

## AGENDA

Eau Claire County

- Land Conservation Commission •

**Date:** Monday April 8, 2024 **Time:** 1:00 pm

**Location:** Ag Resource Center, Room-103 & 104

227 1<sup>st</sup> Street West, Altoona, WI 54720

### **Join WebEx Meeting:**

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Meeting number: 25366364854, Password: 52Ujgg3P6dj

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**[chad.berge@eauclairecounty.gov](mailto: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
2. Roll call
3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
4. Public Comment Period
5. Review/Approval of March 18, 2024, 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) **Pages 5-33**
8. Review of the WI DNR Wildlife Damage Program Contract delegating program implementation to USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (Discussion/Action) **Pages 34-46**
9. Review of the 2025 DATCP Staffing Grant (Discussion/Action) **Pages 47-49**
10. Erickson Farmland Preservation Program Notice of Noncompliance (Discussion/Action) **Pages 50-51**
11. Committee, Staff and Agency Updates
  - a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition
  - b. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program – Perennial Forage Program Update
  - c. Land Stewardship Subcommittee
  - d. USDA-NRCS/FSA
  - e. DNR
  - f. UW-Extension
  - g. Beaver Creek Reserve **Pages 52-59**
  - h. Ascent Stormwater Database
12. Future Agenda items
13. Set date for next meeting
14. Adjourn

Prepared by: Holly Weigand

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**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024**

**AG RESOURCE CENTER, RM. 103 & 104**

**227 - 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET WEST, ALTOONA, WI 54720**

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Tim Wucherer, Christina Rauh, Zach Mohr, Holly Weigand (LCD), Rod Eslinger (P&D)

Others Present: Liz Osborne (DNR), Kolby Grint (NRCS)

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**1) Call to order by Vice 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 February 12, 2024, meeting minutes**

**DISCUSSION:** The February 12, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed.

**ACTION:** Motion by Adams to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0-0

**6) Review Vouchers and Ledger Update**

**DISCUSSION:** The February 2024 expenditures and revenues were reviewed.

\*Ricky Strauch arrived at 1:03pm.

**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:

Doug Graff – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$500.00

Matthew Krenz – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$1,250.00

Matthew Gabler – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE Balance Funds) – \$500.00

Charles Scott – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE) – \$1,000.00

Jody Larson – Nutrient Management (2024 NMFE Balance Funds) – \$1,000.00

**ACTION:** Motion by Lepsch to approve all cost-share agreements as presented. Motion carried, 8-0-0

**8) SEG funding transfer to St. Croix County**

**DISCUSSION:** Tim Wucherer gave a brief overview of the SEG funding and what it is used for. Eau Claire County will not use all the funds allotted.

**ACTION:** Motion by Christopherson to approve the SEG funding transfer to St. Croix County (\$25,000.00). Motion carried,  
8-0-0

## 9) Wildlife Damage Program changes and USDA Wildlife Services Contract

**DISCUSSION:** Zach Mohr gave a brief overview of the Wildlife Damage Program. Members of the LCC discussed and agreed to have this looked over by Corporation Counsel. Suggested to have this continued at the next April 2024 meeting.

**ACTION:** Motion by DeLuka to postpone to April 2024 meeting. Motion carried, 8-0-0

## 10) Committee, Staff and Agency Updates

Brief reviews and updates were provided.

**a. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition:**

No new updates.

**b. Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV) program:**

Tim Wucherer gave an update on the Perennial Forage Program. Deadline to apply is March 25, 2024.

**c. Land Stewardship Subcommittee:**

No new updates.

**d. USDA-NRCS / FSA:**

Kolby gave a program update.

**e. DNR-Forestry:**

Zach Mohr gave an update that was sent from Jed Kaurich.

**f. UW-Extension:**

No new updates.

**g. Beaver Creek Reserve**

No new updates.

**h. Ascent Stormwater Database**

Some changes are needed for workflow, but overall the database is available and working.

## 11) Future Agenda Items

Wildlife Damage changes and USDA Wildlife Services Contract

## 12) Set date for next meeting

The next LCC meeting was set for April 08, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

## 13) Adjourn

Chari Leary adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Berge, LCC Clerk

## Land Conservation Division 2024 Bills and Deposits

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

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### March

#### Invoices

Vendor	Description	Account #	Amount
Paint Creek	Tree Sale	100-15-56922-829-701 (2023)	\$ 2,680.00
Lake Eau Claire Protection & Rehab	Sediment Removal & Aeration	405-15-57730-829-000	\$ 21,277.19
Lake Eau Claire Protection & Rehab	Sediment Removal & Aeration	201-15-57730-829-000	\$ 21,799.74
Christina Rauh	Meal Reimbursement	100-15-56920-340-000	\$ 39.16
PayPal Pcard	Conference Registration	100-15-56920-340-000	\$ 325.00
RTK Mobile Pcard	GPS Data	100-15-56920-226-000	\$ 30.00
Voyager	Feb Fuel	100-15-56920-330-000	\$ 118.16
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 46,269.25</b>

#### Deposits

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

Vendor	Description	Date	Account Number	Amount Deposited
Moses Schrock	EC-24-03	3/13/2024	100-15-46820-000-000	\$ 375.00
Rebecca Maug	SW-23-08 Financial Assurance	3/15/202	100-00-23172-000-000	\$ 65,635.47
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 66,010.47</b>



## NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT COST SHARE AGREEMENT

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: John Ristau TELEPHONE: (715) 495-7006

ADDRESS: E 18065 Haskins Road, Osseo, WI 54758

FARM LOCATION: 25N 7W 16 Offer Creek  
TOWN RANGE SECTION TOWNSHIP

### AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

#### 1. COST SHARE DETAILS

PRACTICE: Nutrient Management ACRES: 250 COST SHARE RATE: \$ 2.00 /ACRE

COST SHARE SOURCE: 2024 NMFE TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$ 500.00

#### 2. AS A COST SHARE RECIPIENT, I AGREE TO:

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*[Handwritten Signature]*  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

2/8/24  
DATE

<b>LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>APPROVE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DENY</b>
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER		DATE

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I certify that the Nutrient Management Plan submitted meets NRCS Practice Standard 590 and Technical Note WI-1:

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LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION TECHNICIAN

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DATE

<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>	ACRES
<b>COST SHARE RATE</b>	\$ PER ACRE
<b>TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT</b>	\$
<b>COST SHARE SOURCE</b>	

THE APPLICANT HAS MET ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE COST SHARE PAYMENT FROM EAU CLAIRE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ABOVE:

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LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION MANAGER

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## NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT COST SHARE AGREEMENT

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: Timothy Bluem TELEPHONE: (715) 397-5031

ADDRESS: S 10920 Tri Mountain Road, Osseo, WI 54758

FARM LOCATION: 25N 8W 1 Clear Creek  
TOWN RANGE SECTION TOWNSHIP

### AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

#### 1. COST SHARE DETAILS

PRACTICE: Nutrient Management ACRES: 140 COST SHARE RATE: \$ 2.00 /ACRE

COST SHARE SOURCE: 2024 NMFE Balance Funds TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$ 280.00

#### 2. AS A COST SHARE RECIPIENT, I AGREE TO:

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER		DATE

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## NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT COST SHARE AGREEMENT

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: Joseph Matz TELEPHONE: (715) 586-0781

ADDRESS: S 11324 County Road D, Strum, WI 54770

FARM LOCATION: 25N 8W 8 Clear Creek  
*TOWN RANGE SECTION TOWNSHIP*

### AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

#### 1. COST SHARE DETAILS

PRACTICE: Nutrient Management ACRES: 244 COST SHARE RATE: \$ 4.00 /ACRE

COST SHARE SOURCE: 2024 NMFE TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$ 976.00

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3/14/24  
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 LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION TECHNICIAN

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## NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT COST SHARE AGREEMENT

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: Zacharey Vollbrecht TELEPHONE: (715) 456-1519

ADDRESS: 2602 280th St, Cadott, 54727

FARM LOCATION: 27N 7W 13 Ludington  
TOWN RANGE SECTION TOWNSHIP

### AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

#### 1. COST SHARE DETAILS

PRACTICE: Nutrient Management ACRES: 250 COST SHARE RATE: \$ 4.00 /ACRE

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3-20-21  
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**NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT  
COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

NAME: George Peck TELEPHONE: (715) 894-7773

ADDRESS: 2250 County Road P, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

FARM LOCATION: 27N 8W 6 Seymour  
TOWN RANGE SECTION TOWNSHIP

**AGREEMENT PROVISIONS**

**1. COST SHARE DETAILS**

PRACTICE: Nutrient Management ACRES: 247 COST SHARE RATE: \$ 4.00 /ACRE

COST SHARE SOURCE: 2024 NMFE TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$ \$988.00

