

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, May 3, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse – Room 114

1. Call meeting to order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)
4. Review Correspondence.
5. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Approve minutes of previous meeting
 - b. Approve bills
 - c. Receive staff activity reports
 - d. Receive committee reports
6. Review items, if any, pulled from Consent Agenda.
7. Risk and Injury Report
8. Land & Water Conservation Department
 - a. Discuss and possible action on RC&D membership dues.
 - b. Discuss and possible action on designating supervisor as Wood County representative on North Central Land & Water Conservation Association
9. Private Sewage
10. Land Records
 - a. Review LiDAR ARPA funding request
11. County Surveyor
 - a. Review and Recommend Proposals for Wood County Highway Transportation Project Plat (TPP)
12. Planning & Zoning
 - a. Consider resolution approving zoning ordinance amendments for the Town of Sigel.
13. Economic Development
 - a. Consider request for release of REDI implementation funding for Central Wisconsin State Fair feasibility study.
 - b. Update from Village of Port Edwards Bike Trail project and consider release of 2023 Economic Development Grant Funds.
 - c. Update on broadband and Bug Tussel projects.
14. Extension
 - a. General Office Update
15. Sustainable & Renewable
 - a. Discuss structure of sustainable and renewable oversight.
 - b. Solar options for Jail Project.
 - c. Discuss Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification and consideration for Jail Project.
16. Requests for per diem for meeting attendants
17. Schedule next regular committee meeting
18. Agenda items for next meeting
19. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary
20. Adjourn

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MINUTES
CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023
WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 114, WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI

Members Present: Bill Leichtnam, Tom Buttke, Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine, Laura Valenstein

Members Excused: Carmen Good

Staff Present:

Land & Water Conservation Staff: Barbara Peeters, Lori Ruess

Planning & Zoning Staff: Jason Grueneberg, Victoria Wilson (WebEx)

Extension Staff: Jeremy Solin, Karli Tomsyck

Others Present (for part or all of the meeting): Dist. #11 Supervisor Jeff Penzkover, Dist. #14 Supervisor Dennis Polach, County Board Chair Lance Pliml (WebEx), Ben Jeffrey (Wood County Health Department – WebEx), Jack Akers, Michael Hobbs

1. **Call meeting to order.** Chairperson Leichtnam called the CEED meeting to order at 9:00am.
2. **Declaration of Quorum.** Chairperson Leichtnam declared a quorum.
3. **Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)**
Supervisor Buttke noted there was supposed to be action on the consent agenda on the meeting agenda to move item 8c into item 5. Chair Leichtnam asked for the committee's thoughts. Supervisor Valenstein felt it would be wise to move them up and items can be pulled if need be. This change will be reflected for the May meeting.
4. **Review Correspondence.** None.
5. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda included the following items: 1) minutes of the March 8, 2023 and March 21, 2023 CEED meetings, 2) bills from Extension, Land & Water Conservation and Planning & Zoning and 3) staff activity reports from Laura Huber, Jasmine Carbajal, Matt Lippert, Kayla Rombalski, Allison Jonjak, Hannah Wendels, Mallory McGivern, Janell Wehr, Jackie Carattini, Anna James, Lori Ruess, Barbara Peeters, Caleb Armstrong, Emily Salvinski, Kyle Andreae, Rod Mayer, Shane Wucherpfnig, Jason Grueneberg, Paul Bernard, Jeff Brewbaker and Victoria Wilson.
 - a. **Approve minutes of previous meeting.** No additions or corrections needed.
 - b. **Approve bills.** No additions or corrections needed.
 - c. **Receive staff activity reports.** No additions or corrections needed.

Motion by Laura Valenstein to approve and accept the March 8, 2023 and March 21, 2023 CEED minutes as presented. Second by Dave LaFontaine. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve and accept bills from Extension, Land & Water Conservation and Planning & Zoning, and staff activity reports as presented. Second by Tom Buttke. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Review items, if any, pulled from Consent Agenda.** None.
7. **Risk and Injury Report.** None.
8. **Land & Water Conservation Department**
 - a. Discuss and possible action on RC&D membership dues
Chair Leichtnam noted there was a discussion last month on what percentage of RC&D membership dues should be paid. In a statement from RC&D, there are only 5 counties left that haven't paid their voluntary dues. Shane Wucherpfnig indicated to Chair Leichtnam that the committee could wait one more month until he returns to discuss, unless the committee has an idea of what they'd like to do.

Motion by Dave LaFontaine to approve payment of 75% of Golden Sands RC&D membership dues for 2023. Second by Bill Leichtnam. Discussion followed.

Motion by Tom Buttke to table membership dues discussion until the May CEED meeting. Second by Jake Hahn. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Introduction of new Conservation Administrative Specialist

Lori Ruess is retiring on Monday, April 10th after 37 years with Wood County. Barb Peeters was introduced as the new Conservation Administrative Specialist. Barb has been with Wood County for 2 years, previously in the Human Services department.

The CEED committee welcomed Barb and thanked Lori for her service.

c. Committee Reports

i. **Citizen's Groundwater Committee meeting.**

Chair Leichtnam shared the group is going down on Conservation Lobby Day, April 25th, to lobby at the State Capitol. This will be the next meeting.

ii. **Health Committee report.**

Ben Jeffrey shared Environmental Health staff attended a water resource conference in the Wisconsin Dells recently. There was a lot of good groundwater information shared.

Health Department water lab nitrate and bacteria tests will be increasing to \$25.00. This was approved mainly due to increased costs of materials.

The Health Department website is getting some updates over the next month or so.

With moving committee reports to the consent agenda, Ben will submit written reports and attend CEED meetings as he's able.

iii. **Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative (CSGWCC) committee report.**

Chair Leichtnam noted a presentation for the gap analysis that will be made in Montello tomorrow evening, April 6th.

iv. **Golden Sands RC&D report.**

Chair Leichtnam highlighted that the last 2 RC&D meetings have been held at the River Block building. He also shared language from a 2023 farm bill resolution; the point of this resolution is to move it away from a federal farm bill and bring it back to a more regional level.

