lower section of [Table A](#). All award recipients are required to sign grant contracts that incorporate the requirements of s. ATCP 50.35, and include significant accountability measures.

Unmet Need for Cost-Share Funding

DATCP will provide about 74% of the SEG funding requested by counties for cost-sharing, which is \$725,216 less than the requested amount. While the cost-share funding aligns with county spending, the average total spent by counties annually over the past several years is significantly less than what was allocated. The department hopes that the continued additional flexibility provided will increase the amount of cost-sharing utilized by counties.

Future Funding Directions

DATCP continues to consider how it can best apply its SEG funding to improve conservation and implement conservation practices.

There is a growing interest in cropping practices where SEG funds could be targeted to improve soil health and watershed management, specifically cover crops and reduced/no-till practices. Looking forward, practices such as harvestable buffers, small grains projects, rotational grazing, cropping practices that improve climate resiliency, precision agriculture, and carbon credit processing will be emphasized.

DATCP will continue to focus SEG funding to support NM planning and implementation, and will use feedback from counties and other stakeholders to determine which, if any, of the following strategies are possible and could be used:

- Allow cost-sharing for cropping practices for farms without a NM plan, but with a farm assessment.
- Create a soil health program that includes targeted funding specifically for soil health practices.
- Create soil health outreach module, to be taught alongside or in addition to the Nutrient Management Planning modules.
- Create a mentorship program to facilitate learning and better understanding of NM between producers and their plan writers.
- Provide funds to regional support groups to provide agronomic and conservation compliance assistance for FPP and other state priorities.
- Set aside funds to support SWRM program technology. With an aging database paired with ever-changing program needs, DATCP is seeking technological support and solutions more frequently. Funding a modern database system would also allow DATCP to track and target its funding more effectively, and potentially allow for tracking of the conservation impacts of the program across the state.

Regarding the allocation of SEG funds specifically for nutrient management cost-sharing, DATCP remains interested in refining the formula for awarding county cost-sharing and the policies surrounding its use.

Before making major changes to what is funded and how it is distributed, DATCP will engage stakeholders to develop a workable approach. The counties can share insights on approaches to effectively target cost-sharing and increase farmer participation.

DNR Allocations

DNR's portion of this preliminary allocation provides funding to counties through three programs:

- 1) Targeted Runoff Management (TRM)
- 2) Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management (UNPS), and
- 3) Notice of Discharge (NOD).

[Table B](#) shows the preliminary allocation to each county grantee for TRM and UNPS-Planning. Additionally, NOD reserves are established as specific county allocations are unknown at this time.

Funding Sources

Allocations for TRM projects and NOD projects are from GPR funds appropriated under s. 20.370(6)(ag), Wis. Stats., bond revenue appropriated under s. 20.866(2)(tf), Wis. Stats.,

Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 funds, and segregated funds appropriated under s. 20.370(6)(aq), Wis. Stats.

Allocations to counties for UNPS-Construction projects, when requested, are from GPR funds appropriated under s. 20.370(6)(dg), Wis. Stats.

Allocations to counties for UNPS-Planning projects are from segregated funds appropriated under s. 20.370(6)(dq), Wis. Stats.

Note: DNR will also provide TRM grants and UNPS-Planning grants to non-county grantees. Wisconsin Statutes do not require that non-county grantees be listed in this allocation plan.

- For all grant programs, funds will be considered “committed” when a grantee has returned to the DNR a signed copy of the grant agreement.
- For the TRM program, grant agreements not signed by the deadline may be rescinded by DNR, and the associated grant funds may be used to fund other eligible projects in rank order based on project scores. If, for any reason, funds committed through this allocation plan become available after March 31, 2024, these funds may be held to fund projects selected in the next grant cycle.

1. TRM Preliminary Allocation

DNR allocates up to \$2,258,393 to counties for cost sharing of TRM projects during calendar year 2024. This amount is adequate to fully fund the estimated state share for all 6 eligible county Small-Scale TRM applications. Additionally, this amount is adequate to fully fund the estimated state share for all three eligible county Large-Scale TRM applications. As shown in Chart 1, there are not any unmet needs for county TRM projects.

The maximum cost-share amount that can be awarded for a single Small-Scale TRM project is \$225,000. The maximum cost-share amount that can be awarded for a single Large-Scale TRM project is \$600,000.

TRM allocations made through this plan will be reimbursed to grantees during calendar years 2024 through 2025 for Small-Scale projects and through 2026 for Large-Scale projects. Project applications are screened, scored, and ranked in accordance with s. 281.65(4c), Wis. Stats. Adjustments to grant amounts may occur to account for eligibility of project components, cost-share rates, or ch. NR 151 enforcement action at the time that DNR negotiates the actual grant agreement with an applicant.

2. UNPS Preliminary Allocation

DNR has implemented an alternating schedule for both UNPS-Planning and UNPS-Construction grants. The UNPS-Planning grants are solicited in odd years, and the UNPS-Construction grants are solicited in even years. The maximum cost-share amount that can be awarded for a UNPS-Construction grant is \$150,000, with an additional \$50,000 for land

acquisition. The maximum cost-share amount that can be awarded for a UNPS-Planning grant is \$85,000.

UNPS grant awards will be reimbursed to grantees during calendar years 2024 and 2025. Project applications have been screened, scored, and ranked in accordance with s. 281.66, Wis. Stats.

CONSTRUCTION. UNPS-Construction grant applications were not solicited in 2023 for the 2024 award cycle. The UNPS-Construction grant application will be available in early 2024 for 2025 awards.

PLANNING. UNPS-Planning grant applications were solicited in 2023 for the 2024 award cycle. Two eligible applications were received from counties. The DNR allocates up to \$29,015 to fully fund both grant applications.

3. Notice of Discharge Program

A. Background

DNR issues notices of discharge (NOD) and notices of intent (NOI) under ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code; this code regulates animal feeding operations. DNR has authority under s. 281.65(4e), Wis. Stats., to provide grant assistance for NOD and NOI projects outside of the competitive TRM process. DNR is authorized to award grants to governmental units, which in turn enter into cost-share agreements with landowners that have received an NOD or NOI.

Cost-share assistance is provided to landowners to meet the regulatory requirements of an NOD issued under ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code. In some cases, cost-share assistance must be offered before enforcement action can be taken. In other cases, DNR is not required to provide cost sharing but may do so at its discretion. DNR has several permitting and enforcement options available under ch. NR 243 if landowners should fail to meet the conditions of the NOD.

B. NOD Preliminary Allocation

This Preliminary Allocation Plan establishes a reserve of \$1,000,000 for NOD projects during calendar year 2024. The reserve includes funds for structural practices in eligible locations. DNR may use its discretion to increase this reserve if needed. To receive a grant award, a governmental unit must submit an application to DNR that describes a specific project and includes documentation that an NOD or NOI has either already been issued or will be issued by DNR concurrent with the grant award. Once DNR issues a grant to the governmental unit to address an NOD or NOI, DNR will designate a portion of the reserve specifically for that project.

DNR will require that county grantees commit funds to a cost-share agreement with the landowner within a timeframe that is consistent with the compliance schedule in the NOD. The county grantee shall use the grant award to reimburse the landowner for costs incurred

during the grant period, which may extend beyond calendar year 2024. If the landowner fails to install practices listed in the cost-share agreement within the timeframe identified, DNR will terminate its grant with the county, leaving the landowner to correct the problems identified in the NOD without the benefit of state cost sharing.

Fund balances from terminated NOD grants and projects completed under budget may be returned to the reserve account and made available to other NOD applicants. Reserve funds remaining at the end of calendar year 2024 may either be carried over for the calendar year 2025 NOD reserve account or may be allocated for calendar year 2025 TRM projects.