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Peck Valley Dairy B, George Peck  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

3-14-2024  
DATE

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER		DATE

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LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION TECHNICIAN

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## NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT COST SHARE AGREEMENT

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: Steve Strey TELEPHONE: 715-797-2347  
ADDRESS: 513851 Finch Rd  
FARM LOCATION: Clear Creek  
TOWN RANGE SECTION TOWNSHIP

### AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

#### 1. COST SHARE DETAILS

PRACTICE: Nutrient Management ACRES: 250 COST SHARE RATE: \$ @ 5.00 / ACRE  
COST SHARE SOURCE: 2024 NMFE TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$ 1,250.00

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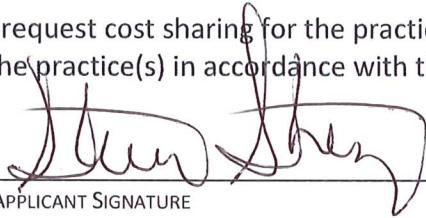
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_____ LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER	_____ DATE	

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 LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION TECHNICIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
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<b>TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT</b>	\$	
<b>COST SHARE SOURCE</b>		

THE APPLICANT HAS MET ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE COST SHARE PAYMENT FROM EAU CLAIRE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ABOVE:

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 LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE





## NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT COST SHARE AGREEMENT

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: Tyler Hart TELEPHONE: (715) 878-4829

ADDRESS: S 13605 County Road D, Strum, WI, 54770

FARM LOCATION: 25N 8W 21 Clear Creek  
TOWN RANGE SECTION TOWNSHIP

### AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

#### 1. COST SHARE DETAILS

PRACTICE: Nutrient Management ACRES: 243 COST SHARE RATE: \$ 5.00 /ACRE

COST SHARE SOURCE: 2024 NMFE TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$ 1,215.00

#### 2. AS A COST SHARE RECIPIENT, I AGREE TO:

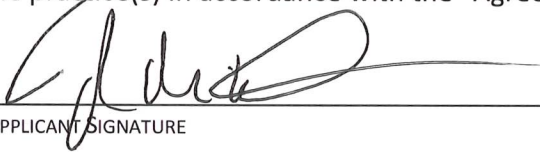
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COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

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 APPLICANT SIGNATURE

3-25-24  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE

<b>LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>APPROVE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DENY</b>
_____ LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER	_____ DATE	

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I certify that the Nutrient Management Plan submitted meets NRCS Practice Standard 590 and Technical Note WI-1:

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 LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION TECHNICIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE

<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>		ACRES
<b>COST SHARE RATE</b>	\$	PER ACRE
<b>TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT</b>	\$	
<b>COST SHARE SOURCE</b>		

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 LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION MANAGER

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 DATE



## NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT COST SHARE AGREEMENT

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: Walker Brothers TELEPHONE: (715) 579-0185

ADDRESS: S 13900 County Road G, Augusta, WI 54722

FARM LOCATION: 25N 6W 19 Bridge Creek  
*TOWN RANGE SECTION TOWNSHIP*

### AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

#### 1. COST SHARE DETAILS

PRACTICE: Nutrient Management ACRES: 250 COST SHARE RATE: \$ 5.00 /ACRE

COST SHARE SOURCE: 2024 NMFE Balance Funds TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$ \$1,250.00

#### 2. AS A COST SHARE RECIPIENT, I AGREE TO:

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Eric Walber  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

4/2/24  
DATE

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_____ LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER	_____ DATE	

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I certify that the Nutrient Management Plan submitted meets NRCS Practice Standard 590 and Technical Note WI-1:

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LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION TECHNICIAN

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DATE

<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>		ACRES
<b>COST SHARE RATE</b>	\$	PER ACRE
<b>TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT</b>	\$	
<b>COST SHARE SOURCE</b>		

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DATE



## NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT COST SHARE AGREEMENT

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: Mitchell McKaig TELEPHONE: (701) 212-5424

ADDRESS: 1720 3rd Street South, Moorhead, MN 56560, mitchell.mckaig@crs.farm

FARM LOCATION: 25N 9W 13 Pleasant Valley  
TOWN RANGE SECTION TOWNSHIP

### AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

#### 1. COST SHARE DETAILS

PRACTICE: Nutrient Management ACRES: 190 COST SHARE RATE: \$ 4 /ACRE

COST SHARE SOURCE: 2023 NMFE Grant TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$ 760.00

#### 2. AS A COST SHARE RECIPIENT, I AGREE TO:

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*M. King*  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

5-11-23  
DATE

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER	DATE	

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I certify that the Nutrient Management Plan submitted meets NRCS Practice Standard 590 and Technical Note WI-1:

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LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION TECHNICIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>		ACRES
<b>COST SHARE RATE</b>	\$	PER ACRE
<b>TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT</b>	\$	
<b>COST SHARE SOURCE</b>		

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DATE



## NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT COST SHARE AGREEMENT

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: Andrew & Donna Odegard TELEPHONE: (715) 926-5647

ADDRESS: S 13465 County Road Z, Mondovi, WI 54755

FARM LOCATION: 25N 10W 20- Drammen  
TOWN RANGE SECTION TOWNSHIP

### AGREEMENT PROVISIONS

#### 1. COST SHARE DETAILS

PRACTICE: Nutrient Management ACRES: 82 COST SHARE RATE: \$ 1 /ACRE

COST SHARE SOURCE: 2024 NMFE TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$ 82.00

#### 2. AS A COST SHARE RECIPIENT, I AGREE TO:

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Andrew Berglund  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

12-19-23  
DATE

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER		DATE

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I certify that the Nutrient Management Plan submitted meets NRCS Practice Standard 590 and Technical Note WI-1:

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LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION TECHNICIAN

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DATE

<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>		ACRES
<b>COST SHARE RATE</b>	\$	PER ACRE
<b>TOTAL COST SHARE AMOUNT</b>	\$	
<b>COST SHARE SOURCE</b>		

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**LANDOWNER INFORMATION**

NAME: DEREK FRANK

TELEPHONE: 715-533-9965

ADDRESS: S12198 SENSKE RD. AUGUSTA, WI 54722

FIELD LOCATION: 01610330600, 016103302000, 016103108020

*LIST PARCELS THE FIELD IS LOCATED IN & ATTACH A MAP OUTLINING THE FIELD*

**AGREEMENT PROVISIONS**

**1. COST SHARE DETAILS**

PRACTICE: NRCS FORAGE & BIOMASS PLANTING (512) ACRES: 20.0 COST SHARE RATE: \$125 PER ACRE

COST SHARE SOURCE: WI DNR MULTI-DISCHARGER VARIANCE PROGRAM ESTIMATED COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$2,500.00

**2. AS A COST SHARE RECIPIENT, I AGREE TO:**

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**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION  
COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

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Seed mix

Legume:	pounds/acre
BUNCH GRASS:	pounds/acre
BUNCH GRASS:	POUNDS/ACRE
SOD FORMING GRASS:	pounds/acre

FERTILIZER RECOMMENDATIONS

Nitrogen:	pounds/acre
PHOSPHORUS:	pounds/acre
POTASSIUM:	POUNDS/ACRE
MANURE:	pounds/acre

<b>LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>APPROVE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DENY</b>
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER		DATE

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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**MULTI-DISCHARGER VARIANCE  
CONTRACT MDV-24-02**

**LANDOWNER INFORMATION**

NAME: LARRY WATHKE & DALE WATHKE TELEPHONE: 715-797-2691

ADDRESS: S9866 COUNTY RD K, FALL CREEK, WI 54742

FIELD LOCATION: 012107408010, 012107410000

*LIST PARCELS THE FIELD IS LOCATED IN & ATTACH A MAP OUTLINING THE FIELD*

**AGREEMENT PROVISIONS**

**1. COST SHARE DETAILS**

PRACTICE: NRCS FORAGE & BIOMASS PLANTING (512) ACRES: 18.6 COST SHARE RATE: \$125 PER ACRE

COST SHARE SOURCE: WI DNR MULTI-DISCHARGER VARIANCE PROGRAM ESTIMATED COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$2,325.00

**2. AS A COST SHARE RECIPIENT, I AGREE TO:**

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SOD FORMING GRASS:	pounds/acre

FERTILIZER RECOMMENDATIONS

Nitrogen:	pounds/acre
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<b>LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>APPROVE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DENY</b>
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER		DATE

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**MULTI-DISCHARGER VARIANCE  
CONTRACT MDV-24-03**

**LANDOWNER INFORMATION**

NAME: WALLER REVOCABLE GRANTOR TRUST

TELEPHONE: 715-286-2019

ADDRESS: S10010 COUNTY RD V AUGUSTA, WI 54722

FIELD LOCATION: 012108101000

*LIST PARCELS THE FIELD IS LOCATED IN & ATTACH A MAP OUTLINING THE FIELD*

**AGREEMENT PROVISIONS**

**1. COST SHARE DETAILS**

PRACTICE: NRCS FORAGE & BIOMASS PLANTING (512) ACRES: 9.5 COST SHARE RATE: \$125 PER ACRE

COST SHARE SOURCE: WI DNR MULTI-DISCHARGER VARIANCE PROGRAM ESTIMATED COST SHARE AMOUNT: \$1,187.50

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<b>LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>APPROVE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DENY</b>
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER		DATE



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**between**  
**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY**  
**and**  
**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (WDNR)**  
**and**  
**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS)**  
**WILDLIFE SERVICES (WS)**

**ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Cooperative Service Agreement is to cooperate in a County/State/Federal black bear, white-tailed deer, elk, cougar, Canada goose, wild turkey and Sandhill crane damage management program. The primary objective is to provide commercial agricultural producers the necessary technical and/or operational assistance in identifying, abating, managing, and assessing damage with the species listed.