9. Private Sewage. None.

10. Land Records. None.

11. County Surveyor. None.

12. Planning & Zoning

a. Consider approval of Bollig Estates Preliminary Plat located in Town of Port Edwards

Jason Grueneberg shared a map of the Bollig Estates preliminary plat. It is a wooded parcel just off of G, south of the casino. It is a very flat site with sandy soils. There is one road coming off of G. The developer worked with the Highway Department to redesign this. Most of the lots are 2 acres, which is the town minimum.

Supervisor Valenstein expressed concern that the large lot size works against discussions had about trying to improve the housing situation. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Hahn noted he doesn't want to make it more difficult for housing developments in Wood County.

A question was raised on whether investigation has been done on nitrate levels. Discussion followed. Supervisor Leichtnam suggested the CEED Committee encourage the developers to let those purchasing the lots know about the possibility of high nitrates. Chair Pliml added there is no way to enforce it but it would be nice to inform and let people know or ask the developer to hand out a map talking about eventualities. Nothing would enforce any liability against the county. Discussion followed.

Supervisor LaFontaine asked if a ladder fire truck can get around the square corners. This would be a developer and township issue to consider and be aware of. Jason Grueneberg can speak to the town about it.

Motion by Jake Hahn to approve Bollig Estates Preliminary Plat in the Town of Port Edwards contingent on town approval. Second by Dave LaFontaine. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consider approval of Apsey Acres Preliminary Plat located in Town of Marshfield.

Jason Grueneberg shared a map of the Apsey Acres preliminary plat. It is mostly farm field with one old structure. It has heavier soil which provides some challenges as far as planning goes. In this plat, there are 9 different lots. There will be a road installed and a cul-de-sac that meets town requirements. Lots range from 1.6 acres up to 6.4 acres. Discussion followed.

Supervisor LaFontaine expressed concern with the design for fire truck accessibility.

Motion by Tom Buttke to approve Apsey Acres Preliminary Plat in the Town of Marshfield contingent on town approval. Second by Jake Hahn. Motion carried.

Ayes – Bill Leichtnam, Tom Buttke, Jake Hahn, Laura Valenstein

Nay – Dave LaFontaine

c. Consider approval of Ten Mile Creek Woods Preliminary Plat in the Town of Saratoga.

Jason Grueneberg shared a map of the Ten Mile Creek Woods preliminary plat. There are three 8-acre lots and five 3-acre lots that abut 64th street. It is a very wooded property and flat with very sandy soil. There is no flood plain, no wetlands and no shore land zoning. The lots are very large and given the sandy soil, installation of conventional septics shouldn't be a problem. It is zoned by the town as rural preservation. In Jason's conversation with the town, the development is allowed there as long as the lots are over 3 acres. Discussion followed.

Motion by Tom Buttke to approve Ten Mile Creek Woods Preliminary Plat in the Town of Saratoga contingent on town approval. Second by Jake Hahn. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Economic Development

a. Review timeline and process for 2024 Wood County Economic Development grants.

Jason Grueneberg noted they've already received inquiries regarding the grant process for this year. There was one meeting date in 2023 to review applications and it worked out well. Discussion followed regarding outreach and promotion.

Supervisor Hahn felt that last year went very smooth. The meeting will be held the first week of July, if last year's timeline is followed again.

- b. Consider City of Pittsville/Pittsville School District request for REDI implementation funding.
Jason Grueneberg introduced Michael Hobbs from Pittsville. Jason noted residential property is up for sale. It is about 1.9 acres on the river. Pittsville High School has some of their athletic fields adjacent. When the property went up for sale, a lot of conversations were had in the City of Pittsville regarding acquiring the property for a variety of reasons. First, given the proximity to adjacent ball fields, it could be used for equipment storage. Also, there is a desire locally in their bicycle and trail planning to put a trail through here to connect residential areas to schools and Riverside Park.

The request to the CEED Committee is \$10,000.00. They don't know what the property is going to sell for; it is listed now for just under \$100,000.00. Discussion followed.

Jason shared there is \$83k remaining in REDI funding for the year.

Motion by Tom Buttke to approve release of REDI funding to City of Pittsville/Pittsville School District in the amount of \$10,000.00 contingent on purchase of property. Second by Jake Hahn. Discussion followed.

Motion by Laura Valenstein to amend original motion to \$20,000.00. Second by Dave LaFontaine. Motion carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

- c. Discuss possible future REDI Implementation request for the Central Wisconsin State Fair.
Jason Grueneberg shared the Marshfield Central Wisconsin State fairgrounds are in need of repair. They are looking for grant funding to start and plan to bring an application to CEED next month to do a feasibility study for an expo center on the grounds that could meet the needs of the fair but also be used year round. The request will be for \$50,000.00. Jason wanted to give the committee a heads up. Discussion followed.

14. Extension

- a. General Office Update

Jeremy Solin provided the following updates:

- In response to Supervisor LaFontaine's request to add an introduction to the Extension staff activity reports, Jeremy wanted to make sure it was suitable. Supervisor LaFontaine confirmed it was.
- Jeremy attended Central Wisconsin Profitability Expo on March 22nd. He shared it was inspiring to see what is happening. The expo was a great event to bring farmers and agency folks together. There are a lot of farmer led watershed planning and projects generally going on in the area.
- Extension has a project working with the Pittsville group to do planning around future economic development. State specialists are working with the City of Pittsville and the school district on planning efforts and it's progressing well.
- The Healthy Communities Coordinator FoodWise position was posted this week.

- b. Discuss Renewable & Sustainable Initiatives

Chair Leichtnam shared under the Machon administration, there was a Renewables & Sustainable committee that Supervisor Hahn chaired. They met bi-monthly. There has been consideration over the past 6-9 months that the committee find a home again, potentially with CEED. Reuben Van Tassel, Facilities Director, was an active member of the committee along with Supervisor Hahn and Supervisor Leichtnam.

One of the main projects that came out of the R&S committee was the solar panel array at Nepco Lake. Supervisor Valenstein noted the potential for solar panels on the new jail.

Following discussion, it was determined Renewable & Sustainable initiatives will have a place on the CEED agenda for at least 2-3 months to see what ideas are generated and go from there.

Supervisor LaFontaine raised a question of what department would have time to go forward with a grant request to get solar panels on the jail. Discussion followed.