Attachments

\$13,552.00 staffing reduction from 2023

TABLES

Table A: DATCP Allocations										
STAFFING AND COST-SHARE ALLOCATIONS										
County	DATCP Staffing & Support Allocation	LWRM Plan Implementation Allocation		Total DATCP Allocation	County	DATCP Staffing & Support Allocation	LWRM Plan Implementation Allocation		Total DATCP Allocation	
		Structural Cost-Sharing	SEG Cost-Sharing				Structural Cost-Sharing	SEG Cost-Sharing		
Adams	141,395	43,500	35,000	219,895	Marathon	209,031	71,200	95,000	375,231	
Ashland	144,414	50,000	30,000	224,414	Marinette	150,820	49,000	50,000	249,820	
Barron	158,931	48,000	10,000	216,931	Marquette	144,736	40,300	70,000	255,036	
Bayfield	147,332	50,200	8,000	205,532	Menominee	98,883	20,000	0	118,883	
Brown	176,980	55,000	20,000	251,980	Milwaukee	92,963	10,000	3,000	102,963	
Buffalo	144,014	43,300	20,000	207,314	Monroe	156,717	61,200	50,000	217,917	
Burnett	115,674	35,000	10,000	160,674	Oconto	163,978	55,000	0	218,978	
Calumet	198,312	41,100	40,000	279,412	Oneida	130,878	38,500	0	169,378	
Chippewa	177,073	71,200	70,000	318,273	Outagamie	209,940	55,000	65,000	329,940	
Clark	162,886	58,500	65,000	286,386	Ozaukee	163,317	56,200	25,000	244,517	
Columbia	146,745	62,150	80,000	288,895	Pepin	113,619	40,300	40,000	193,919	
Crawford	127,940	55,000	8,000	190,940	Pierce	157,892	61,000	15,000	233,892	
Dane	239,089	65,200	95,000	399,289	Polk	153,776	50,000	0	203,776	
Dodge	151,739	51,300	20,000	223,039	Portage	169,119	67,200	0	236,319	
Door	185,981	56,200	10,000	252,181	Price	107,243	43,500	0	150,743	
Douglas	129,947	33,950	5,000	168,897	Racine	182,864	56,200	90,000	329,064	
Dunn	202,027	61,200	20,000	283,227	Richland	118,873	37,100	20,000	175,973	
Eau Claire	164,221	41,000	65,000	270,221	Rock	160,227	65,200	80,000	305,427	
Florence	89,955	38,500	0	128,455	Rusk	120,147	43,500	25,000	188,647	
Fond du Lac	175,763	40,000	5,600	221,363	Saint Croix	158,226	54,500	45,000	257,726	
Forest	98,568	20,000	10,000	128,568	Sauk	176,278	61,200	60,000	297,478	
Grant	127,784	71,200	0	198,984	Sawyer	109,126	38,500	8,000	155,626	
Green	168,878	68,900	20,000	257,778	Shawano	154,819	45,100	20,000	219,919	
Green Lake	173,645	43,500	30,000	247,145	Sheboygan	167,016	55,000	15,000	237,016	
Iowa	159,845	45,000	45,000	249,845	Taylor	150,892	55,000	65,000	270,892	
Iron	126,647	38,500	2,000	167,147	Trempealeau	129,818	67,200	30,000	227,018	
Jackson	143,952	61,000	0	204,952	Vernon	137,920	61,200	80,000	279,120	
Jefferson	183,527	35,000	12,000	230,527	Vilas	137,321	31,200	0	168,521	
Juneau	149,029	48,300	20,000	217,329	Walworth	187,746	55,000	20,000	262,746	
Kenosha	145,109	32,300	5,000	182,409	Washburn	124,161	43,500	6,000	173,661	
Kewaunee	182,762	45,100	25,000	252,862	Washington	161,172	31,200	10,000	202,372	
LaCrosse	176,363	43,500	20,000	239,863	Waukesha	205,571	36,200	0	241,771	
Lafayette	111,657	67,200	0	178,857	Waupaca	157,179	62,700	79,784	299,663	
Langlade	107,988	29,000	35,000	171,988	Waushara	153,274	43,500	25,000	221,774	
Lincoln	98,939	36,200	1,000	136,139	Winnebago	178,843	48,300	50,000	277,143	
Manitowoc	165,432	55,000	75,000	295,432	Wood	167,372	50,300	54,000	271,672	
					Reserve		300,000		300,000	
					Sub-Totals	\$10,962,300	\$3,800,000	\$2,112,384	\$16,874,684	
PROJECT COOPERATOR ALLOCATIONS										
UW Madison CALS				596,000	Nutrient Management Farmer Education				377,053	
UW-SFAL				18,005	Innovation Grants				182,650	
UW NOP Support				86,176	Sub-Total Cooperator Allocation				\$1,562,616	
Wisconsin Land and Water				255,732						
WLWCA SOC				42,000						
Conservation Observation Day				5,000						
PROGRAM ALLOCATION TOTALS					TOTAL	\$10,962,300	\$3,800,000	\$2,112,384	\$18,437,300	