**ARTICLE 2 – AUTHORITY**

APHIS-WS has statutory authority under the Acts of March 2, 1931, 46 Stat. 1468-69, 7 U.S.C. §§ 8351-8352, as amended, and December 22, 1987, Public Law No. 100-202, § 101(k), 101 Stat. 1329-331, 7 U.S.C. § 8353, to cooperate with States, local jurisdictions, individuals, public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions while conducting a program of wildlife services involving mammal and bird species that are reservoirs for zoonotic diseases, or animal species that are injurious and/or a nuisance to, among other things, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, animal husbandry, wildlife, and human health and safety.

**ARTICLE 3 - MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

The cooperating parties mutually understand and agree to/that:

1. APHIS-WS shall perform services set forth in the Work Plan, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The parties may mutually agree in writing, at any time during the term of this agreement, to amend, modify, add or delete services from the Work Plan.
2. The Cooperator certifies that APHIS-WS has advised the Cooperator there may be private sector service providers available to provide wildlife damage management (WDM) services that the Cooperator is seeking from APHIS-WS.
3. All equipment with a purchase price of \$5,000 or more per unit, purchased directly with funds from the cooperator for use on this project shall be subject to disposal according to APHIS policy, and shall be specifically listed in the attached work plan and financial plan. Property title/disposal shall be determined when this project (including all continuations and revisions of this agreement) terminates, or when the equipment is otherwise directed to other projects, whichever comes first. If the equipment is sold prior to the project end, the proceeds should be allocated according to APHIS policy. Continuations and revisions to this agreement shall list any equipment with a purchase price of \$5,000 or more per unit, carried over from a purchase directly with funds from the cooperator for use on this project. All other equipment purchased for the program is and will remain the property of APHIS-WS.
4. The cooperating parties agree to coordinate with each other before responding to media requests on work associated with this project.

**ARTICLE 4 - COOPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

The County (Cooperator) agrees:

1. To designate the following as the authorized representative who shall be representative who shall be responsible for collaboratively administering the activities conducted in this agreement;

Eau Claire County Cooperator Representative:

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WDNR Representative:

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WDNR Bureau of Wildlife Management  
8770 Hwy J  
Woodruff, WI 54568  
608-576-3914  
[Bradley.Koele@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Bradley.Koele@wisconsin.gov)

2. To authorize APHIS-WS to conduct direct control activities and/or technical assistance to reduce commercial agricultural damage associated to wildlife damage caused by the species identified in the Work Plan. Activities are defined in the Work Plan. APHIS-WS will be considered an invitee on the lands controlled by Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) enrollees. These program enrollees will be required to exercise reasonable care to warn APHIS-WS as to dangerous conditions or activities in the project areas.

3. To reimburse APHIS-WS for costs, not to exceed the annually approved amount specified in the Financial Plan. If costs are projected to exceed the amount reflected in the Financial Plan, the agreement with amended Work Plan and Financial Plan shall be formally revised and signed by all parties before services resulting in additional costs are performed. The Cooperator agrees to pay all costs of services submitted via an invoice from APHIS-WS within 30 days of the date of the submitted invoice(s). Late payments are subject to interest, penalties, and administrative charges and costs as set forth under the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996.
4. To provide a Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number in compliance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996.
5. As a condition of this agreement, the Cooperator ensures and certifies that it is not currently debarred or suspended and is free of delinquent Federal debt.
6. To designate APHIS-WS the County authorized individual whose responsibility shall be coordination and administration of WDACP activities conducted pursuant to this Agreement.
7. To notify APHIS-WS verbally or in writing as far in advance as practical of the date and time of any proposed meeting related to the program.
8. The Cooperator acknowledges that APHIS-WS shall be responsible for administration of APHIS-WS activities and supervision of APHIS-WS personnel. APHIS-WS will recognize the County as the lead cooperator in this Agreement and the WDNR for providing overall program oversight. APHIS-WS will coordinate activities with the County and WDNR.
9. To obtain the appropriate permits for removal activities for species listed in the Work Plan.
10. The Cooperator will not be connected to the USDA APHIS computer network(s).

#### ARTICLE 5 – APHIS-WS RESPONSIBILITIES

APHIS-WS Agrees:

1. To designate the following as the APHIS-WS authorized representative who shall be responsible for collaboratively administering the activities conducted in this agreement.  

Daniel Hirschert  
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USDA, APHIS, WS  
732 Lois Drive  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590  
608-837-2727  
[Daniel.L.Hirschert@usda.gov](mailto:Daniel.L.Hirschert@usda.gov)
2. To conduct activities at sites designated by Cooperator as described in the Work Plan, Plan of Administration, and Financial Plans (Attachments A-C). APHIS-WS will provide qualified personnel and other resources necessary to implement the approved WDM activities delineated in the Work Plan, Plan of Administration, and Financial Plan of this agreement.
3. Designate to the County and WDNR the authorized APHIS-WS employee who shall be responsible for the joint administration of the activities conducted pursuant to this Agreement. APHIS-WS employees' rights will be governed by applicable Federal personnel laws, rules, and regulations. County employees' rights will be governed by County ordinances, Personnel Policy, and Union contracts where applicable.
  - a. APHIS-WS will designate the District Supervisor and/or Assistant District Supervisor as the authorized representative who will provide immediate direction and guidance to personnel in performing activities outlined in this Agreement, to include:
    - i. adequate numbers of qualified personnel to initiate and conduct the wildlife damage management activities outlined in the Work Plan of this Agreement.
    - ii. training, technical supervision, and coordination of activities as outlined in the Work Plan of this Agreement.
    - iii. to arrange for office space and provide equipment and other miscellaneous needs for personnel assigned to this program as outlined in the Work Plan of this Agreement.
4. That the performance of wildlife damage management actions by APHIS-WS under this agreement is contingent upon a determination by APHIS-WS that such actions are in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and any other applicable federal statutes. APHIS-WS will not make a final decision to conduct requested wildlife damage management actions until it has made the determination of such compliance.
5. To invoice the County quarterly for actual costs incurred by APHIS-WS during the performance of services agreed upon and specified in the Work Plan. Authorized auditing representatives of the County shall be accorded reasonable opportunity to inspect the accounts and records of APHIS-WS pertaining to such claims for reimbursement to the extent permitted by Federal law and regulations. APHIS-WS agrees to handle cooperative finances and budgeting as outlined in the Financial Plan of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 6 – CONTINGENCY STATEMENT

This agreement is contingent upon the passage by Congress of an appropriation from which expenditures may be legally met and shall not obligate APHIS-WS upon failure of Congress to so appropriate. This agreement may also be reduced or terminated if Congress only provides APHIS-WS funds for a finite period under a Continuing Resolution.

#### ARTICLE 7 – NON-EXCLUSIVE SERVICE CLAUSE

Nothing in this agreement shall prevent APHIS-WS from entering into separate agreements with any other organization or individual for the purpose of providing wildlife damage management services exclusive of those provided for under this agreement.

**ARTICLE 8 – CONGRESSIONAL RESTRICTIONS**

Pursuant to Section 22, Title 41, United States Code, no member of or delegate to Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement or to any benefit to arise therefrom.

**ARTICLE 9 – LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

This agreement is not a procurement contract (31 U.S.C. 6303), nor is it considered a grant (31 U.S.C. 6304). In this agreement, APHIS-WS provides goods or services on a cost recovery basis to nonfederal recipients, in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and policies.

**ARTICLE 10 – LIABILITY**

APHIS-WS assumes no liability for any actions or activities conducted under this agreement except to the extent that recourse or remedies are provided by Congress under the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. 1346(b), 2401(b), and 2671-2680).

**ARTICLE 11 – NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE**

The United States Department of Agriculture prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.