15. Requests for per diem for meeting attendants.

Motion by Jake Hahn to approve per diem for Supervisor Leichtnam to attend the gap analysis presentation in Montello on April 6th, 2023. Second by Tom Buttke. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Schedule next regular committee meeting. The next regular CEED meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 at 9:00am at Wood County Courthouse Room #114.

17. Agenda items for next meeting. *Agenda items are due by Wednesday, April 26th.*

- REDI Grant Request - Central Wisconsin State Fair
- Discuss Status and Structure of Renewable & Sustainable Initiatives
- Discuss Solar and LEED Certification for the new Jail

18. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary. None.

19. Adjourn.

Motion by Tom Buttke to adjourn the meeting at 10:53am. Second by Jake Hahn. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes by Karli Tomsyck, UW-Madison Division of Extension - Wood County

Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Extension Wood County

For the period of: April 2023

For the range of vouchers: 30230034 - 30230050

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30230034	LET'S CREATE	4-H Class	04/04/2023	\$150.00	P
30230035	MARSHFIELD PARK & REC DEPT	Rental Fee - 4-H Day Camp	04/04/2023	\$104.27	P
30230036	4-H AMERICAN SPIRIT	Delegates Experience Payment	04/11/2023	\$6,600.00	P
30230037	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	04/11/2023	\$114.89	P
30230038	WACAA	2023 Dues - M. Lippert	04/18/2023	\$150.00	P
30230039	POSTMASTER - WISCONSIN RAPIDS	ECN Newsletter Postage	04/18/2023	\$99.26	P
30230040	US BANK	April Statement	04/25/2023	\$1,067.82	
30230041	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office Supplies	04/25/2023	\$9.56	
30230042	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Office Supplies	04/25/2023	\$24.67	
30230043	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	04/25/2023	\$99.02	
30230044	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies	04/25/2023	\$156.57	
30230045	STEPHANIE KOHLI ART LLC	4H Mural	04/25/2023	\$230.00	
30230046	CARATTINI JACKIE	April Expenses	04/25/2023	\$259.38	
30230047	CARBAJAL JASMINE	April Expenses	04/25/2023	\$207.64	
30230048	JONJAK ALLISON	April Expenses	04/25/2023	\$187.11	
30230049	LIPPERT MATTHEW	April Expenses	04/25/2023	\$67.79	
30230050	ROMBALSKI KAYLA-ROSE	April Expenses	04/25/2023	\$356.85	
Grand Total:				\$9,884.83	

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Land & Water Conservation Dept

For the period of: April 2023

For the range of vouchers: 18230052 -
18230079R

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18230052	BEHLEN JOSEPH R	NMFE CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	04/04/2023	\$424.00	P
18230053	HEEG KEVIN	NMFE CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	04/03/2023	\$980.00	P
18230054	REIGEL DARRELL	NMFE CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	04/03/2023	\$980.00	P
18230055	PHEASANTS FOREVER	PRAIRIE FLOWERS/SEED SALE	01/13/2023	\$28.35	P
18230056	PHEASANTS FOREVER	PRAIRIE FLOWERS/SEED SALE	01/13/2023	\$115.20	P
18230057	PHEASANTS FOREVER	PRAIRIE FLOWERS/SEED SALE	01/13/2023	\$67.50	P
18230058	PHEASANTS FOREVER	PRAIRIE FLOWERS/SEED SALE	01/13/2023	\$23.85	P
18230059	PHEASANTS FOREVER	PRAIRIE FLOWERS/SEED SALE	01/13/2023	\$67.50	P
18230060	PHEASANTS FOREVER	PRAIRIE FLOWERS/SEED SALE	01/13/2023	\$26.55	P
18230061	PHEASANTS FOREVER	PRAIRIE FLOWERS/SEED SALE	01/13/2023	\$24.30	P
18230062	BERGER ASHLEY	NMFE CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	04/12/2023	\$230.00	P
18230063	BERRY CATHY	NMFE CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	04/12/2023	\$462.00	P
18230064	GILBERTSON GEORGE & JILL	NMFE CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	04/12/2023	\$640.00	P
18230065	LAURA'S LANE NURSERY	NURSERY CANCELLED PARTIAL ORDER	02/06/2023	(Voided)	P
18230066	MARTIN SETH	NMFE CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	04/12/2023	\$270.00	P
18230067	MARTIN WILMER	NMFE CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	04/12/2023	\$230.00	P
18230068	MATYKA MARK	NMFE CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	04/12/2023	\$934.00	P
18230069	NORKS MICHAEL	NMFE CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	04/12/2023	\$878.00	P
18230070	PANKRATZ MATTHEW	NMFE CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	04/12/2023	\$980.00	P
18230071	PEASLEE JEFFREY C	NMFE CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	04/11/2023	\$478.00	P
18230072	WOOD COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS	RECORDING FEES	04/03/2023	\$60.00	P
18230073	SEBOLD SANDY	NMFE CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	04/12/2023	\$286.00	P
18230074	VORNHOLT MARK	NMFE CLASS REIMBURSEMENT	04/12/2023	\$358.00	P
18230075	BADGER SEEDLING LLC	Tree sale (1,000 tamarack)	04/14/2023	\$870.00	P
18230076	HRAMOR NURSERY	Tree Sale	01/20/2023	\$6,473.25	P
18230077	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	Office supplies	04/14/2023	\$27.99	P
18230078	LAURA'S LANE NURSERY	Tree Sale	02/06/2023	\$2,300.00	P
18230079	US BANK	MarathonCo Fee,Farm Prft Conf	04/18/2023	(Voided)	P
18230079R	US BANK	Mar. Co Fee, Farm Profit Conf	04/20/2023	\$145.20	P
Grand Total:				\$18,359.69	

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Planning & Zoning

For the period of: April 2023

For the range of vouchers: 22230020 - 22230025

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
22230020	BOYER KEVIN	SU-Prof Serv-Other	04/05/2023	\$833.00	P
22230021	INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION	PS-March Permit Fees	04/01/2023	\$1,600.00	P
22230022	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PL-Office Supplies	03/19/2023	\$44.17	P
22230023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PL-Office Supplies	03/25/2023	\$42.26	P
22230024	POSTMASTER - WISCONSIN RAPIDS	PS-Office Supplies	04/19/2023	\$937.30	P
22230025	US BANK	LR-Credit Card Charges	04/18/2023	\$7.82	
Grand Total:				\$3,464.55	