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County	Tier 1	Tier 2									2024 DATCP Staffing and Support Allocation
	Base Allocation	First Position at 100% (Round 1)	Round 1 Award	Adjusted Award (Tier 1 + Round 1)	Second Position at 70% (Round 2)	Eligible Round 2 Award	Round 2 Award at 85% of 70%	Adjusted Award (Tier 1 + Round 1&2)	Third Position at 50% (Round 3)	Round 3 Award No Funds Available	
Adams	\$75,000	\$94,833.00	\$19,833.00	\$94,833.00	\$54,760.00	\$54,760.00	\$46,562.00	\$141,395.00	\$35,725.00		\$141,395.00
Ashland	\$75,000	\$95,134.00	\$20,134.00	\$95,134.00	\$57,956.00	\$57,956.00	\$49,280.00	\$144,414.00	\$28,366.00		\$144,414.00
Barron	\$75,000	\$100,242.00	\$25,242.00	\$100,242.00	\$69,021.00	\$69,021.00	\$58,689.00	\$158,931.00	\$46,146.00		\$158,931.00
Bayfield	\$75,000	\$95,987.00	\$20,987.00	\$95,987.00	\$60,385.00	\$60,385.00	\$51,345.00	\$147,332.00	\$37,776.00		\$147,332.00
Brown	\$75,000	\$115,650.00	\$40,650.00	\$115,650.00	\$72,128.00	\$72,128.00	\$61,330.00	\$176,980.00	\$45,083.00		\$176,980.00
Buffalo	\$75,000	\$99,086.00	\$24,086.00	\$99,086.00	\$52,838.00	\$52,838.00	\$44,928.00	\$144,014.00	\$18,135.00		\$144,014.00
Burnett	\$75,000	\$77,480.00	\$2,480.00	\$77,480.00	\$44,918.00	\$44,918.00	\$38,194.00	\$115,674.00	\$32,049.00		\$115,674.00
Calumet	\$75,000	\$130,881.00	\$55,881.00	\$130,881.00	\$79,303.00	\$79,303.00	\$67,431.00	\$198,312.00	\$55,793.00		\$198,312.00
Chippewa	\$75,000	\$116,492.00	\$41,492.00	\$116,492.00	\$71,247.00	\$71,247.00	\$60,581.00	\$177,073.00	\$48,496.00		\$177,073.00
Clark	\$75,000	\$109,782.00	\$34,782.00	\$109,782.00	\$62,453.00	\$62,453.00	\$53,104.00	\$162,886.00	\$28,143.00		\$162,886.00
Columbia	\$75,000	\$93,905.00	\$18,905.00	\$93,905.00	\$62,143.00	\$62,143.00	\$52,840.00	\$146,745.00	\$43,851.00		\$146,745.00
Crawford	\$75,000	\$80,407.00	\$5,407.00	\$80,407.00	\$55,901.00	\$55,901.00	\$47,533.00	\$127,940.00	\$29,418.00		\$127,940.00
Dane	\$75,000	\$151,697.00	\$76,697.00	\$151,697.00	\$102,778.00	\$102,778.00	\$87,392.00	\$239,089.00	\$64,080.00		\$239,089.00
Dodge	\$75,000	\$95,794.00	\$20,794.00	\$95,794.00	\$65,795.00	\$65,795.00	\$55,945.00	\$151,739.00	\$41,804.00		\$151,739.00
Door	\$75,000	\$125,929.00	\$50,929.00	\$125,929.00	\$70,624.00	\$70,624.00	\$60,052.00	\$185,981.00	\$47,461.00		\$185,981.00
Douglas	\$75,000	\$86,072.00	\$11,072.00	\$86,072.00	\$51,600.00	\$51,600.00	\$43,875.00	\$129,947.00	\$30,888.00		\$129,947.00
Dunn	\$75,000	\$132,699.00	\$57,699.00	\$132,699.00	\$81,534.00	\$81,534.00	\$69,328.00	\$202,027.00	\$58,045.00		\$202,027.00
Eau Claire	\$75,000	\$110,843.00	\$35,843.00	\$110,843.00	\$62,775.00	\$62,775.00	\$53,378.00	\$164,221.00	\$39,233.00		\$164,221.00
Florence	\$75,000	\$68,829.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$23,759.00	\$17,588.00	\$14,955.00	\$89,955.00	\$6,734.00		\$89,955.00
Fond du Lac	\$75,000	\$118,307.00	\$43,307.00	\$118,307.00	\$67,572.00	\$67,572.00	\$57,456.00	\$175,763.00	\$39,443.00		\$175,763.00
Forest	\$75,000	\$75,435.00	\$435.00	\$75,435.00	\$27,206.00	\$27,206.00	\$23,133.00	\$98,568.00	\$13,111.00		\$98,568.00
Grant	\$75,000	\$85,350.00	\$10,350.00	\$85,350.00	\$49,905.00	\$49,905.00	\$42,434.00	\$127,784.00	\$31,114.00		\$127,784.00
Green	\$75,000	\$116,941.00	\$41,941.00	\$116,941.00	\$61,081.00	\$61,081.00	\$51,937.00	\$168,878.00	\$27,948.00		\$168,878.00
Green Lake	\$75,000	\$113,368.00	\$38,368.00	\$113,368.00	\$70,889.00	\$70,889.00	\$60,277.00	\$173,645.00	\$45,306.00		\$173,645.00
Iowa	\$75,000	\$109,814.00	\$34,814.00	\$109,814.00	\$58,839.00	\$58,839.00	\$50,031.00	\$159,845.00	\$38,360.00		\$159,845.00
Iron	\$75,000	\$79,797.00	\$4,797.00	\$79,797.00	\$55,098.00	\$55,098.00	\$46,850.00	\$126,647.00	\$8,146.00		\$126,647.00
Jackson	\$75,000	\$90,832.00	\$15,832.00	\$90,832.00	\$62,472.00	\$62,472.00	\$53,120.00	\$143,952.00			\$143,952.00
Jefferson	\$75,000	\$121,510.00	\$46,510.00	\$121,510.00	\$72,935.00	\$72,935.00	\$62,017.00	\$183,527.00	\$37,520.00		\$183,527.00
Juneau	\$75,000	\$95,520.00	\$20,520.00	\$95,520.00	\$62,930.00	\$62,930.00	\$53,509.00	\$149,029.00	\$34,950.00		\$149,029.00
Kenosha	\$75,000	\$115,693.00	\$40,693.00	\$115,693.00	\$34,595.00	\$34,595.00	\$29,416.00	\$145,109.00	\$14,055.00		\$145,109.00
Kewaunee	\$75,000	\$124,960.00	\$49,960.00	\$124,960.00	\$67,978.00	\$67,978.00	\$57,802.00	\$182,762.00	\$39,551.00		\$182,762.00
LaCrosse	\$75,000	\$114,760.00	\$39,760.00	\$114,760.00	\$72,449.00	\$72,449.00	\$61,603.00	\$176,363.00	\$48,324.00		\$176,363.00
Lafayette	\$75,000	\$70,773.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$47,338.00	\$43,111.00	\$36,657.00	\$111,657.00	\$31,999.00		\$111,657.00
Langlade	\$75,000	\$87,090.00	\$12,090.00	\$87,090.00	\$24,577.00	\$24,577.00	\$20,898.00	\$107,988.00	\$12,908.00		\$107,988.00
Lincoln	\$75,000	\$87,453.00	\$12,453.00	\$87,453.00	\$13,508.00	\$13,508.00	\$11,486.00	\$98,939.00	\$7,861.00		\$98,939.00
Manitowoc	\$75,000	\$119,853.00	\$44,853.00	\$119,853.00	\$53,603.00	\$53,603.00	\$45,579.00	\$165,432.00	\$37,230.00		\$165,432.00

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Marathon	\$75,000	\$144,730.00	\$69,730.00	\$144,730.00	\$75,622.00	\$75,622.00	\$64,301.00	\$209,031.00	\$52,836.00		\$209,031.00
Marinette	\$75,000	\$97,694.00	\$22,694.00	\$97,694.00	\$62,479.00	\$62,479.00	\$53,126.00	\$150,820.00	\$35,887.00		\$150,820.00
Marquette	\$75,000	\$114,401.00	\$39,401.00	\$114,401.00	\$35,676.00	\$35,676.00	\$30,335.00	\$144,736.00	\$14,905.00		\$144,736.00
Menominee	\$75,000	\$43,830.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$59,258.00	\$28,088.00	\$23,883.00	\$98,883.00			\$98,883.00
Milwaukee	\$75,000		\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$96,125.00	\$21,125.00	\$17,963.00	\$92,963.00	\$43,583.00		\$92,963.00
Monroe	\$75,000	\$114,480.00	\$39,480.00	\$114,480.00	\$49,673.00	\$49,673.00	\$42,237.00	\$156,717.00	\$30,907.00		\$156,717.00
Oconto	\$75,000	\$108,292.00	\$33,292.00	\$108,292.00	\$65,490.00	\$65,490.00	\$55,686.00	\$163,978.00	\$38,447.00		\$163,978.00
Oneida	\$75,000	\$89,180.00	\$14,180.00	\$89,180.00	\$49,039.00	\$49,039.00	\$41,698.00	\$130,878.00	\$9,685.00		\$130,878.00
Outagamie	\$75,000	\$135,683.00	\$60,683.00	\$135,683.00	\$87,330.00	\$87,330.00	\$74,257.00	\$209,940.00	\$50,150.00		\$209,940.00
Ozaukee	\$75,000	\$114,949.00	\$39,949.00	\$114,949.00	\$56,883.00	\$56,883.00	\$48,368.00	\$163,317.00	\$22,003.00		\$163,317.00
Pepin	\$75,000	\$52,694.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$67,724.00	\$45,418.00	\$38,619.00	\$113,619.00	\$22,944.00		\$113,619.00
Pierce	\$75,000	\$99,483.00	\$24,483.00	\$99,483.00	\$68,692.00	\$68,692.00	\$58,409.00	\$157,892.00	\$46,337.00		\$157,892.00
Polk	\$75,000	\$106,703.00	\$31,703.00	\$106,703.00	\$55,360.00	\$55,360.00	\$47,073.00	\$153,776.00	\$43,814.00		\$153,776.00
Portage	\$75,000	\$113,032.00	\$38,032.00	\$113,032.00	\$65,962.00	\$65,962.00	\$56,087.00	\$169,119.00	\$44,832.00		\$169,119.00
Price	\$75,000	\$68,541.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$44,379.00	\$37,920.00	\$32,243.00	\$107,243.00	\$10,892.00		\$107,243.00
Racine	\$75,000	\$118,650.00	\$43,650.00	\$118,650.00	\$75,519.00	\$75,519.00	\$64,214.00	\$182,864.00	\$36,948.00		\$182,864.00
Richland	\$75,000	\$78,610.00	\$3,610.00	\$78,610.00	\$47,352.00	\$47,352.00	\$40,263.00	\$118,873.00	\$25,373.00		\$118,873.00
Rock	\$75,000	\$108,908.00	\$33,908.00	\$108,908.00	\$60,354.00	\$60,354.00	\$51,319.00	\$160,227.00	\$41,839.00		\$160,227.00
Rusk	\$75,000	\$69,672.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$58,423.00	\$53,095.00	\$45,147.00	\$120,147.00	\$29,262.00		\$120,147.00
Saint Croix	\$75,000	\$100,169.00	\$25,169.00	\$100,169.00	\$68,278.00	\$68,278.00	\$58,057.00	\$158,226.00	\$37,532.00		\$158,226.00
Sauk	\$75,000	\$115,811.00	\$40,811.00	\$115,811.00	\$71,113.00	\$71,113.00	\$60,467.00	\$176,278.00	\$48,223.00		\$176,278.00
Sawyer	\$75,000	\$70,342.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$44,792.00	\$40,134.00	\$34,126.00	\$109,126.00	\$20,295.00		\$109,126.00
Shawano	\$75,000	\$106,718.00	\$31,718.00	\$106,718.00	\$56,570.00	\$56,570.00	\$48,101.00	\$154,819.00	\$30,279.00		\$154,819.00
Sheboygan	\$75,000	\$105,115.00	\$30,115.00	\$105,115.00	\$72,799.00	\$72,799.00	\$61,901.00	\$167,016.00	\$47,537.00		\$167,016.00
Taylor	\$75,000	\$105,270.00	\$30,270.00	\$105,270.00	\$53,654.00	\$53,654.00	\$45,622.00	\$150,892.00	\$36,135.00		\$150,892.00
Trempealeau	\$75,000	\$81,723.00	\$6,723.00	\$81,723.00	\$56,563.00	\$56,563.00	\$48,095.00	\$129,818.00	\$39,229.00		\$129,818.00
Vernon	\$75,000	\$101,264.00	\$26,264.00	\$101,264.00	\$43,110.00	\$43,110.00	\$36,656.00	\$137,920.00	\$35,193.00		\$137,920.00
Vilas	\$75,000	\$93,276.00	\$18,276.00	\$93,276.00	\$51,799.00	\$51,799.00	\$44,045.00	\$137,321.00	\$28,028.00		\$137,321.00
Walworth	\$75,000	\$121,598.00	\$46,598.00	\$121,598.00	\$77,794.00	\$77,794.00	\$66,148.00	\$187,746.00	\$46,944.00		\$187,746.00
Washburn	\$75,000	\$85,177.00	\$10,177.00	\$85,177.00	\$45,847.00	\$45,847.00	\$38,984.00	\$124,161.00	\$1,443.00		\$124,161.00
Washington	\$75,000	\$108,307.00	\$33,307.00	\$108,307.00	\$62,172.00	\$62,172.00	\$52,865.00	\$161,172.00	\$32,072.00		\$161,172.00
Waukesha	\$75,000	\$141,885.00	\$66,885.00	\$141,885.00	\$74,898.00	\$74,898.00	\$63,686.00	\$205,571.00	\$45,594.00		\$205,571.00
Waupaca	\$75,000	\$99,424.00	\$24,424.00	\$99,424.00	\$67,923.00	\$67,923.00	\$57,755.00	\$157,179.00	\$47,602.00		\$157,179.00
Waushara	\$75,000	\$102,349.00	\$27,349.00	\$102,349.00	\$59,889.00	\$59,889.00	\$50,924.00	\$153,273.00	\$41,375.00		\$153,274.00
Winnebago	\$75,000	\$122,238.00	\$47,238.00	\$122,238.00	\$66,571.00	\$66,571.00	\$56,605.00	\$178,843.00	\$42,646.00		\$178,843.00
Wood	\$75,000	\$125,397.00	\$50,397.00	\$125,397.00	\$49,365.00	\$49,365.00	\$41,975.00	\$167,372.00	\$31,005.00		\$167,372.00
Totals	5,400,000	7,274,793		7,430,112	4,309,370	4,154,051	3,532,187	10,962,299	2,416,828	-	10,962,300