**ARTICLE 12 - DURATION, REVISIONS, EXTENSIONS, AND TERMINATIONS**

This agreement shall become effective on **January 1, 2024** and shall continue through **December 31, 2028**. This Cooperative Service Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. The Cooperator must submit a written request to extend the end date at least 10 days prior to expiration of the agreement. Also, this agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the parties in writing, or by one party provided that party notifies the other in writing at least 120 days prior to effecting such action. Further, in the event the Cooperator does not provide necessary funds, APHIS-WS is relieved of the obligation to provide services under this agreement.

In accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, the Department of Treasury requires a **Taxpayer Identification Number** for individuals or businesses conducting business with the agency.

County Tax ID No.: 39-6005694  
WDNR Tax ID No.: 39-6006436  
APHIS-WS's Tax ID: 41-0696271

**Eau Claire County:**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chad Berge, Land Conservation Manager  
Eau Claire County  
721 Oxford Ave, Suite 3344  
Eau Claire, WI 54703  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources:**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Lobner, Bureau Director  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
101 S. Webster Street  
Madison, WI 53707-7921  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE  
WILDLIFE SERVICES**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Hirschert, State Director  
USDA, APHIS, WS  
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Sun Prairie, WI 53590  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Keith Wehner, Eastern Region Director  
USDA, APHIS, WS  
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Raleigh, NC 27606  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**ATTACHEMENT A  
WORK PLAN  
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY**

In accordance with the Cooperative Service Agreement between the County, WDNR and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Wildlife Services (WS), this Work Plan sets forth the objectives, activities and budget of this project during the period of this agreement.

**Introduction**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is authorized to protect American agriculture and other resources from damage associated with wildlife. Wildlife Services activities are conducted in cooperation with other Federal, State, and local agencies; private organizations and individuals.

The APHIS-WS program uses an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management (IWDM) approach (sometimes referred to as IPM or “Integrated Pest Management”) in which a series of methods may be used or recommended to reduce wildlife damage. These methods include the alteration of cultural practices as well as habitat and behavioral modification to prevent damage. However, controlling wildlife damage may require that the offending animal(s) are killed or that the populations of the offending species be reduced.

**Purpose**

**Objectives and need for assistance:** Agricultural producers need professional wildlife damage management assistance in identifying, abating, and assessing black bear, white-tailed deer, elk, cougar, Canada goose, wild turkey, and sandhill cranes damage. APHIS-WS’s objective will be to provide that assistance.

**Expected results or benefits:** The benefits to be derived from a cooperative black bear, white-tailed deer, elk, cougar, Canada goose, wild turkey, and Sandhill cranes management program include timely availability of the necessary wildlife damage management expertise, technical assistance, loans of necessary abatement equipment, and crop/livestock damage appraisal services for producers experiencing conflicts with one of more of these species. The intended result will be wildlife damage relief.

**Planned APHIS-WS Activities**

1. Approach: The proposed wildlife damage management program will be comprised of education, extension, technical assistance, and operational efforts. When complaints occur, an evaluation of the situation will be made to determine what appropriate action should be taken. APHIS-WS will consider all applicable methods and combinations of techniques available to alleviate the conflict. APHIS-WS will recommend an integrated wildlife damage management approach which may consist of elements such as: changes in farming or livestock practices, loan of damage abatement equipment, installation of cost-shared permanent fences, WDNR issued shooting permits, and crop damage compensation (WDNR funded). Specific abatement measures to be considered are outlined in Attachment B.
2. Resources Required: Overall supervision and program direction will be provided by the APHIS-WS State Director. Immediate supervision and program direction will be provided by the APHIS-WS District Supervisor and/or Assistant District Supervisor. All County Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) funds will be managed as an integral part of the APHIS-WS districts WDACP budget. Specific financial details are outlined in Financial Plan.
3. Procurement: Purchase of supplies, equipment, and miscellaneous needs including salaries will be made by APHIS-WS as outlined in the Financial Plan. All WDACP expenditures will be processed through APHIS-WS financial administrative systems (FMMI) and charged to the County WDACP account as outlined in the APHIS-WS District WDACP budget.
4. Stipulations and Restrictions: APHIS-WS activities under this cooperative effort will be limited to the State of Wisconsin. Techniques will be environmentally sound, safe, and effective. Wildlife damage management activities will be performed within the policy guidelines of APHIS-WS, the State of Wisconsin, and the County in compliance with applicable State and Federal regulations.
5. Reports: Upon request, APHIS-WS will provide an annual report to the County on APHIS-WS activities conducted under this Cooperative Agreement.

**Effective Dates**

This agreement shall become effective on **January 1, 2024** and continue through **December 31, 2028** unless otherwise modified or terminated as described in ARTICLE 12.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**WISCONSIN WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT & CLAIMS PROGRAM (WDACP)**  
**PLAN OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY**

As confirmed in the County Board of Supervisor's Resolution No. **83-84/398**, the County request to participate in the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP), established under s. 29.889, Stats., and s. NR 12 Wis. Adm. Code. This Plan of Administration (Plan) outlines the relationships and duties of the County, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Services, Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS), herein called the parties. By submission of this Plan, the County agrees to fully comply with s. 29.889, Stats., s. NR 12, Wis. Adm. Code and the Wisconsin WDACP Technical and Field Manuals which are made a part of this Plan by reference.

1. Definitions: For the purposes of this Plan, the Parties accept the definitions found in s. 29.889(1) Stats. And s. NR 12.31 WI. Adm. Code. In addition, the Parties agree that:
  - a. "Improperly filed claim" means any wildlife damage claim received by WDNR which does not comply fully with all eligibility requirements of s. 29.889, Stats., s. NR. 12 Wis. Adm. Code or this Plan or procedures described in the WDACP Technical or Field Manual.
  - b. "Permanent fence contract" means any permanent fence contract written in accordance with the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual and designed to remain effective for a minimum of 15 years.
2. Level of Participation: The County agrees to administer the full WDACP.
3. Eligible Species: The County agrees to administer the WDACP with respect to the following wild animals: bear, cougar, white-tailed deer, elk, Canada goose, wild turkey, and Sandhill cranes \* (*only become eligible for program benefits when a hunting season in Wisconsin has been established*).
4. Eligible Crops: The County agrees to provide WDACP services with respect to the following: damage to commercial seedlings or crops growing on agricultural lands, damage to crops that have been harvested for sale or further use but have not been removed from the agricultural land, damage to orchard trees or nursery stock, damage to livestock, or damage to apiaries.
5. Delegation of Responsibility:
  - a. The County, through an established committee or through a county designee shall provide Administration of the County WDACP pursuant to s. 29.889, Stats., s. NR 12, Wis. Adm. Code including approval of: annual budget requests, permanent fence contracts, crop prices, properly filed wildlife damage claims, shooting permit compliance waivers, and enrollee appeals, (if any).
  - b. APHIS-WS shall provide the field management of the County WDACP, including hiring, training, and supervising staff, providing program services, records management, purchasing, and equipment inventory.
6. Budgeting:
  - a. APHIS-WS agrees to:
    - i. Prepare a WDACP budget proposal for the following calendar year for County review and approval by October 31 (or as negotiated).
    - ii. Not bind the County to the expenditures of funds exceeding their total County WDACP budget.
    - iii. Keep administrative costs to a minimum, by billing WDACP expenses to each County on a quarterly basis.
  - b. The County agrees to:
    - i. Provide an annual budget request to WDNR by November 1 (or as negotiated) for the following calendar year. All budget requests will include cost estimates for administration, abatement, wildlife damage claims, and an estimated number of claimants.
    - ii. Prepare quarterly (or as negotiated) reimbursement request to WDNR for eligible WDACP expenditures.
    - iii. Not bind WDNR for expenditures beyond the approved County Plan of Administration. The County may request additional funding by written amendment. It is understood that additional funding is not guaranteed and is subject to fund availability.
    - iv. Unless otherwise agreed upon, submit advance abatement and administrative fund requests that are compliant with s. 29.889 and NR 12, after submitting a final reimbursement request for previous year for which WDACP participation was approved.
  - c. WDNR Agrees to:
    - i. Review and approve, amend, or deny the annual budget request in accordance with s. 29.889, Stats., s. NR 12.32, Wis. Adm. Code, and advance funds under s. NR 12.34 (unless otherwise agreed upon), Wis. Adm. Code within 30 days of department approval of the annual budget estimate.
    - ii. Review and approve, amend, or deny reimbursement requests in accordance with s. NR 12.34 and s. NR 12.35, Wis. Adm. Codes.
    - iii. Review and act on properly filed wildlife damage claim requests no later than June 1 following the calendar year in which damage occurred.