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Extension Wood County staff led, delivered, planned or collaborated on all of the following activities:

4-H POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Laura Huber, 4-H Program Educator

Jasmine Carbajal, 4-H Associate Educator (Marathon & Wood Counties)

- A hands-on education activity where Wood County youth in Kindergarten and older learned the history of charcuterie boards, learned about MyPlate food groups, and learned about St. Patrick’s day traditions in order to increase their knowledge of the holiday and try new foods. The goal of this program was to increase the youth’s knowledge about healthy eating and incorporate the MyPlate guidelines into a board of their own creation that was St. Patrick’s themed.
- A hands-on educational session where Wood County youth in kindergarten and older painted a gnome on a canvas in order to increase their knowledge of acrylic paint, practice various techniques when using different paint brushes, and paint different patterns. The goal of this activity was to increase youth’s knowledge of color, paint, and tools used when painting a canvas.
- A hands-on educational program for Wood County youth in K-13 where they used wood, nails, a hammer, and thread to create string art. The goal of this project was to encourage creativity, learn and practice a new skill, and create something they could take to their local county fair.



AGRICULTURE

Matt Lippert, Agriculture Educator

- Twenty farmers, primarily dairy producers but also including others, increased their understanding of dairy cattle genetic evaluation and improvement opportunities as part of a larger conference including information about market risk protection and USDA farm programs
- A newsletter for farmers and agribusiness professionals where they learned about upcoming programs and topics including liming materials and evaluating the economics of liming, soil health, upcoming events, feeding dairy forages. The purpose of this effort is to work collaboratively to provide timely education for improving agricultural production with multiple county farmers and stakeholders.
- A live, on-line meeting series, for farmers and dairy industry professionals, where participants learned the latest research and applications regarding feed efficiency in dairy cattle. The goal of this effort was to increase knowledge of the latest UW-Madison research on selection of feed efficiency in pedigrees along with factors impacting feed efficiency in dairy cattle.



- Dairy producers and other industry professionals learned about milk marketing policy and the current dairy market outlook. With this information they will be able to make better choices for their clients and for their own operations regarding milk production risk management.
- A youth career development event to be held for FFA students to learn about evaluation of dairy cattle conformation so that they can select cattle that will be more productive and healthy.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Kayla Rombalski, Community Development Educator

- A presentation for local government leaders [Wood County Unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association] where they were given an update on Extension Wood County's economic development initiatives [REDI, Child Care Task Force, Pittsville CEA-RWC]. The purpose of this presentation was to inform the leaders about Extension's ongoing work in Wood County.

CRANBERRIES

Allison Jonjak, Cranberry Educator

- Preparing research in thermal and hyperspectral imagery to determine cranberry plant stress. This may be used to improve water use efficiency in irrigation, as well as drainage management.
- A working group focused on automation of tasks within agriculture (for example laser weeding in cranberry) was assembled to support research work into creating and integrating automation to improve the lives of farmers and their employees.
- Protocols for small plot cranberry research were developed so that new promising chemistries can be tested to give supporting data to enable their registration, and provide growers with use pattern information if they become registered. This will allow cranberry growers to have tools to protect yields as existing chemistries become restricted.
- Planning for a spring mini-clinic for cranberry growers from 3 regions of Wisconsin, where growers learn information on several timely topics including bud dissection, pre-emergent herbicide (Casoron) basics, dissolved oxygen measurement, and chemistry availability. This mini-clinic is designed to support cranberry growers in common cranberry management challenges.
- Small plot field research exploring the use of a new class of fungicides in concert with familiar registered fungicides, allowing cranberry growers to control disease while preventing fungicide resistance by using multiple modes of action, was developed.
- A large scale field research project studying the efficacy of registered and experimental chemistries against cranberry flea beetle in cranberry marshes was developed. This will enable growers to control the pest while maintaining crop health and safety.
- A research project studying the efficacy of registered and experimental chemistries against blunt-nosed leafhopper adults (the vector of an incurable disease), in cranberry marshes was developed. This will enable growers to control the pest and prevent transmission of the disease.



- A research project studying the efficacy of registered and experimental chemistries against blunt-nosed leafhopper nymphs (the vector of an incurable disease), in cranberry marshes was developed. This will enable growers to control the pest and prevent transmission of the disease.

FOODWISE

Hannah Wendels, FoodWise Nutrition Educator

Mallory McGivern, FoodWise Administrator

- A once-per-month nutrition lesson held at FOCUS food pantry in Wisconsin Rapids for adults and older adults, where participants learn about the food groups, making healthy dietary choices, and reading nutrition labels to help make healthier choices. These lessons are designed to create a positive experience with food and nutrition and help participants make healthier choices now and in the future.
- A 12-week series of strength training sessions (StrongBodies) in Wood county (Nekoosa), for where older adults learn best practices and learn nutrition and health education.. Participants engage in regular strength training exercises to improve strength, balance, and flexibility so they can stay healthy and socially connected.
- A comprehensive Harvest of the Month social marketing campaign implemented in the WRPS School District where Wisconsin-grown produce is served in school meal programs, students and staff engage and learn about WI-grown produce, and educational information is shared with parents/caregivers. This effort was designed to increase consumption of Wisconsin-grown fruits and vegetables.
- A Healthy Living series for teens (grades 9-12) at the alternative high school (River Cities), where students learn basic life skills such as food preparation and cooking skills, budgeting and finance skills, and mindfulness activities to better prepare them for their future and living on their own.
- A 5-week nutrition education series for kindergarten classrooms at Howe Elementary School, where they learn about the importance of eating five food groups, try new fruits and vegetables, and learn how food and physical activity can help them now and in the future. This effort was designed to make healthy eating a positive experience which will help with making healthier food choices in the future.
- A 5-week nutrition education series for kindergarten classrooms at Mead Elementary School, where they learn about the importance of eating five food groups, try new fruits and vegetables, and learn how food and physical activity can help them now and in the future. This effort was designed to make healthy eating a positive experience which will help with making healthier food choices in the future.
- A pilot lesson at Norris Manor in Marshfield for a nutrition education series for older adults (Nutrition for Healthy Aging), where participants learn about the benefits of making healthy choices and about nutrition needs as one ages. Participants engage in conversation based learning techniques, activities, and have a recipe demonstration to enjoy during class.