Table B: Total DNR Final Allocations					
County	Targeted Runoff Mgmt. BMP Construction	Local Assistance Funding for Large Scale TRM	Urban NPS & Storm Water Mgmt. BMP Construction	Urban NPS & Storm Water Mgmt. Planning	Total DNR Final Allocations
Calumet				\$16,520	\$16,520
Dodge	\$200,000	\$30,000			\$230,000
Kenosha	\$225,000				\$225,000
Kewaunee	\$53,608				\$53,608
Oconto	\$225,000				\$225,000
Outagamie	\$225,000				\$225,000
Walworth	\$436,950				\$436,950
Washburn	\$37,835				\$37,835
Waupaca	\$225,000				\$225,000
Winnebago				\$12,495	\$12,495
Wood	\$428,572	\$171,428			\$600,000
DNR NR243 NOD Reserve					\$1,000,000
Total	\$2,056,965	\$201,428	\$0	\$29,015	\$3,287,408

Table C: Summary of DATCP and DNR Allocations							
County	Staffing & Support from DATCP and DNR	Cost-Sharing from DATCP and DNR	Total Allocation of DATCP and DNR Funding	County	Staffing & Support from DATCP and DNR	Cost-Sharing from DATCP and DNR	Total Allocation of DATCP and DNR Funding
Adams	141,395	78,500	219,895	Marinette	150,820	99,000	249,820
Ashland	144,414	80,000	224,414	Marquette	144,736	110,300	255,036
Barron	158,931	58,000	216,931	Menominee	98,883	20,000	118,883
Bayfield	147,332	58,200	205,532	Milwaukee	92,963	13,000	105,963
Brown	176,980	75,000	251,980	Monroe	156,717	111,200	267,917
Buffalo	144,014	63,300	207,314	Oconto	163,978	280,000	443,978
Burnett	115,674	45,000	160,674	Oneida	130,878	38,500	169,378
Calumet	214,832	81,100	295,932	Outagamie	209,940	345,000	554,940
Chippewa	177,073	141,200	318,273	Ozaukee	163,317	81,200	244,517
Clark	162,886	123,500	286,386	Pepin	113,619	80,300	193,919
Columbia	146,745	142,150	288,895	Pierce	157,892	76,000	233,892
Crawford	127,940	63,000	190,940	Polk	153,776	50,000	203,776
Dane	239,089	160,200	399,289	Portage	169,119	67,200	236,319
Dodge	181,739	271,300	453,039	Price	107,243	43,500	150,743
Door	185,981	66,200	252,181	Racine	182,864	146,200	329,064
Douglas	129,947	38,950	168,897	Richland	118,873	57,100	175,973
Dunn	202,027	81,200	283,227	Rock	160,227	145,200	305,427
Eau Claire	164,221	106,000	270,221	Rusk	120,147	68,500	188,647
Florence	89,955	38,500	128,455	Saint Croix	158,226	99,500	257,726
Fond du Lac	175,763	45,600	221,363	Sauk	176,278	121,200	297,478
Forest	98,568	30,000	128,568	Sawyer	109,126	46,500	155,626
Grant	127,784	71,200	198,984	Shawano	154,819	65,100	219,919
Green	168,878	88,900	257,778	Sheboygan	167,016	70,000	237,016
Green Lake	173,645	73,500	247,145	Taylor	150,892	120,000	270,892
Iowa	159,845	90,000	249,845	Trempealeau	129,818	97,200	227,018
Iron	126,647	40,500	167,147	Vernon	137,920	141,200	279,120
Jackson	143,952	61,000	204,952	Vilas	137,321	31,200	168,521
Jefferson	183,527	47,000	230,527	Walworth	187,746	511,950	699,696
Juneau	149,029	68,300	217,329	Washburn	124,161	87,335	211,496
Kenosha	145,109	262,300	407,409	Washington	161,172	41,200	202,372
Kewaunee	182,762	123,708	306,470	Waukesha	205,571	36,200	241,771
LaCrosse	176,363	63,500	239,863	Waupaca	157,179	367,484	524,663
Lafayette	111,657	67,200	178,857	Waushara	153,274	68,500	221,774
Langlade	107,988	64,000	171,988	Winnebago	191,338	98,300	289,638
Lincoln	98,939	37,200	136,139	Wood	338,800	532,872	871,672
Manitowoc	165,432	130,000	295,432	DATCP NR243 Res.		300,000	300,000
Marathon	209,031	166,200	375,231	DNR NR243 Res.		1,000,000	1,000,000
				Sub-Totals	11,192,743	8,969,349	20,162,092
OPERATOR ALLOCATIONS							
UW-CALS			596,000	Nutrient Management Farmer Education			377,053
WI Land + Water (WLWCA)			255,732	Innovation Grants			182,650
Standard Oversight Council (SOC)			42,000	Sub-Total Cooperator Allocation			\$1,562,616
Conservation Observation Day			5,000				
UW NOPP Support			86,176				
UW-SFAL			18,005				
PROGRAM ALLOCATION TOTALS					\$ 11,192,743	\$ 8,969,349	\$ 21,724,708