- iv. If eligible wildlife damage claims are submitted late by the County, WDNR may accept and process the claims if funds are available, and the payment will not adversely affect claimants for the proceeding calendar year claim payments.
  - v. If statewide approved wildlife damage claims exceed available funds, claims shall be paid on a prorated basis as established in s. NR 12.37 (3) Wis. Adm. Code.
- d. The Parties mutually recognize and agree:
- i. WDNR may not bind the State of Wisconsin to pay costs beyond the amount appropriated for the WDACP.
  - ii. WDNR may defer until after July 1, the payment of County reimbursement requests beyond the initial 25% funds advancement.
  - iii. The County and WDNR shall not restrict APHIS-WS to line items estimates in the WDACP budget if total expenditures, per expense category of abatement or administration, do not exceed the total budgeted amount approved by the County and WDNR.
  - iv. The County WDACP budget may be spent in its entirety. Any unspent funds will remain with the WDNR WDACP program.
  - v. Supplies, materials, and equipment will be purchased with WDACP funds. If this Agreement is terminated by any of the Parties, items purchased will be transferred within the WDACP for use or proceeds of items shall remain with the WDACP or returned for reimbursement if possible.
  - vi. WDNR will not reimburse the cost of abatement measures unless those measures were prescribed and implemented according to the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual.
  - vii. WDNR will not make payment for any wildlife damage claim which does not comply with all eligible requirements of s. 29.889, Stats., s. NR 12, Wis. Adm. Code, or this Plan of Administration.
7. Recordkeeping:
- a. APHIS-WS and the County agree to:
    - i. Maintain record keeping practices and procedures that confirm to accounting practices directed by the WDNR and in compliance with s. NR 12, Wis. Adm. Code.
    - ii. Make all records and files relating to the WDACP available to the other Parties, upon request.
    - iii. Send copies of any WDACP documentation to the other Parties, upon request.
    - iv. Use WDNR authorized databases and forms for billing and reporting.
  - b. APHIS-WS agrees to: Maintain separate enrollee files and keep records of all abatement recommendations, appraisals, and all WDACP related interactions with each enrollee.
  - c. The County agrees to: Direct all billings to WDNR, Wildlife Damage Specialist
  - d. WDNR may: Conduct periodic audits of County record keeping procedures and prepare a written report to the County.
  - e. The Parties recognize and agree: All WDACP records are subject to the Wisconsin Open Records Law s.16.61, Stats. Any WDACP records requested will be provided by the County, WDNR, and/or APHIS-WS, as applicable.
8. Abatement Measures:
- a. The parties mutually recognize and agree that:
    - i. WDNR shall maintain Webpages detailing the WDACP and describing how services may be requested.
    - ii. All enrollees shall be required to have a signed enrollment form on file to meet the hunting requirements in s. 29.889 (7m), Stats., s. NR 12.36, Wis. Adm. Code prior to receiving WDACP assistance.
    - iii. All abatement measures recommended to alleviate wildlife damage shall conform to the procedures and priorities found in the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual and will be accepted by the County as complete and appropriate "recommended abatement". Other abatement measures may be used if approved in advance, in writing, by WDNR.
    - iv. In the event equipment loaned by APHIS-WS to an enrollee is damaged beyond normal wear and tear, the enrollee/owner shall be billed for parts and labor to repair the damaged equipment, or if repair costs exceed the value of the equipment, the enrollee will be billed for the replacement of the equipment. APHIS-WS agrees to invoice the enrollee for these costs through a separate Cooperative Service Agreement and deposit the proceeds in the County's WDACP account. If the enrollee refuses to pay:
      - 1. The County shall direct APHIS-WS to refuse abatement services until payment is made (consequently the enrollee would be ineligible for a wildlife damage claim) or
      - 2. The County shall take a reasonable legal action to recover the loss of WDACP materials and/or equipment and deposit the proceeds in the County's WDACP account.



- v. Permanent fences for white-tailed deer or elk abatement shall only be recommended subject to the priorities and conditions set forth in the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual or as directed by WDNR.
    1. A WDACP enrollee for which a permanent fence has been recommended and approved will be required to agree to the design of the fence in advance of letting the project for bid. The enrollee will be responsible for all materials and/or installation costs in excess of the low bid amount if the enrollee requests changes in the fence design subsequent to letting the bids for said fence.
    2. A permanent fence contract shall be signed by the enrollee/landowner, the County, WDNR, and APHIS-WS. This contract shall be registered with the appropriate County Register of Deeds.
    3. All aspects of permanent fencing projects shall comply with requirements in the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual.
    4. All permanent fences must be approved by the County and approved in writing by the WDNR prior to soliciting and awarding bids for materials and construction of the fence.
    5. All permanent fences that exceed the specification found in the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual must have prior written approval from WDNR.
    6. The County will pay the WDACP's 75% obligation for permanent high-tensile woven wire projects approved by the WDNR, when APHIS-WS has determined that the WDACP requirements for materials and construction have been met.
    7. An initial fence inspection will be completed by APHIS-WS and all information will be entered into the WDNR database including a copy of the registered permanent fence contract.
    8. APHIS-WS shall conduct inspections a minimum of once annually of all permanent fences cost-shared through the WDACP to ensure fence contract compliance. All inspection records will be annually recorded in the WDACP database.
    9. A penalty fee (*fee to be determined*) may be charged to the enrollee if the fence has been awarded and the enrollee withdraws or elects to NOT build the approved fence.
    10. Enrollees will be denied additional full program WDACP assistance if a permanent fence has been recommended as the primary abatement and the enrollee refuses the fence. For as long as a permanent fence is the primary recommended abatement for that enrollee full WDACP program assistance (any abatement and/or claims) will be denied in all subsequent years until a fence is erected. NOTE: Enrollee may remain eligible for Act 82 permits, as long as all conditions for Act 82 enrollment have been met.
    11. The contractor shall be liable for the payment of penalties to the WDACP accruing in the amount described in the permanent fence Bid Request, in the event the Contractor fails to meet the delivery and/or installation schedules as specified. Penalties, if applicable, shall be deducted from the payment that is owed to the contractor under the terms of the Bid and its associated bid conditions.
    12. APHIS-WS will prepare all Satisfaction of Contract paperwork and record this paperwork with the appropriate county Register of Deeds, when the fence has reached the end of its 15-year term and/or when the contract has been otherwise satisfied (i.e., enrollee has provided payment to end the contract prior to the end of the 15-year term according to the pay back clause of the clause of the register permanent fence contract).
  - vi. Enrollees shall be encouraged to integrate sound conservation practices with their normal agricultural practices.
  - vii. The County, in accordance with s. NR 12.35(4) Wis. Adm. Code will not administer abatement measures to persons not cooperating with County personnel or the County's agents responsible for administering the County's WDACP. Abusive language, behavior, threats of violence, or otherwise will be considered a failure on the part of the enrollee to cooperate. This condition of administration will be provided by the County or its agent, in writing to program enrollees.
- b. WDNR and APHIS-WS agree to: Provide current information, as available, on the effectiveness of the above abatement measures and/or changes to the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual.
9. Wildlife Damage Claims:
- a. APHIS-WS agrees to:
    - i. Advise the County WDACP enrollees in writing procedures and requirements for submitting a wildlife damage claim, and all other WDACP eligibility requirements through the use of the current program Farmers Fact sheet and/or other informational materials.
    - ii. Require that potential claimants specify the location of damage, crop(s) being damaged, species of wildlife causing damage, and the date damage first occurred with a written, telephone, or personal consultation.
    - iii. Require that enrollees have signed enrollment form(s) (WDNR form) on file to meet the hunting requirements in s. 29.889 (7M), Stats. And s. NR 12.36(2) Wis. Adm. Code.
    - iv. Inspect reported damage to verify eligibility requirement and recommend abatement measures.