HORTICULTURE

Janell Wehr, Horticulture Educator

- A therapeutic horticulture lesson for FOCUS (Feeding Our Communities with United Services) clients, where participants learned how to grow new plants from kitchen scraps which supported the learning about propagating healthy plants while supporting positive mental well-being, and positive socialization.
- A therapeutic horticulture program for lifelong learners through UWSP LIFE, where participants learned best practices in creating container gardens. This effort is designed to support lifelong learning, healthy wellbeing, and positive socialization.
- A presentation for the Portage County Master Gardeners, where participants learned about basic landscape design. This effort is designed to increase awareness and knowledge of resources to address environmental contamination and pollution due to overuse of horticulture chemicals
- A presentation hosted by the Waushara County Association for Home and Community Education for the general public, where participants learned how to install pollinator habitats in their landscapes. This effort is designed to increase awareness and knowledge of resources to increase pollinator habitat.
- An orientation for Wood County Master Gardener Volunteers who answer diagnostic questions on behalf of the Extension office, where volunteers learned how to process and document horticultural inquiries for Wood County. This effort was designed to address environmental contamination and pollution due to overuse of horticulture chemicals in urban and suburban environments.
- An interview for WFHR where the Wisconsin Rapids area listening audience learned how to start seeds and tender bulbs indoors. This effort is designed to increase awareness of resources to address environmental contamination and pollution due to overuse of horticulture chemicals in urban and suburban environments.
- A therapeutic horticulture lesson for FOCUS (Feeding Our Communities with United Services) clients, where participants learned how to grow microgreens from seed which developed new skills while supporting positive mental well-being and positive socialization.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIONSHIPS

Jackie Carattini, Human Development and Relationships Educator

- A Healthy Living series for teens (grades 9-12) at the alternative high school (River Cities), where students learn basic life skills such as food preparation and cooking skills, budgeting and finance skills, and mindfulness activities to better prepare them for their future and living on their own.
- A six-module course for social workers, case managers, and community agency staff where they learn about financial competency skills such as goal setting, budgeting, building credit and paying off debts, strategies for saving money, and how to engage their clients in money management discussions. The goal of this effort is to build their knowledge and confidence when engaging clients in financial conversations.
- A series of monthly, in-person workshops (Rent Smart) for renters where participants gain knowledge and skills essential for a successful renting experience. This effort is to encourage safe and sober housing stability.
- An online program (Money Matters) for participants who want to improve their financial knowledge, where they complete 1-12 modules on different financial topics. The goal of the Money Matters modules is to



increase participants' knowledge on topics such as credit scores and reports, making a spending plan, what to do when you can't pay your bills, and identifying financial strengths so that participants can apply these skills in the future

- An online 6-session course for renters where participants learn how to find and apply for rental housing, understand their responsibilities as a renter, how to communicate effectively with their landlords, and manage housing expenses. Through this, homeless populations and those who have negative rental records are able to increase their ability to find and keep safe affordable housing, thereby increasing their stability and decreasing their reliance on public supports.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Anna James, Natural Resources Educator

- Planning for and developing a social indicator survey for producers in the 10 Mile Creek and 14 Mile Creek Watersheds in collaboration with Adams County Land & Water Conservation. The goal of this effort is to gain information about awareness, attitudes, constraints, capacity, and behaviors that are expected to lead to water quality improvement and protection.
- A hybrid event for farmers, conservation professionals, agriculture industry professionals, watershed groups, and concerned citizens where they learn about new conservation practices and how to implement them in an agricultural setting. The goal of is to encourage profitable farming by building resiliency, diversifying farming operations, reducing inputs, and increasing farmers' return on investment.
- A facilitated discussion with members of the Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation, a producer-led watershed protection group, where participants discussed the group's strategic plan and reviewed the efforts made to meet outlined goals and objectives within the plan. Through this activity, the group was able to identify areas where they could be focusing next steps to meet their current strategic plan, and/or parts of the strategic plan that need to be updated to meet the group's future goals and objectives.
- An educational display for landowners within the Fenwood Creek Watershed where event attendees learned about the watershed approach and water resources by engaging in hands-on activities. Attendees also learned about the effects of non-point source pollution to groundwater and surface water resources. The goal of this display was to help landowners take an active role in a watershed restoration project by learning ways that they can reduce their impact to water resources while being good stewards of the land.
- A facilitated discussion for lead producers and collaborators from producer-led watershed groups in the North Central Region where attendees discussed future events, such as field days, and explored opportunities for future collaboration of events. Attendees also discussed their needs within the producer-led watershed group, and planned for a future meeting to review plans of work and grant proposals as a team. Through this activity, producer-led watershed groups within the North Central Region had the opportunity to share their planned activities and group ideas while asking for feedback from other groups.

Activities Report for Barb Peeters April 2023

- Trained with Lori Ruess (April 3-10) for new position.
- Compiled LWCD office procedure manual.
- Attended April 5th CEED meeting.
- Reviewed and approved April 6th timecards (Department Head on vacation).
- Answered phones and replied to emails.
- Reviewed payroll reports and payroll registers.
- Completed March sales tax report and forwarded to Finance.
- Completed LWCD payroll percentages and forwarded to Finance for the April 6th and April 20th Payrolls.
- Processed Nutrient Management Plan Farmer Education Class reimbursements.
- Answered various emails and calls regarding tree distribution.
- Prepared and mailed tree and shrub distribution letters to 156 customers.
- Assisted in cleaning the forestry garage for tree distribution.
- Assisted with sorting, labeling, bagging and distribution of trees, shrubs and wildflower seeds for the annual Wood County Tree, Shrub and Seeds Sale.
- Processed invoices and payments for tree and shrub sale.
- Worked with I.T. to have Land & Water Conservation web page updated.
- Processed no-till drill rental request, invoice and payment.
- Assisted customers with well water sample requests.
- Ordered and processed payment for department office supplies.
- Assisted with first quarter Wildlife Damage and Abatement program reimbursement report.
- Attended April 20th staff meeting and typed minutes.
- Contacted DNR Wastewater Engineer regarding Multi Discharger Variance (MDV) payment discrepancy and a past due MDV payment.
- Electronically submitted staff reports and packet materials to the County Clerk's office for CEED packet.
- Organized County Board packet and electronically submitted to the County Clerk's office.