Table A-2: County Structural Practices Cost-Share Awards

County	Structural Practice Awards				County	Structural Practice Awards			
	20-22 Cumulative Average Under-Spending*	2017 Census Acres**	20-22 Cumulative Total Dollars Spent***	Award		20-22 Cumulative Average Under-Spending*	2017 Census Acres**	20-22 Cumulative Total Dollars Spent***	Award
<i>Adams</i>	0.0000%	117,206	\$103,561	\$43,500	Marathon	0.0000%	473,147	\$301,668	\$71,200
Ashland	0.0001%	52,428	\$152,484	\$50,000	Marinette	0.0000%	133,068	\$121,390	\$49,000
Barron	11.3314%	305,604	\$140,171	\$48,000	Marquette	0.5114%	113,183	\$143,945	\$40,300
Bayfield	0.0000%	81,041	\$176,971	\$50,200	Menominee	0.0000%	290	\$50,544	\$20,000
Brown	0.0000%	192,007	\$162,138	\$55,000	<i>Milwaukee</i>	0.0000%	6,990	\$420	\$10,000
Buffalo	17.8234%	293,130	\$149,693	\$43,300	Monroe	0.0000%	300,659	\$158,014	\$61,200
Burnett	0.3790%	89,237	\$241,480	\$35,000	<i>Oconto</i>	0.0000%	189,898	\$184,242	\$55,000
Calumet	7.9340%	153,858	\$106,868	\$41,100	Oneida	0.0000%	34,670	\$117,528	\$38,500
Chippewa	0.0000%	356,176	\$469,804	\$71,200	Outagamie	0.0000%	236,963	\$136,290	\$55,000
Clark	0.0000%	451,035	\$147,759	\$58,500	Ozaukee	0.0000%	59,299	\$204,380	\$56,200
Columbia	0.0000%	304,058	\$149,011	\$62,150	Pepin	1.0753%	106,881	\$113,046	\$40,300
Crawford	0.0000%	210,550	\$178,537	\$55,000	Pierce	0.0000%	233,188	\$208,977	\$61,000
Dane	0.0000%	506,688	\$166,731	\$65,200	Polk	0.0000%	256,114	\$141,635	\$50,000
<i>Dodge</i>	4.7770%	405,992	\$100,524	\$51,300	<i>Portage</i>	0.0004%	280,410	\$242,427	\$67,200
<i>Door</i>	0.0001%	114,508	\$205,863	\$56,200	Price	0.0000%	89,203	\$137,555	\$43,500
Douglas	0.0000%	69,759	\$40,481	\$33,950	Racine	0.0000%	127,496	\$244,576	\$56,200
Dunn	0.0000%	348,301	\$173,468	\$61,200	Richland	27.3975%	220,843	\$109,176	\$37,100
Eau Claire	0.0000%	172,256	\$95,710	\$41,000	Rock	0.0000%	353,505	\$181,906	\$65,200
Florence	0.0000%	18,609	\$117,461	\$38,500	Rusk	0.0000%	136,062	\$123,424	\$43,500
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	1.1673%	317,371	\$66,782	\$40,000	Saint Croix	0.0000%	279,191	\$134,144	\$54,500
<i>Forest</i>	9.4197%	38,084	\$24,689	\$20,000	Sauk	0.0000%	298,906	\$163,486	\$61,200
Grant	0.0000%	600,324	\$217,560	\$71,200	Sawyer	0.0000%	46,009	\$104,111	\$38,500
Green	0.0000%	292,368	\$172,464	\$68,900	Shawano	0.7383%	247,241	\$102,470	\$45,100
Green Lake	0.0000%	126,751	\$137,148	\$43,500	Sheboygan	0.0000%	195,938	\$175,414	\$55,000
Iowa	0.0000%	360,134	\$157,134	\$45,000	Taylor	0.0000%	225,856	\$183,093	\$55,000
Iron	0.0000%	9,200	\$134,505	\$38,500	<i>Trempealeau</i>	0.0003%	329,916	\$263,436	\$67,200
Jackson	0.0000%	248,342	\$230,145	\$61,000	Vernon	0.0000%	337,086	\$151,076	\$61,200
<i>Jefferson</i>	0.2504%	221,355	\$28,294	\$35,000	Vilas	0.0000%	5,652	\$78,855	\$31,200
Juneau	0.0000%	175,417	\$120,445	\$48,300	Walworth	0.0000%	192,422	\$166,855	\$55,000
<i>Kenosha</i>	10.7487%	77,782	\$126,443	\$32,300	Washburn	0.0000%	73,773	\$107,557	\$43,500
Kewaunee	1.7375%	170,405	\$145,024	\$45,100	Washington	0.0000%	126,146	\$18,456	\$31,200
LaCrosse	0.0000%	144,334	\$143,795	\$43,500	Waukesha	0.0000%	97,460	\$57,148	\$36,200
Lafayette	0.0242%	342,518	\$264,832	\$67,200	Waupaca	0.0000%	201,603	\$185,850	\$62,700
<i>Langlade</i>	5.6455%	116,386	\$93,147	\$29,000	Waushara	0.0000%	135,306	\$131,884	\$43,500
Lincoln	0.0000%	78,293	\$61,732	\$36,200	Winnebago	0.0000%	162,052	\$125,040	\$48,300
Manitowoc	0.0000%	231,609	\$183,186	\$55,000	Wood	0.0000%	220,891	\$113,074	\$50,300
					TOTAL				\$3,500,000

Each County was given a base of \$10,000 to help counties receive closer to their requested amount. The following criteria were also applied to finalize a county's Structural Practice award.

*Graduated awards based on 3-yr avg underspending, excluding extended underspending: 0% = \$11,200, 0.5-1.99% = \$8,000, 2-9.999%=\$4,000, >10% = \$0.

**Graduated awards based on 2017 Census acres: 350,000 or more=\$25,000; 250,000-349,999=\$21,000; 150,000-249,999=\$14,800, 50,000-149,999=\$10,000, <50,000=\$5,000.

***Graduated awards based on 3-yr cumulative spending: \$200K+ = \$25,000, \$150K-199,999=\$19,000, \$100K-\$149,999 = \$12,300, \$50K-\$99,999 = \$5,000, \$20K-\$99,999 = \$2,750, <\$20,000 = \$0

County Name in Italics = County transferred funds awarded in prior grant year

County Name Shaded: County awarded the amount of its request, which was less than the maximum grant award.

Table A-3: County SEG Cost-Share Awards

Ranking and Award				Ranking and Award			
County	Score	Grouping	Award	County	Score	Grouping	Award
<i>Adams</i>	45	4	\$35,000	Marathon	100	1	\$95,000
<i>Ashland</i>	50	3	\$30,000	Marinette	55	3	\$50,000
<i>Barron</i>	60	3	\$10,000	Marquette	70	3	\$70,000
<i>Bayfield</i>	35	4	\$8,000	Menominee			NA
<i>Brown</i>	70	3	\$20,000	Milwaukee	15	5	\$3,000
<i>Buffalo</i>	70	3	\$20,000	Monroe	60	3	\$50,000
<i>Burnett</i>	50	3	\$10,000	Oconto			NA
<i>Calumet</i>	65	3	\$40,000	Oneida			NA
<i>Chippewa</i>	65	3	\$70,000	Outagamie	65	3	\$65,000
<i>Clark</i>	70	3	\$65,000	Ozaukee	60	3	\$25,000
<i>Columbia</i>	75	2	\$80,000	Pepin	60	3	\$40,000
<i>Crawford</i>	15	5	\$8,000	Pierce	45	4	\$15,000
<i>Dane</i>	100	1	\$95,000	Polk			NA
<i>Dodge</i>	65	3	\$20,000	Portage			NA
<i>Door</i>	65	3	\$10,000	Price			NA
<i>Douglas</i>	45	4	\$5,000	Racine	70	3	\$90,000
<i>Dunn</i>	70	3	\$20,000	Richland	40	4	\$20,000
<i>Eau Claire</i>	70	3	\$65,000	Rock	95	2	\$80,000
<i>Florence</i>			NA	Rusk	35	4	\$25,000
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	75	2	\$5,600	Saint Croix	65	3	\$45,000
<i>Forest</i>	15	5	\$10,000	Sauk	65	3	\$60,000
<i>Grant</i>			NA	Sawyer	10	5	\$8,000
<i>Green</i>	50	3	\$20,000	Shawano	35	4	\$20,000
<i>Green Lake</i>	65	3	\$30,000	Sheboygan	65	3	\$15,000
<i>Iowa</i>	75	2	\$45,000	Taylor	50	3	\$65,000
<i>Iron</i>	5	5	\$2,000	Trempealeau	65	3	\$30,000
<i>Jackson</i>			NA	Vernon	80	2	\$80,000
<i>Jefferson</i>	60	3	\$12,000	Vilas			NA
<i>Juneau</i>	35	4	\$20,000	Walworth	55	3	\$20,000
<i>Kenosha</i>	25	4	\$5,000	Washburn	25	4	\$6,000
<i>Kewaunee</i>	55	3	\$25,000	Washington	45	4	\$10,000
<i>La Crosse</i>	60	3	\$20,000	Waukesha			NA
<i>Lafayette</i>			NA	Waupaca			\$79,784
<i>Langlade</i>	45	4	\$35,000	Waushara	55	3	\$25,000
<i>Lincoln</i>	25	4	\$1,000	Winnebago	65	3	\$50,000
<i>Manitowoc</i>	95	2	\$75,000	Wood	60	3	\$54,000
TOTAL				\$2,112,384			
County Name in Italics = County transferred funds awarded in prior grant year NA= County did not apply for SEG funds				County Name Shaded = County awarded the amount of its request, which was less than the maximum grant award			