- v. Determine the amount of huntable land and the applicable number of hunters for each enrollee in accordance with s. NR 12.31(4) or (4e), Wis Adm. Code, notify each enrollee of the requirement to allow open public hunting or managed hunting access (at least 2 hunters per 40 acres of land suitable for hunting). Land suitable for hunting all eligible species other than deer and elk shall be determined in a manner consistent with s. NR 12.31(4e) Wis. Adm. Code. Participants who only receive a deer shooting permit and waive any eligibility to receive a wildlife damage claim payment or other WDACP program assistance, are exempt from the public hunting requirement (Act 82 enrollment), (s. NR 12.36 (1m) Wis. Adm. Code). Participants who receive abatement only on leased land properties for bear damages to apiaries are exempt from the public hunting requirements as defined in s. 29.889 (7m), Stats.
  - vi. Prepare maps of properties enrolled in the WDACP that are required to open to the public for hunting the species causing damage. Maps must detail the acres enrolled, Township, Range, Section number(s), identifying owned and leased land properties enrolled, and the enrollee's contract information. APHIS-WS will obtain approval from the enrollee to assure that the map includes complete and accurate information regarding all properties enrolled. APHIS-WS staff will enter a copy of the map into the WDNR database, per the WDNR mapping guidelines.
  - vii. Notify WDACP enrollees that any site will be ineligible if they fail to:
    1. Control hunting access on all contiguous land under the same ownership and control, except in situations involving apiaries on land not controlled by the enrollee as defined in s. 29.889 (7m), Stats.
    2. Allow public hunting for the species causing damage (two options available)
      - a. Open public hunting (OPH)
      - b. Managed Hunting Access (MHA) – the presence of 2 hunters per 40 acres of land suitable for hunting.
    3. Sign the appropriate enrollment form(s) including obtaining landowner consent for enrollment of leased properties in a timely manner.
    4. File a wildlife damage complaint with APHIS-WS within 14 days of first damage each year.
    5. Follow APHIS-WS's recommended abatement according to the WDACP Technical Manual list of approved methods.
    6. Request an appraisal for each crop and/or cutting from APHIS-WS orally or in writing at least 10 days prior to the harvest of crops, and delay harvest of said crops for a period of up to 10 days to allow APHIS-WS time to appraise the unharvested crops, or until the appraisal is completed.
    7. Notify APHIS-WS if they charge any fees for hunting or hunting access, or any other activity that includes hunting for the species causing the damage.
  - viii. Inspect the crop or individual fields identified by the enrollee, prior to harvest, and access the eligible wildlife damage and prepare a wildlife damage claim.
  - ix. Retain the claim until the end of the calendar year or end of the state harvest season for the enrolled species, whichever is later, to determine the enrollee's compliance with the WDACP requirements.
  - x. Establish, as described below, uniform unit prices for eligible crops and calculate the value of the eligible wildlife damage claims (see Mutual Agreement between all parties 4b).
  - xi. Ensure that crop damage resulting from improper crop management, compromised growing conditions and weather, or wildlife other than the covered species, is not included in the official crop damage appraisals conducted by APHIS-WS prior to preparation of the enrollee's official wildlife damage claim.
  - xii. Summarize and prepare the necessary WDNR forms for all wildlife damage claims for review by the County prior to the succeeding March 1<sup>st</sup>. Upon approval by the County, claims will be submitted to the WDNR, unless otherwise negotiated by the succeeding March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - xiii. Notify, in writing, any enrollee whose wildlife damage claim has been rejected and provided the reason for the rejection, as well as the appropriate appeal procedures.
- b. The County agrees to:
- i. Review and approve all properly filed wildlife damage claims.
  - ii. Establish crop prices in accordance with the WDACP Technical Manual or approve prices as recommended by APHIS-WS.
  - iii. Deny all wildlife damage claims for a crop site where an invalid enrollment form has been signed by the enrollee and filed with APHIS-WS
  - iv. Deny all wildlife damage claims where APHIS-WS did not receive a complaint within 14 days of first damage.
  - v. Deny all wildlife damage claims for crop sites where APHIS-WS abatement recommendations were not followed.
  - vi. Deny all wildlife damage claims for crops that were harvested before an appraisal request was made to APHIS-WS or before an appraisal was completed (within a 10-day period from notification of harvest).

- vii. Deny all wildlife damage claims on row crops for damage occurring to these crops during a particular growing season after 90 percent of the County's harvest for this crop has been completed, as required by s. NR 12.37(1)(c), Wis. Adm. Code. The County may consult with the local FSA and UW extension offices for assistance in making the 90 percent determination (if desired).
  - viii. Deny all wildlife damage claims if an enrollee is not compliant with the prescribed harvest objective if issued a deer damage shooting permit, and the consulting group consisting of the County, the damage specialist and WDNR, does not collectively recommend an exemption to the harvest objective requirement.
  - ix. The County shall take reasonable legal action to recover claim payments made on the basis of fraudulent or negligent claims or statements.
- c. WDNR agrees to: Accept the amount of wildlife damage for all properly filed wildlife damage claims approved by the County as final for purposes of review.
- d. It is mutually agreed by the County, APHIS-WS, and WDNR that:
- i. Damage assessment for compensation will be performed by APHIS-WS staff in accordance with the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual and Field Handbook and will be accepted by the County as complete and accurate "assessed damage".
  - ii. Compensation prices will be developed by APHIS-WS using information from UW Extension and/or local marketplace data and proposed to the County for approval, each year. Such prices will be established according to procedures set forth in the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual. Such prices will be applied to all individuals with eligible wildlife damage to those crops throughout the County.
  - iii. Public complaints (abatement compliance, fraud, etc.) must be written and received by APHIS-WS by December 31<sup>st</sup>, to be given consideration in the wildlife damage claims determination process. Hunting access denial complaints shall be written and received by APHIS-WS within 10 days of hunting access denial to be given consideration in the wildlife damage claims determination process, as described in the WDACP Technical Manual.
  - iv. The County will not administer a damage appraisal and/or claim to persons not cooperating with County personnel or its agent responsible for administering the County's Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program. Abusive language, behavior, threats of violence, or otherwise will be considered a failure on the part of the enrollee to cooperate. This condition of administration will be provided by the county or its agent, in writing to program enrollees.
  - v. As required by s. NR 12.37(4)(a) 4.b., Wis. Adm. Code as part of the claims approval process, if an enrollee who has been issued a shooting permit is found not to be compliant with the harvest objective prescribed under his/her permit under s. NR 12.163(2)(a), Wisc. Adm. Code, then the County, its agent, and the department shall consult before making a collective recommendation to grant an exemption to the harvest objective requirement. This group shall review the evidence if there is consensus that an exemption is warranted, they shall recommend that the County designated committee charged with the approval of such damage claims, grant approval of the damage claim for the year in which the permit was issued. Compelling evidence that shall be used is detailed in s. NR 12.163(2)(b)2., Wis. Adm. Code.
10. Charges: The terms of this Agreement may be changed by written amendment approved by all Parties.
11. Termination:
- a. The County may terminate participation in the WDACP upon notifying WDNR in writing thirty (30) days prior to termination.
  - b. WDNR shall terminate a County Plan of Administration if the County does not comply with all conditions of s. 29.889, Stats., s. NR 12, Wis. Adm. Code, this Plan of Administration, the Wisconsin WDACP Technical Manual, or fails to properly report costs of the program or claims.
  - c. WDNR agrees to reimburse the County for WDACP costs incurred and determined proper by DNR under this Plan of Administration prior to the effective date of termination.
  - d. That upon termination of the Agreement, the County shall reimburse APHIS-WS for all County WDACP obligations created by APHIS-WS as a result of this Agreement and not previously reimbursed, to the limits of the County WDACP budget.
  - e. In the even that the County chooses to exercise its right to overrule APHIS-WS on a particular case under the general policy provision, APHIS-WS reserves the right to withdraw administrative and/or fiscal support of that case. Either action may occur without termination of this Agreement.
12. Length of Effect: This Plan shall remain in effect until December 31, 2028, unless otherwise changed or terminated as described in Article 12 and sections 10 and 11.

**ATTACHMENT C  
FINANCIAL PLAN  
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY**

Annual Budgets will be completed by APHIS-WS representative, approved by all Parties, and signed by County, WDNR, and APHIS-WS representatives.

Financial Point of Contact/Billing Address:

Chad Berge, Land Conservation Manager  
Eau Claire County  
721 Oxford Ave, Suite 3344  
Eau Claire, WI 54703  
715-839-4784  
[Chad.berge@eauclairecounty.gov](mailto:Chad.berge@eauclairecounty.gov)

Tina Stott, Budget Analyst  
USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services  
732 Lois Dr.  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590  
(608) 837-2727  
[Tina.stott@usda.gov](mailto:Tina.stott@usda.gov)

Section \*V - COUNTY BUDGET/FINANCIAL PLAN - required by all Parties  
 Eau Claire County (**Cooperator**)

Cost Element	Price Charged to Cooperator, paid to APHIS WS	Additional WDNR Funding Requested By Cooperator (County is reimbursed directly from WDNR)	Cost Shared by WS	Full Cost
Salaries (includes venison donation administration)	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,080.00	\$7,080.00
Abatement Materials (includes temp fence, repellant, bear abatement, other abatement)	\$ 1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 1,500.00
Mileage/Travel/Services	\$ 750.00			\$ 750.00
<b>Subtotal Direct Costs</b>	<b>\$8,250.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,080.00</b>	<b>\$9,330.00</b>
Pooled job costs (ex, vehicle usage, etc)	\$907.50	\$0.00	na	\$907.50
Deer Donation Processing	na	\$7,000.00	na	\$7,000.00
County Administration	na	\$1,063.00	na	\$1,063.00
Indirect Costs (Administrative Overhead)	\$1,332.38	\$0.00	na	\$1,332.38
Permanent Fence	na	\$0.00	na	\$0.00
<b>Agreement Total</b>	<b>\$10,489.88</b>	<b>\$8,063.00</b>	<b>\$1,080.00</b>	<b>\$19,632.88</b>
The distribution of the budget (with the exception of the mandatory percentage line items) from this Financial Plan may vary as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this agreement, but may not exceed:	<b>\$18,552.88</b>			

We expect to assist 5 growers with damage that may result in wildlife damage requests equaling or exceeding \$5,000 worth of claims.