Staff Report for April

Caleb Armstrong

- Working with Curt Fuller on implementing nutrient management on all his hayfields/pastureland.
 - Curt is putting all his farmland under nutrient management.
 - Worked on mapping all his land and getting contracts processed.
 - Preparing maps for him as well at a 5 acre grid so he can soil sample all his fields this spring as well.
- Attended a grazing conference in Rothschild.
 - Conference had about 200 participants and feature multiple breakout sessions that related to fencing, sustainable grazing, and different animals that can be grazed in different situations.
- Working/Planning some research plantings with Craig Vitort, Dustin Albert, and Roth's Golden Acres on their fields with implementing different cover cropping species and different times and different methods.
 - Craig Vitort- will be implementing a brassica mix between corn rows and this will be planted as a green cover crop that will last the entire growing season and fall.
 - Roth's Golden Acres- will also be doing the brassica mix but mixed with a rye seed that will be applied during the first top dress of planting and second top dress.
 - Dustin Albert- will be doing a "Touchdown Mix" while corn is at V1 mixed with urea, he will also be applying rye during different growing stages of the year, as well as trying to roller crimp rye and plant completely green no herbicide killing.
 - All these plots will be monitored and recorded with hopes of documentation and field demonstrations in the future.
- Moved the No-Till Drill to Jason Behrend for interseeding pastures for grazing. He is in sand country and was able to plant during the warm spell unlike most farmers in the rest of county.
- Cleaned out forestry shed preparing for tree sale.
- Spent a week preparing for the tree sale running to 3 different locations to pick up trees, then sorting, bagging, and distribution days.

Activities Report for Emily Salvinski

-April 2023-

- **Tuesday, April 4.** Entered in well water testing results into GIS
- **Wednesday, April 5.** Entered in well water testing results into GIS. Created contract for MDV money cover crop cost-share.
- **Thursday, April 6.** Updated 2023 MDV shapefile to enter information into. Calculated p reductions using snap plus for MDV cover crop cost-share contract.
- **Monday, April 10.** Worked in BITS (DNR grant reporting website).
- **Tuesday, April 11.** Sent out emails to agronomists for more nutrient management plans to be turned in. Updated NMFE spreadsheet with information submitted by other counties.
- **Wednesday, April 19.** Entered information into BITS for 2022 Mill Creek grant reporting. Worked on contract to cost-share nutrient management acres.
- **Friday, April 21.** Worked on updating NMP database for 2023.
- **Wednesday, April 26 to Friday, April 28.** Assisted with tree sale activities.

Activities Report for Kyle Andreae – April, 2023

- April 3 – Gust Stakeout plan, Schill Stakeout Plan
- April 4 – Wiernik Design, Mrozek site investigation
- April 5 – Mrozek Site Visit, Mrozek site investigation
- April 6 – No Till Drill Scheduled Maintenance, Schill pre-bid walk, Mrozek site investigation
- April 7 – Holiday
- April 10 – Mrozek design
- April 11 – Mrozek design
- April 12 – Mrozek design, Theil plan review
- April 13 – Evers erosion assessment, Theil inspections
- April 14 – Theil inspections, Theil as-built
- April 17 – Off
- April 18 – Keuffer Revisions, Armagost Revisions, Theil inspections
- April 19 – Keuffer Revisions, Armagost Revisions, Theil inspections
- April 20 – Armagost Revisions, Theil inspections
- April 21 – Tree sale preparations. Merkel site investigation.
- April 22 – Survey supply acquisition.
- April 24 – Keuffer, Armagost, Gust, Thil, Schill Site Visits. Theil as-built
- April 25 – Armagost Revisions, Theil as-built, Tree sale preparations.
- April 26 – Tree sale preparations.
- April 27 – Tree sale preparations.
- April 28 – Tree sale.
- April 29 – Tree sale.

Activities Report for Rod Mayer – April 2023

- Reviewed, mapped, approval letter, spreadsheet update for Abear pond and Vavrina pond.
- Zuraowski round bale damage – completed maps, enrollment and permit paperwork, signatures for Act 82 shooting permits, update DNR database, DNR correspondence, file updates.
- Apiary correspondence – non-commercial owner.
- Pond info sent to 2 landowners.
- Complete draft for tree sale pick up letters.
- Update & work with IT for Jabber on lap top for tree sale.
- Reviewed Laidlaw financial assurance – updated spreadsheet, software, and file.
- Attended Non-metallic mine site non-compliant sites put on by DNR.
- Enrollment paperwork for Moonlight Apiaries assistance – picked up materials for temp fence from Tractor Supply, met with owner, received non-working materials back, signatures, DNR database, spreadsheet, etc.
- DNR discussion about Weiler mine site. Scans correspondence sent to DNR.
- Obtained pictures of Richardson re-wrapped round bails – after DNR assistance due to deer damage.
- Completed 1st ¼ Wildlife Damage and Abatement program reimbursement report. (28 pages) Correspondence with IT and finance for updated invoices.
- Looked into doing two types of wildlife enrollments for crop owner – correspondence with DNR.
- Met with Twin Lakes Cranberry for erosion netting pick up.
- Correspondence with crop owner and DNR for modification to fence under contract.
- Correspondence with owner that purchased mine site for reclamation needs.
- Contacted by nursery for tree shortage for tree sale. (1225 dogwood & 1000 tamarack) Contacted multiple nurseries and found replacements to avoid refunding.
- Correspondence for active pond permit looking to expand on.
- Updated tree sale spreadsheets to reflect replacement trees and prices.
- Picked up 1000 Tamaracks from Columbia County – Portage WI week prior to tree sale.
- Picked up tree shipment from Laura Lanes in Plainfield.
- Picked up Hramor tree shipment at Marquette County.
- Cleaned out shed - prepared for tree sale – tested laptop - sorted all species into individual orders - etc.
- Held tree distribution Friday and Saturday morning.