Allocation Plan Dictionary

Chapter 92: Wisconsin statute establishing soil and water conservation and animal waste management.

ATCP 50: State administrative rule that provides the framework to cost-share conservation practices including nutrient management plans. It describes the parameters for grants for conservation practices; identifies the costs to be included in cost-share grants to landowners; identifies conservation practice standards available for cost-sharing; defines the requirements for a land and water resource management plan; establishes the process and priorities for allocating grants to support county conservation efforts; describes conservation compliance requirements for the farmland preservation program; describes the process to certify conservation engineering practitioners; establishes qualifications for nutrient management planners; allows for certification of soil and manure testing laboratories and ensures access to education and training opportunities.

Agricultural Enterprise Areas: A locally identified area of contiguous agricultural lands that has received designation from the state (DATCP), at the joint request of landowners and local governments through a petition, to qualify it as important to preserve and invest in. As a part of the state's Farmland Preservation Program, AEAs strive to support local farmland protection goals and enable landowners to sign voluntary 15-year farmland preservation agreements.

Bond: Bond authority was appropriated to the department through state's biennial budget

process prior to the 2023-2025 cycle. Bonds can only be used to fund projects with a minimum of a 10-year life span. County LCDs have used bonding for cost-sharing of hard practices. As of the 2024 Allocation Plan, the only bond funds are approved extension funds and the engineering reserve fund.

DATCP: Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Administers many conservation programs that are implemented by counties including the soil and water resource management grant program, producer-led watershed program, farmland preservation program, agricultural enterprise areas, nutrient management farmer education program, conservation reserve enhancement program, land and water resource management planning program, livestock siting program, drainage program, and conservation engineering support.

DNR: Department of Natural Resources. Administers the TRM and UNPS grant programs. Responsible for agricultural and nonagricultural performance standards and manages the WPDES permit program for concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs).

Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): Program through which counties are encouraged to plan for agricultural and agricultural-related uses; local governments may adopt zoning ordinances that restrict lands to agricultural or agricultural-related uses; landowners and local governments may jointly petition for an agricultural enterprise area (AEA) to qualify local areas important to Wisconsin's agricultural and economic future; landowners may enter into a farmland preservation agreement with the state for farms within an AEA to commit to keeping all or a part of their farm in agricultural

use and to implement farm conservation practices for 15 years. Participating landowners must implement applicable soil and water conservation standards (see ATCP 50.04)* to qualify for an income tax credit. ***Note:** *Landowners of farmland subject to a farmland preservation agreement must meet the soil and water conservation standards in place at the time the agreement was signed. Contact the department for assistance in determining which standards apply to a specific agreement.*

GPR: General Purpose Revenue. GPR is funding that comes from the state's income and sales tax revenues. These dollars are very flexible and can be used for most purposes. In relation to the joint allocation plan, DATCP has a small GPR appropriation that helps fund the staffing grants. Additionally, the 2023-2025 biennium budget approves \$7 million in GPR to fund structural practices associated with SWRM, at \$3.5 million a year over the two years. When the Governor calls for budget cuts from agencies, GPR is usually the money that is targeted for reductions since it can legally be used for any purpose. GPR is allocated on an annual basis.

LCC: Land Conservation Committee. Committee of county-board elected officials that oversee the LCD departments.

LCD: Land Conservation Department. County government department that receives staffing and cost-share grants from DATCP and DNR to implement soil and water conservation programs at the local level. In some counties, the department may go by a slightly different name such as soil and water conservation department, planning and land conservation department, etc.

LWRM: Land and Water Resource Management Plan. Each county must have an approved LWRM plan in order to receive funding from DATCP and DNR as part of the joint allocation plan. An approved LWRM plan ensures a county is eligible for staffing grants and a base amount of structural practice funding. DATCP coordinates the LWRM planning program. LWRM plans are approved by the LWCB for 10 years, with a progress check-in after five years.

NMFE: Nutrient Management Farmer Education. NMFE is a grant program funded through SWRM's SEG appropriation. The NMFE program provides grants to counties and technical colleges to deliver training for farmers to write their own NM plans. Funding from the NMFE program can go to farmer incentives, soil tests and training materials.

OPC: Other Project Cooperators. OPCs include non-county entities such as the University of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Land+Water that receive SEG grants from the SWRM program in order to advance the SWRM programs. OPC grants are often used for training and infrastructure services. The OPC recipients and the size of the grants have changed over time as needs have changed.

PL or PLWPG: Producer Led Watershed Program. The PL watershed grant program funds farmer-led projects intended to reduce nonpoint source pollution and improve water quality. By statute, the PL watershed grant program is funded via the SWRM SEG account and is capped at \$1,000,000 annually.

SEG: Segregated Funds. Segregated funds are collected from fees and held in designated funds for specific purposes under state law. In relation to the joint allocation plan, the

Environmental Fund is the source of the segregated funds. The joint allocation plan has two uses for segregated funds. One appropriation designates some segregated funds to the staffing allocation. The second appropriation of segregated funds is for “aids” that explicitly excludes county conservation staffing and is used for nutrient management and other soft practice cost-sharing, training and other related purposes. Three programs are funded via these funds but outside of the Allocation Plan:

\$1,000,000 is directed to Producer-Led Watershed Grants.

\$1,000,000 is directed to Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program

\$800,000 is directed to crop insurance rebates for cover crops.

SEG funds are allocated on an annual basis and if not used they lapse back to the Environmental Fund and are not available to the program to use.

SnapPlus: Soil Nutrient Application Planner is the computer program Wisconsin landowners and agronomists use to develop a compliant NM plan. The UW SnapPlus team developed, maintains, and offers technical assistance on SnapPlus.

Soft Practices: Soft practices are those conservation practices that are implemented on an annual or short-term basis. Soft practices include nutrient management planning, cover crops, residue management, contour farming, and strip-cropping, among others. Soft practices can only be cost-shared with SEG funding.


Structural Practices: Structural Practices are conservation practices that have a lifespan of at least 10 years, such as streambank stabilization, manure storage, well abandonment, managed

grazing systems and others. In past allocations, bond funding was only used to cost-share structural, or hard, practices. SEG funding can also be used to fund hard practices with permission from DATCP. SEG funding is not the preferred funding source for hard practices since that money is the only available funding for soft practices and OPCs.

SWRM: Soil and Water Resource Management Program. The SWRM program is DATCP’s signature grant program that provides staffing and cost-share grants to county LCDs. The SWRM funding is distributed through the annual joint allocation plan process.

TRM: Targeted Runoff Management. The TRM program is a DNR competitive grant program for targeted nonpoint source pollution projects. TRM grants use bond funds allocated through the joint allocation plan

UNPS & SW: Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management: The UNPS & SW program is a DNR competitive grant program for urban nonpoint source pollution projects. UNPS grants use bond funds allocated through the joint allocation plan.