**Signatures of Intention:**

**COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**WDNR:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**USDA-APHIS-WS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2024 Eau Claire County Budget

Approved amount to be provided by:

	County Request	County Admin	USDA-WS Funding Approved		WDNR Funding Approved		Total Funding Approved
Salaries (includes County Admin)	\$7,063.00	\$1,063.00	\$1,080.00		\$7,063.00		\$8,143.00
Mileage/Travel/Services	\$1,657.50		\$0.00		\$1,657.50		\$1,657.50
Office Overhead	\$1,332.38		\$0.00		\$1,332.38		\$1,332.38
Permanent Fencing	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Temporary Fencing	\$1,275.00		\$0.00		\$1,275.00		\$1,275.00
Bear Abatement							
Repellant	\$75.00				\$75.00		\$75.00
Other Abatement	\$150.00				\$150.00		\$150.00
Venison Admin	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Venison Processing	\$7,000.00				\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,552.88</b>		<b>\$1,080.00</b>		<b>\$18,552.88</b>		<b>\$19,632.88</b>
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**USDA-APHIS-WS:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**JOINT DATCP/DNR NONPOINT SOURCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025**

1. Read the instructions before completing this application.
2. Complete all yellow-highlighted items in the combined application and Table 1.
3. Sign the completed application electronically
4. Submit the signed Excel spreadsheet to: datcpswrm@wisconsin.gov
5. **April 15, 2024** is the deadline for submission of this grant application.

<b>Eau Claire County</b> county, through its authorized representative, is applying for annual grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) awarded under Sec.92.14,Stats., and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) awarded under Secs. 281.65 and 281.66, Stats. By signing and dating a completed application, the authorized representative certifies that (i) the Land Conservation Committee or other committee designated under Sec. 92.06(1), Stat., has authorized the representative to submit this application; (ii) the county has submitted an Annual Report and Annual Work Plan, and has complied with other grant requirements including Sec. ATCP 50.20, Wis. Admin. Code; and (iii) the information provided in this application (including Table 1) is true, complete and accurate to the best of his or her knowledge. (s. 92.14, Wis. Stats.) This is a mandatory form for applying for grant funds. Any personally identifiable information, as defined under s. 19.62(5), Stats., requested on this form may be used for purposes other than that for which it is originally being collected (s. 15.04 (1) (m), Wis. Stats.). Confidentiality of this information will be maintained to the extent authorized by law.		
	<b>County Administrator</b>	<b>3/26/2024</b>

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE                      LCC CHAIR OR OTHER TITLE                      DATE**

The authorized representative may sign this application electronically by typing his or her name in the space provided for a signature, and inserting the person's title and the date. An electronic signature has the same force and effect, pursuant to chapter 137 of the Wisconsin statutes, as a non-electronic signature.

**NOTICE: This application does not represent a commitment by DATCP or DNR to provide funding for any grant category at any specific level. If grant funds are awarded, the county must agree to comply with any resulting terms including those specified in a grant contract.**

SECTION I. STAFFING/PLANNING GRANTS		Amount Requested of DATCP	Amount Requested of DNR
1	<b>Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) Tier 1</b>		
	<b>A. Base Funding</b> \$75,000 is automatically entered.	\$ 75,000.00	
2	<b>SWRM Tier 2</b>		
	<b>A. Funding for three positions</b> Automatically enters amounts from Table 1, column F, for first three positions		
	<b>Amount from Table 1, column F</b>		
	<b>i. First (100%) position</b>	\$ 116,315	\$ 116,315.00
	<b>ii. Second (70%) position</b>	\$ 95,117	\$ 66,582.00
	<b>iii. Third (50%) position</b>	\$ 81,982	\$ 40,991.00
	<b>B. Funding for subsequent positions</b> Automatically enters amount from Table 1, column G		
	<b>iv. Fourth &amp; more (50%) positions</b>	\$ 124,738	\$ 62,369.00
3	<b>Urban NPS &amp; Storm Water Management - Planning Projects</b> (Complete separate application available on DNR website)		
<b>TOTAL STAFFING REQUESTS ►</b>		\$ 286,257.00	

SECTION II. COST-SHARING GRANTS		Amount Requested of DATCP	Amount Requested of DNR
1	<b>Land and Water Resource Mgmt. (LWRM) Plan Implementation: Structural (Bond) Funds</b>	\$ 100,000.00	
2	<b>LWRM Plan Implementation: SEG Funds</b>	\$ 65,000.00	
	<b>Nutrient Management Programming in County (enter "yes" if True)</b>	4	
	We employ a staff agronomist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		



3	We employ a nutrient management specialist		Yes		
	NM planning and implementation strategy are in our 2024 Workplan		Yes		
	We support NUE/MRTN projects in the county through grant funds or education.				
	We have programming to support outreach and education regarding NM planning, soil testing, plan renewal, soil health.		Yes		
	Other				
4	<b>Targeted Runoff Management Projects</b> (Complete separate application available on DNR website)				
5	<b>Urban NPS &amp; Storm Water Management - Construction Projects</b> (Complete separate application on DNR website)				
<b>TOTAL COST-SHARING REQUESTS ▶</b>			\$	165,000.00	





**SECTION III. FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATCP REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**1 Financial Report of County LCD Expenditures for 2023**

- A.** Enter the total amount of all county LCD expenditures in 2023 from all funding sources. \$ 894,689.47
- B.** Enter the amount of expenditures in 2023 from all non-county sources. \$ 247,717.25  
 (Of the total expenditure listed in line 1A., enter the amount funded using non-county sources, which may include grants, shared revenue, and other funds from sources external to the county.  
 NOTE: Line 1B. plus line 1C. equals line 1A.)
- C.** Amount of county source funding expended in 2023 \$ 646,972.22  
 (County source funding may include county levies, fees, permits, tree sales, or other funds generated by the county. This amount is used to determine fulfillment of maintenance of effort requirements).
- D.** Enter the amount of salary and fringe benefits paid using county source funding. \$ 240,379.33  
 (NOTE: LINE 1D. CANNOT EXCEED LINE 1C.)

**2 Funding for 2023 Staff (FTE,LTE,IC)**

Enter the total number of 2023 staff funded by each of the following categories:

County	DATCP SWRM	All Other	*TOTAL 2023 Staff
3.342	1.6461	0.0119	5

\*Total 2023 staff should be equal to the sum of FTE, LTE and IC staff listed in Table 1.

**3 2024 Work Plan**

Each county must submit a current work plan that describes activities planned for 2024. Submissions must comply the requirements identified by DATCP in separate communications.

Work plans should be emailed by no later than April 15, 2024 to Lisa.Trumble@wi.gov. Grant applications will not be processed if work plans are not submitted, are incomplete, or fail to meet DATCP requirements.

**4 2023 Annual Report**

**Reminder:** To be eligible for 2024 funding, counties must electronically complete a 2023 Annual Report, which DATCP is requesting that counties submit by March 4, 2024.

**Certificate of Compliance Number (if issued)** \_\_\_\_\_



Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection  
 Division of Agricultural Resource Management  
 PO Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911  
 Phone: (608) 224-4605 Fax: (608) 224-4615

**Notice of Noncompliance with Farmland Preservation Program Tax Credit Requirements**

*(Farmland Preservation Program, ss. 91.80 and 91.82, Wis. Stats., and s. ATCP 50.16, Wis. Admin. Code)*

LANDOWNER NAME		COUNTY		DATE NOTICE ISSUED
STREET ADDRESS				
CITY			STATE	ZIP
PHONE	E-MAIL			
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE NUMBER (IF ISSUED)				

**Property Location** *(For additional property, please attach additional documentation.)*

TOWNSHIP	RANGE	SECTION	TOWN, VILLAGE, CITY	PARCEL TAX ID #

**The County Land Conservation Committee finds the following:**

- Landowner failed to comply with applicable land and water conservation standards required under s. 91.80, Wis. Stats.
- Landowner failed to comply with a performance schedule under s. ATCP 50.16(3), Wis. Stats.
- Landowner failed to permit a reasonable inspection under s. 91.82(1)(c)1., Wis. Stats.
- Landowner failed to certify compliance as required under s. 91.82(1)(c)2., Wis. Stats.
- Property described above is not subject to a farmland preservation agreement or covered by a certified farmland preservation zoning district and therefore is ineligible for eligibility for farmland preservation tax credits.
- Landowner signed the voluntary waiver of rights.