Activities Report for Shane Wucherpennig – April, 2023

- **April 1-12** – Vacation
- **April 13** – Worked on Mill Creek Watershed 9 Key – Grant Re-application for LS TRM Grant, DATCP Innovations Grant
- **April 14** – Worked on Mill Creek Watershed 9 Key – Grant Re-application for LS TRM Grant, DATCP Innovations Grant
- **April 17**– Worked on Mill Creek Watershed 9 Key – Grant Re-application for LS TRM Grant, DATCP Innovations Grant, submitted grant application
- **April 18** – Correspondence with summer intern/UWSP campus, Virtual meetings
- **April 19** – Updates to Grant Re-application for LS TRM Grant, DATCP Innovations Grant, Culvert issue with landowner Marshfield
- **April 20** – Staff meeting, Updates to Grant Re-application for LS TRM Grant, DATCP Innovations Grant, Lakes and Rivers convention Banquet
- **April 21** – Updates to Grant Re-application for LS TRM Grant, DATCP Innovations Grant, Resubmitted
- **April 24** – Virtual meetings, staff report, agenda
- **April 25** – Tree Sale sorting, Virtual meeting, project updates
- **April 26** – Tree Sale sorting/packaging
- **April 27** – Tree Sale sorting/packaging
- **April 28** – Virtual meetings, practice tracking, Spreading complaint follow up



Wood County WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

FR: Jason Grueneberg, Planning & Zoning Director
Adam DeKleyn, County Planner
Paul Bernard, Land Records Coordinator
Jeff Brewbaker, Code Administrator
Scott Custer, Code Technician
Victoria Wilson, Program Assistant
Karoline Whitman, Program Assistant

RE: Staff Report for May 3, 2022

1. **Economic Development (Jason Grueneberg)**

Wisconsin Rural Water Association Meeting – On April 11th I met with Andrew Aslesen, Source Water Specialist with the Wisconsin Rural Water Association. Andrew is working with a few communities in Wood County to preserve groundwater resources through wellhead protection plans. This will be brought before the CEED Committee for further discussion in the future.

Wood County Economic Development Roundtable – On April 14th I participated in the Wood County Economic Development Roundtable. The notes from the meeting are in the packet

North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) – On April 26th I attended the NCWRPC quarterly meeting. Some of the agenda items included review of the 2022 Annual Report draft, review of the 2022 annual audit, a presentation by the Economic Development Administration, and a presentation on a recently completed regional freight rail study. The Annual Report will be made available by June or July.

Property & IT Committee – On May 1st I attended to the PIT Committee meeting to provide a broadband update. The update included status of the Bug Tussel County-bonded infrastructure investments, broadband planning progress and next steps, and ramping up for Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) grants in 2024.

Broadband Planning – In the past month I have participated in numerous meeting regarding broadband.

The County recently received a grant to complete a broadband plan. The plan will be part of a regional effort with Portage and Marathon counties. Our regional Economic Development Organization (EDO) Centergy is coordinating this effort, and we will be assisted with planning efforts by the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

We are preparing to conduct a Request for Information (RFI) with broadband providers by August to learn about future projects they have planned and possibly partner on future BEAD grant applications.

I have been talking with Bug Tussel Wireless to get an idea of the progress that they have made in the past few months, and what areas of the County they can now provide fixed-wireless internet in the County.

Fiber Optic is being installed throughout the County by numerous providers and we will hopefully be working with municipalities to provide guidance and best practices on permitting of fiber in right-of-way.

2. **Planning& Zoning (Vacant)**

3. **Land Records (Paul Bernard)**

- Reviewing RFP Responses for the County Highway Transportation Project Plat
- Getting our data up to NG911 standards
- Addressing Workflow – working with Emergency Management to start collecting gps points for new addresses
- POWTS/Wells Workflow – working with Kayla R to start completing and cleaning up our POWTS and Wells inventory
- Parcel Mapping/Addressing weekly

4. **Code Administrator (Jeff Brewbaker)**

03-28-2023- Issued shoreland zoning permit for a new house on NEPCO, TN: 18, Soil evaluation, hydrograph, issued sanitary permit for 10 campsites TN: 18.

03-29-2023- Insp report new Dollar General septic system TN: 07.

03-30-2023- Shoreland on-site at rip rap site, 10 mile creek, safety fence, TN: 18, Septic inspections for (2) systems each 10 campsites, TN: 18, (2) Insp reports the same site TN:18.

03-31-2023- Well replacement permit TN: 18, A+0 mound permit renewal TN: 15.

04-03-2023- Well replacement permit TN: 18.

04-04-2023- (2) Soils eval, hydrograph, new conventional permits, TN: 18. (2) Replacement well permit TN: 18 & TN: 07.

04-05-2023- Reviewed Soils eval,, plan review, issued permit, replacement A+4 mound permit.

04-06-2023- Shoreland wetland onsite TN: 07.

04-07-2023- Holiday

04-10-2023- (3) conventional inspections, (2) 20 site campground and (1) 10 site campground

TN: 18, Re-connect permit for 2014 mound TN: 11, Reviewed preliminary soils report for proposed subdivision, TN: 18.

04-11-2023- (3) insp reports for campground

04-12-2023- (5) failing septic system orders

04-13-2023- (5) failing septic system orders

04-14-2023- Issued floodplain permit for Wood Co. ATV bridge in TN: 09.

04-17-2023- Soils evaluation, plan review, issued sanitary permit, new A+4 mound TN: 02, Dollar General soils eval, Village 28

04-18-2023- Soils eval, plan review, issued holding tank permit TN: 15, Shoreland zoning permit new house and driveway TN: 15, soils eval holding tank replacement TN: 21, Failing system orders TN: 03, soils eval, plan review, permit issued, TN: 20.

04-19-2023- Failing systems reported by septic pumpers, (2) floodplain permit issued for directional boring.

04-20-2023- Soils eval, hydrograph, plan review, permit issued new conv TN: 07, Filter replacement in septic tank TN: 08, soils eval, plan review, issued permit new A+0 mound TN: 15.

04-21-2023- (2) well permits TN:07

04-24-2023- Soils eval, hydrograph, issued permit new 4 br conv, TN: 18, soils eval, plan review, rep 2 br conv, TN: 18, soils eval, plan review, issued permit new A+0 mound TN: 12.