	Type/Number	Resolution 15-6-23			
	Title	Supporting to Provide \$18.7 million in stable, core funding support for county conservation department staffing			
	Overview/Synopsis	To support for the State to provide \$18.7 million in stable core funding for staffing for Land Conservation Departments in the State.			
	Submitted By	Land Conservation Committee			
	Fiscal Impact	No fiscal impact (Reduce County Costs)			
	Review (Initial & Date)	Legal	<i>AMC</i>	Finance	<i>tfd 4/14/2023</i>

1 WHEREAS, Wis. Stats. §92.06 and §92.07 create and define the powers of Land Conservation
2 Committees (LCCs) and Wis. Stat. §92.09 empowers Land and Water Conservation Departments
3 (LWCDs) to administer county soil and water conservation programs and may exercise the
4 powers granted to the land conservation committee; and
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6 WHEREAS, county LWCDs are the local delivery mechanism for a wide range of Wisconsin's
7 natural soil and water and other resource management programs including non-point pollution
8 control, farmland preservation, invasive species control, woodland management, lakes
9 protection, and more; and
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11 WHEREAS, LWCD professionals work as trusted, technical advisors to support producer-led
12 watershed groups, assist waterfront property owners, help farmers develop and implement
13 nutrient management plans, respond to natural disasters like floods, and spend years building the
14 trust to be able to successfully do so; and,
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16 WHEREAS, the conservation practices that LWCD professionals help landowners apply to farm
17 fields, forests, and shorelines have numerous water quality benefits, including: preventing soil
18 erosion and promoting soil health, increasing infiltration into groundwater aquifers, protecting
19 drinking water supply, reducing surface runoff and flood severity, and more; and
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21 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin 2023 Joint Allocation Plan establishes the current need for
22 county LWCD staffing at \$18.7 million, per the core funding goal established in Wis. Stat.
23 §92.14(6)(b); and
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25 WHEREAS, the return on investment in county LWCDs is high, leveraging federal and private
26 grant dollars into more conservation on the land and more dollars into local economies, and
27 multiplying several times over the state's existing investment; and
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29 WHEREAS, support of county LWCD funding is a bipartisan issue, supported by farm,
30 conservation, environmental and local government groups alike, and was a top priority voiced by
31 Wisconsinites at statewide Water Quality Task Force hearings in 2019; and
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33 WHEREAS, providing state funding for core county LWCD staffing needs will result in more
34 conservation on the landscape and better protection of water quality.
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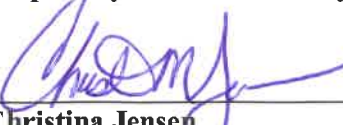
36 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clark County Board of Supervisors hereby
 37 supports and urges the Wisconsin Legislature and the Joint Committee on Finance to provide
 38 \$18.7 million in stable, base funding for county conservation staffing, in fulfillment of the state's
 39 core funding goal and in recognition that county LWCD professionals are the among the best and
 40 most cost-effective solutions we have to improving water quality, achieving clean and safe
 41 drinking water, and supporting a viable agricultural industry at the same time.

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 43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the County
 44 Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the members of the Joint Committee on
 45 Finance, and the state senators and state representatives representing Clark County,
 46 **(AMENDED) all County Land Conservation Departments in Wisconsin and Wisconsin**
 47 **Land & Water Conservation Association.**


Committee/Board/Supervisor Action	
Committee/Board/Supervisor Name:	Land Conservation Committee
Result:	Approved 5.16.2023
Mover:	Gerhardt
Seconder:	Nigon
Ayes:	Garbisch, Tyznik, Gerhardt, Nigon, Hoesly
Nayes:	None
Absent:	None

Clark County Board of Supervisors Action	
Vote Required:	Majority
Result:	Adopted 06/15/2023
Type of Vote:	Roll Call: 27 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent
Mover:	Supervisor Gerhardt
Seconder:	Supervisor Garbisch
Ayes:	Brodhagen, Molitor, Schindler, Wilcox, Klabon, Waichulis, Zank, Kodl, Thielman, Kolzow, Jalling, Tyznik, Bower, Krempasky, Ashbeck, Hendrickson, C. Rueth, Bobrofsky, Krause Jr., Smagacz, Boon, Trunkel, Gerhardt, Bakker, Garbisch, Neville, Sebesta
Nayes:	None
Absent:	W. Rueth & Rollins

I, Christina M. Jensen, Clerk for Clark County, hereby certify that Resolution 15-6-23 was adopted by the Clark County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on June 15, 2023.


 Christina Jensen
 Clark County Clerk
 Neillsville, Wisconsin 54456

SEAL

	Type/Number	Resolution 14-6-23		
	Title	Supporting to Modernize and Improve the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program		
	Overview/Synopsis	In accordance with Senate Bill 134 to support modernizing and improving the State's Farmland Preservation Program		
	Submitted By	Land Conservation Committee		
	Fiscal Impact	No fiscal impact		
	Review (Initial & Date)	Legal	<i>AMF.</i>	Finance

1 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Farmland Program (FPP) was established in 1978 to protect the
2 state's most valuable agricultural lands from development, and two avenues were created to
3 achieve this purpose via legislation: local land use zoning or a special agreement with
4 Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Landowners who
5 participated in the FPP were then eligible for a Wisconsin state income tax credit, if they met the
6 financial criteria and the state's soil conservation standards. The peak years of the program
7 resulted in approximately 23,900 statewide participants; and,

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9 WHEREAS, in 2009, Wisconsin made significant changes to the FPP administrative codes
10 and statutes as part of the Working Lands Initiative, a suite of programs to protect farmland from
11 development. Among the many changes to the FPP were setting new flat rates per acre for the
12 income tax credits, adding a process for local areas to establish Agricultural Enterprise Areas
13 (AEA), establishing a Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program, and
14 adding additional conservation standards; and,

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16 WHEREAS, since the FPP rules were amended in 2009, the costs of implementing the required
17 conservation standards have increased to a point where in some cases the cost of participating in
18 the program has exceeded the available tax credits, which in turn has impacted the statewide
19 program participation, currently estimated at 12,000 participants; and,

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21 WHEREAS, the premise of the FPP tax credit was to ensure landowners were compensated for
22 their conservation stewardship and to help offset the costs of implementing and maintaining the
23 required conservation practices. To date this program has been the best available tool to ensure
24 conservation best management practices are being maintained statewide; and,

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26 WHEREAS, the long term net result of aforesaid changes was a decrease in the value of the tax
27 credits to maintain the conservation standards which in turn has decreased the overall enrollment
28 statewide. This decrease in enrollment is alarming and needs to be addressed as soon as possible;
29 and,

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31 WHEREAS, local units of government, towns and counties continue to pursue the purchase of
32 agricultural conservation easements through locally funded programs with, in some cases, United
33 States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service grants. Also,
34 numerous agricultural conservation easements (ACE) have been donated to local land trusts.
35 Many of the donated ACEs remain eligible for the FPP but are not recognized by DATCP for
36 their true farmland preservation value; and,

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38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Clark County Board of Supervisors hereby
 39 supports and urges the Wisconsin Legislature to pass legislation to modernize and improve the
 40 Farmland Preservation Program to increase the allowable tax credits; amend the program
 41 eligibility to allow landowners who have Agricultural Conservation Easements the ability to
 42 participate in the FPP, if they meet the financial and conservation criteria; establish a new tax
 43 credit level for Agricultural Conservation Easements; increase the frequency of review of the
 44 Farmland Preservation Program allowable tax credits to assure they are meeting the basic costs
 45 associated with program participation; and expand eligibility of the FPP planning grant funds to
 46 support program implementation to be utilized by counties, local municipalities, planning
 47 commissions, and tribal governments for their FPP implementation efforts.