The landowner may request to meet with the county land conservation committee to contest or discuss the violation, ATCP 50.16 (6)(b)(3).

**Voluntary Waiver of Rights** *(Not available for property subject to a farmland preservation agreement)*

By signing below, landowner wishes to waive the right for a hearing and farm inspection, and agrees to voluntarily refrain from collecting tax credits under subch. IX of ch. 71, Stats.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF LANDOWNER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE:

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE DETERMINATION:

**Land Conservation Committee Signature**

Based on the findings, the \_\_\_\_\_ County Land Conservation Committee hereby issues a Notice of Noncompliance under s. 91.82, Wis. Stats., for the landowner and property described in this notice. As of the date of this notice, **landowner is not eligible to claim any farmland preservation tax credits under subch. IX of ch. 71, Stats.**, unless this notice is subsequently withdrawn (cancelled) and not in effect at the end of the taxable year to which the claim relates.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE 		DATE
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE		PHONE
STREET ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP

This notice, issued by the County Land Conservation Committee, shall be provided to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and the county planning and zoning committee, if the land is covered by a farmland preservation zoning ordinance. If the County Land Conservation Committee determines that an owner has corrected the failure described in this Notice of Noncompliance, the Committee shall withdraw (cancel) the Notice of Noncompliance and notify the landowner, the Department of Revenue, and the planning and zoning committee of the withdrawal (cancellation), on a form approved by DATCP.

**Send copy of notice to:**

Wisconsin Department of Revenue  
DOR-FARMLAND 5-144  
RSOB – Audit Bureau  
PO Box 8906  
Madison, WI 53708-8906

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection  
Division of Agricultural Resource Management  
Bureau of Land and Water Resources – Operations Program Associate  
PO Box 8911  
Madison, WI 53708-8911



# Lake Monitoring and Protection Network

## Cooperative Agreement, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report



Written and compiled by:

Bre Klockzien

Citizen Science Center

March 2024



## CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE

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**Newsletter**

<b>1/4</b>	Sent out AIS Newsletter to 99+ Subscribers
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**Citizen Lake Monitoring Network**

<b>1/25</b>	Acquired CLMN Monitoring Equipment/Supplies from DNR
<b>2/29</b>	CLMN Hazardous Materials Shipping Training
<b>3/7</b>	CLMN Chemistry Overview with DNR CLMN Coordinator
<b>All Month</b>	Distributed equipment/supplies to CLMN Volunteers for Lake Altoona, Tainter, Wissota, and Two Island Lake
<b>3/19</b>	CLMN Coordinator Check in with all State Partners
<b>3/26</b>	CLMN SWIMS Overview with 4 Volunteers



## Clean Boats, Clean Waters

<b>2/20</b>	Assisted Lake Altoona Protection and Rehabilitation District with CBCW Grant
<b>All Quarter</b>	Assisted 6 Lake Groups with grants and finding watercraft inspectors for the summer season.

## Lake Groups

<b>1/10</b>	Wrote Article for LWIPA Spring Newsletter on Zebra Mussels
<b>1/16</b>	Eau Claire River Watershed Technical Committee Meeting
<b>1/25</b>	Assisted Chain O'Lakes Group with Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol Permit Application
<b>1/29</b>	All County Lake Groups Contacted to Plan Summer Presentations, Events, and Trainings
<b>1/29</b>	Met with Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance to Discuss Future Partnership Opportunities
<b>2/19</b>	Lake Wissota Stewardship Project Meeting
<b>2/26</b>	Dunn County Fish & Game: LMPN Introduction Presentation
<b>3/18</b>	Provided Zebra Mussel/AIS Monitoring Article for LWIPA Newsletter

## Outreach and Education

<b>1/9</b>	Lakes & Rivers Series: Wetland & Shoreline Ecosystems
<b>2/13</b>	Lakes & Rivers Series: Climate Change & Water Quality
<b>3/12</b>	Lakes & Rivers Series: Aquatic Invasive Species
<b>3/14</b>	Red Cedar Watershed Conference Tabling



**Figure 1:** Red Cedar Watershed Table including activities, event flyers, and AIS specimen samples.

## Purple Loosestrife Biological Control

2/12	Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol Updates Presentation and Q&A
3/12	Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol Program Refresher and Q&A

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## Travel and Meetings

<b>1/8</b>	Submitted all LMPN Reimbursement Paperwork and End of Year Reports
<b>1/11</b>	Great Lakes Seminar
<b>1/16</b>	LMPN Meeting with DNR Regional AIS Coordinator
<b>1/17</b>	NAISMA – Protecting Threatened & Endangered Species from Pesticides
<b>1/22</b>	Eau Claire Lane Conservation Meeting
<b>1/23</b>	Wisconsin Lakes Webinar – Riparian Rights
<b>1/25</b>	Interviewed an AIS Technician for Summer Season
<b>1/30</b>	Dunn County LMPN Meeting
<b>1/30</b>	International Invasive Species and Climate Change Conference
<b>1/31</b>	Webinar: Tips and Strategies for Helping Gardeners Create a Landscape Free of Invasive Plants
<b>2/6</b>	Lakes & Rivers Partnership Monthly Call: Lake, River, Watershed Integration
<b>2/9</b>	AIS Management 101 Course Completion
<b>2/12</b>	Invasive Species Centre: 2024 Invasive Species Forum
<b>2/15</b>	CLMN: Winter Water Talk - Factors that Affect Stream Health
<b>2/19</b>	Lake Wissota Stewardship Project Meeting: Chippewa County
<b>2/26</b>	Dunn County Fish & Game LMPN Introduction Presentation
<b>2/27</b>	NISAW Webinar: The Invasive Species Language Workshop
<b>3/5</b>	Lakes & Rivers Partnership Monthly Call: Aquatic Invasive Species/APM
<b>3/6</b>	WDNR AIS Verifier Test
<b>3/7</b>	Lake Altoona CLMN Chemistry Protocol Review with CLMN Coordinator
<b>3/12</b>	Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol Program Refresher and Q&A
<b>3/14</b>	Red Cedar Watershed Conference
<b>3/21</b>	LMPN SWIMS Training Webinar
<b>3/26</b>	LMPN Overview for Partners Meeting



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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



## Evidence of a compensatory response in invasive Rusty Crayfish (*Faxonius rusticus*) following intensive harvest removal from northern Lake Michigan fish spawning reefs

[Full Article Link](#)

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### Abstract

The goal of most invasive species suppression programs is to achieve long-term sustained reductions in population abundance, yet removal programs can be stymied by density-dependent population responses. We tested a harvest removal strategy for invasive Rusty Crayfish (*Faxonius rusticus*) at two nearshore native fish spawning habitats in northern Lake Michigan. Changes in average Rusty Crayfish densities were evaluated with a before-after reference-impact study design. We removed 3182 Rusty Crayfish, primarily adults (> 20 mm carapace length), at two sites over two harvest seasons, expending 17,825 trap days in effort. Generalized linear modeling results suggested a statistically significant reduction in Rusty Crayfish densities was achieved at one reef, Little Traverse Bay (LTB Crib). Reduced densities were sustained over the egg maturation period for native fish and into the following year after removal ceased. By late summer/early fall, between consecutive suppression efforts in 2018 and 2019, we observed a threefold increase in pre-removal densities. Size-frequency histograms from diver quadrat surveys showed higher abundances of juvenile (< 20 mm carapace length) size classes the following spring and summer at LTB Crib compared to its paired reference site. Stock-recruit curves fit to count data, pooled across all sites, provided further evidence of density-dependence. With a proviso that we only conducted two seasons of consecutive suppression, this study highlights an important aspect of invasive species management and raises questions about the efficacy of adult-only crayfish removal strategies.



## Facilitating effective collaboration to prevent aquatic invasive species spread.

### [Full Article Link](#)

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### Abstract

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) threaten ecosystem health, serving as a major challenge for conservation efforts worldwide. Invasive species easily move across jurisdictional boundaries that may each have diverse management approaches, leading to management mosaics in which each manager's actions impact those of neighboring jurisdictions. Here, we investigate the potential impact of collaborations between counties in Minnesota in managing four aquatic invasive species (Eurasian watermilfoil, spiny waterflea, starry stonewort, and zebra mussels), with a focus on evaluating the efficiency of county-led prevention programs. We aimed to identify potential collaboration networks, each representing a group of counties with a relatively high number of potentially infested boats moving between them and describe the connections within those groups using social network analysis. We found that collaboration networks formed by ranking reciprocal connections amongst counties yielded efficiency gains over a non-collaborative or county-focused approach but were still less efficient than a state-wide approach. This study presents an analytical framework for identifying collaborations based on AIS dispersal pathways that may increase the efficiency of inter-jurisdictional prevention efforts.