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 49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the County
 50 Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and state senators and state representatives
 51 representing Clark County, **(AMENDED) all County Land Conservation Departments in**
 52 **Wisconsin and Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association.**

Committee/Board/Supervisor Action	
Committee/Board/Supervisor Name:	Land Conservation Committee
Result:	Approved 5.16.2023
Mover:	Gerhardt
Seconder:	Nigon
Ayes:	Tyznik, Gerhardt, Nigon, Hoesly, Garbisch
Nayes:	None
Absent:	None

Clark County Board of Supervisors Action	
Vote Required:	Majority
Result:	Adopted 06/15/2023
Type of Vote:	Roll Call: 26 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain, 2 Absent
Mover:	Supervisor Tyznik
Seconder:	Supervisor Gerhardt
Ayes:	Brodhagen, Molitor, Schindler, Wilcox, Klabon, Waichulis, Zank, Kodl, Thielman, Kolzow, Jalling, Tyznik, Bower, Krempasky, Ashbeck, Hendrickson, C. Rueth, Bobrofsky, Krause Jr., Smagacz, Trunkel, Gerhardt, Bakker, Garbisch, Neville, Sebesta
Nayes:	None
Abstain:	Boon
Absent:	W. Rueth & Rollins

I, Christina M. Jensen, Clerk for Clark County, hereby certify that Resolution 14-6-23 was adopted by the Clark County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on June 15, 2023.


 Christina Jensen
 Clark County Clerk
 Neillsville, Wisconsin 54456

SEAL

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

- Land Conservation Commission •

Date: Monday October 2, 2023 **Time:** 1:00 pm

Location: Ag Resource Center, Room 103 & 104

227 1st Street West, Altoona, WI 54720

For those wishing to make public comment, you must e-mail Chad Berge at chad.berge@eauclairecounty.gov at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

A majority of the county board may be in attendance at this meeting, however, only members of the committee may take action on an agenda item.

AGENDA

1. Call to order by the Chair
2. Roll call
3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
4. Public Comment Period
5. Review/Approval of the August 28, 2023, meeting minutes (Discussion/Action)
6. Review Vouchers and Ledger Update (Discussion)
7. Approval of new and/or previously authorized Cost-Share agreements (Discussion/Action)
8. Future Agenda items.
9. Set date for next meeting.
10. Adjourn.
11. Depart Ag Center at 1:15 pm for the LCC Tour. (Discussion)
 - a. Lake Altoona Dredge Site
 - b. Madsen Streambank Stabilization Project
 - c. Steve Erdman Property – Water Quality Trading Project
 - d. Harstad Park Pavilion Project

Chad Berge

From: Breanne Klockzien <breanne@beavercreekreserve.org>
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Good Morning Everyone!

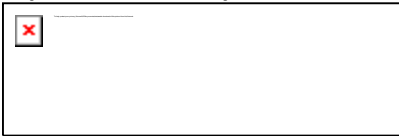
Attached is the AIS quarterly newsletter for Beaver Creek Reserve! Thank you to everyone who helped me get my feet on the ground during my first two months as the AIS Coordinator! I look forward to achieving more goals and starting work with more watershed groups.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts or more goals for your county that you would like to achieve this year.

Thank you and hope you have a great weekend!

Bre Klockzien

Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator





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Citizen Lake Monitoring Network

5/24: Sent out introductory email to CLMN volunteers

6/8: Provided supplies and training to CLMN volunteer for Axehandle Lake.

6/15: Conducted a field check and trained two new members of CLMN monitoring on Lake Holcombe.

6/17: Met and checked in with two CLMN monitors for Lake Wissota.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters

5/12: Interviewed 3 Watercraft Inspectors for CBCW.

5/13: Offered 3 CBCW Positions for Sand Lake (2) and Lower Long Lake (1).

5/23: Attended CBCW training in Stevens Point with watercraft inspectors for Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection District (LWIPA) and Chippewa Rod and Gun Club.

5/24: Met and provided supplies to CBCW volunteer for Otter Lake Booster Club.

6/7: Trained 3 new Watercraft Inspectors for Sand Lake Association and Lower Long Lake Restoration and Protection District (LLLPRD).

Early Detection and Monitoring Surveys

6/21: Completed early detection monitoring for Danuser Creek and Mirror Lake in Buffalo County.



Figure 1: Curly Leaf Pondweed found in Mirror Lake, Buffalo Co.



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Lake Groups

Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association

Attended LWIPA annual picnic and provided AIS education to members. Also attended the LWSP meeting with Chippewa County.

Lower Long Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Hired and trained a watercraft inspector for Clean Boats, Clean Waters.

Sand Lake Association

Hired and trained 2 watercraft inspector for Clean Boats, Clean Waters.

Chippewa Rod & Gun Club

Provided Drain Campaign towels and CBCW materials.

Island Chain of Lakes

Met and Assisted in digging purple loosestrife for Lake group.

Newsletter

N/A

Outreach and Education

6/17: Hosted an AIS table at LWIPA annual picnic.

Project Riverine Early Detection

N/A



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Purple Loosestrife Biological Control

5/15: Met with Island Chain of Lakes group to dig purple loosestrife for beetle program.

Signage

6/6: Conducted Signage check at Chippewa River boat launch in Pepin County.

6/21: Conducted Signage check at Mirror Lake in Buffalo County.

Travel and Meetings

5/9-5/10	Attended the Spring AIS Partnership Meeting.
5/24	Met with Lynda Schweikert to discuss Chippewa County agreement for LMPN.
5/30	Met with Dunn County Representatives to discuss AIS efforts and agreement for LMPN.
6/1	Met with Buffalo County conservationist to discuss AIS efforts and agreement for LMPN.
6/2	Met with Rusk County Conservationist to discuss AIS efforts and agreement for LMPN
6/17	Attended LWIPA annual picnic.
6/19	Attended Chippewa County LWSP Meeting
6/19	Virtually Attended Land Conservation Commission Meeting for Eau Claire County.
6/22	Met with Rod Zika to discuss potential AIS efforts in Eau Claire Watersheds.
6/27-6/28	Attended Plant ID course in Kemp.



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GLOSSARY

AIS – Aquatic invasive species

ALPOA – Amacoy Lake Property Owners Association

BCR – Beaver Creek Reserve

CBCW – Clean Boats, Clean Waters

CLMN – Citizen Lake Monitoring Network

CSC – Citizen Science Center (Beaver Creek Reserve)

LCC – Land Conservation Committee (Eau Claire County)

LCFM – Land Conservation and Forest Management (Chippewa County)

LLLPRD – Lower Long Lake Protection and Restoration District

LMPN – Lake Monitoring and Protection Network

LWIPA – Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association

Secchi disk – instrument used to measure water clarity

Station – Specified location on a waterbody with historical and/or continuous associated fieldwork

SWIMS – Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System

WBIC – Waterbody identification code

WCI – Watercraft inspector

WDNR – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources



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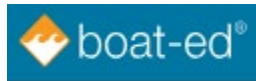


Purple Loosestrife

Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) is found in wetlands, where it crowds out and overgrows native species. It will grow both along dry shores and in up to two feet of water, giving it even more of an advantage over native plants that are more particular about where they grow.

Native to Europe and Asia, purple loosestrife grows up to two to six feet tall, with flower stalks that are six to 12 inches long. Purple loosestrife blooms in early July through September, with several bright purple-pink flowers blooming along each stalk.

In the fall, purple loosestrife readily forms seeds—more than 2 million per plant. The seeds are tiny, about the size of a grain of sand, and spread easily via water, wind, wildlife and people. Purple loosestrife seeds are also incredibly hardy; while they can germinate in the next season, they can also lay dormant for several years before blooming.



Stop the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species



Aquatic hitchhikers can spread in many ways such as on aquatic plants, on recreational equipment, and in water. Fortunately, there are a few simple actions you can take to prevent them from spreading.

- Inspect your boat, trailer, and equipment and remove visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud before leaving the area. Carefully remove all plant fragments before you leave to ensure you are not transporting an invasive plant species or attached zebra mussels.
- Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and bait containers before leaving the area. Many types of invasive species are very small and easily overlooked and can be carried in water. Draining water before you leave the area will reduce the chance that any remaining plants and animals survive.
- Report new sightings. If you suspect a new infestation of an invasive plant or animal, save a specimen and report it to a local natural resource or Sea Grant office.
- Spray, rinse, or dry boats and recreational equipment to remove or kill species that were not visible when leaving a body of water. Before going to another waterway, spray/rinse with high pressure and/or hot tap water (above 104°F) or dry for at least five days.
- Dispose of unwanted bait and other animals or plants in the trash. Releasing live animals and plants in a lake, river, or along the shore often causes invasive species to become established. Identifying fish when they are small is difficult, and it is hard to be absolutely sure there are no invasive fish in your bait bucket.