04-25-2023- New house, garage, well in floodplain and shoreland districts, issued both permits, TN: 09

5. **Code Technician (Vacant)**

6. **Office Activity (Victoria Wilson & Kayla Rautio)**

- a. New Staff Member – Kayla Rautio joined the office on Monday April 10th.
- b. Monthly Sanitary and Well Permit Activity – There were 13 sanitary permits, 4 well permits, 4 floodplain permits and 2 shoreland permits issued in April 2023.
- c. Septic Maintenance Notices – Septic Maintenance notices were mailed out on Monday April 24th. 2,788 notices went out with a due date for maintenance of August 11, 2023.
- d. ArcGIS Pro Software Project – Kayla is working on a mapping project to update the POWTS inventory on GIS.

- e. Attended the following meetings/trainings & activities:
 - i. Kayla went on a tour of Wood County on April 14th.
 - ii. Staff meeting Monday April 17th. (VW & KR)



Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Roundtable Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 8:30 AM on Zoom

Attendance

- **Angel Whitehead**, Centergy
- **Betsy Wood**, Incourage Community Foundation
- **Bobbi Damrow**, Mid-State Technical College
- **Craig Bernstein**, Mid-State Technical College
- **Denise Sonnemann**, Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **Jason Grueneberg**, Wood County Planning & Zoning
- **Kaelie Gomez**, Main Street Marshfield
- **Karen Olson**, Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **Kayla Rombalski**, Extension Wood County
- **Kelly Borchardt**, Childcaring, Inc
- **Kyle Kearns**, City of Wisconsin Rapids
- **Matt McLean**, Marshfield Convention & Visitors Bureau
- **Meredith Kleker**, Wisconsin Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
- **Mike Hobbs**, Cranberry Creamery / Event City Design
- **Patrick Gatterman**, Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
- **Sam Wessel**, North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- **Tari Jahns**, United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties

Minutes

I. Introductions were shared

II. **REDI Strategy Groups** will begin meeting soon. To join a group or stay up to date with updates, sign up here: <https://forms.gle/une92aRzktEennUx5>. The groups are as follows. Click the title for the group's goals.

- [Broadband/Digital Equity Solutions Team](#)
- [Branding oversight committee](#)
- [Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Steering Committee](#)
- [Housing Task Force](#)
- [Outdoor Recreational Mapping Team](#)
- Child Care Task Force

III. Roundtable Updates

- **Jason Grueneberg**, Wood County Planning & Zoning: Getting back up to full staffing in P&Z. Subdivision plans in Town of Saratoga, Town of Marshfield, Town of Port Edwards. Funding for broadband will be distributed to every County to be used with regional and county-level broadband plans. [Wood County Economic Development Funding Application](#) is open now through July 7. Housing assessment coming up this summer. Great pinery heritage waterway project. Bike ped plan.
- **Meredith Kleker**, Wisconsin Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau: [Great Pinery Heritage Waterway](#) (Wausau Marathon County Parks Foundation) One of the largest waterway trails in the Nation - starts in the headwaters of the Wisconsin River and will go all the way down. Lincoln County to Lake Du Bay is a state trail. Looking for more local stakeholders to be involved. Tourism is up. Not at 2019 numbers yet, but definitely improving. Inquiries for all areas of tourism. Inquiries have almost tripped in the last three years. Working on a workforce attraction tool to market working where you live and play. Rapids area sports complex is bringing new groups to the area for several tournaments. Have seen an increase in business travel which means fewer rooms available for visitors. America's Best Value Inn sold to Sand Valley and they do not intend to have it open all year long, which also means fewer rooms available. Have seen an increase in vacation rentals.

- **Matt McLean, Marshfield Convention & Visitors Bureau:** Wrapped up app process for Visit Marshfield grant/tourism program. Working with City-Times on Best of Marshfield program. Website updates - building out a wedding page with all details in one spot. Also a page for music events/nightlife. Golf courses just opened. 😊 New craft beer and wine bar, Hop and Grape. Mini golf course in the works also. Fine dining restaurant backed out. 650 gymnasts for Badger State Games this weekend. Jimmy John's struggling to get power to their property. Working with a group for PGA Senior Open this summer. 2023 was a little lighter than 2022. 2022 was a record year. Down a little bit, but trending well.
- **Karen Olson & Denise Sonnemann, Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry:** Welcome Denise! City has hired Josh Miller from Cedar Corp to move the Certified Sites program forward. [Dairy Fest 2023](#) planning in full swing. Theme is To The MOOOOON and Beyond. Leah Merkel is the new program and event director.
- **Angel Whitehead, Centergy:** Centergy is helping Wood County and other counties in the region administer [BEAD funding](#) for broadband. Funding coming down from PSC and federal government. Centergy is the convener for this effort. PGA Senior Open in Stevens Point this summer is a lifetime opportunity for our region. Working with Chamber partners to form a hospitality unit to spoil attendees/guests while in our communities. Will show them what we have to offer. Excited to announce the second annual Developer Tour June 27-28. Taking place in Marshfield & WR. ~~Wine and dine~~ **beer and cheese** the developers to show them what is available and the great things we have to offer. Central Wisconsin Days was a great event with over 90 attendees. Legislation for the priority areas is moving forward.
- **Sam Wessel, North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission:** Several projects throughout the region. Industrial Parks study for all 10 counties. Big picture of how much industrial park space is left and how quickly it's being absorbed. Will be working with rural housing study before the Comprehensive Plan is completed for Wood County. CREATE Portage County is expanding and working with McMillan library on their makerspace. Dennis has been involved in planning work with the Town of Saratoga.
- **Betsy Wood, Incourage Community Foundation:** It's scholarship season. Seeing an increase in grant requests for the community directly related to economic needs. Working on feasibility updates for the Tribune Building project which increases economic development for downtown.
- **Bobbi Damrow & Craig Bernstein, Mid-State Technical College:** Seeing a changing landscape in higher education resulting in shortened up program offerings. Working with industry partners to assess needs. Over ¾ of students are enrolled part-time - working and going to school. Opening a new downtown Outreach Office in the City of Marshfield. Partnering with Family Health Center in Marshfield and launching programs around it. Family Health Center also looking to build in WR. Mid-State may have programs for dental hygiene, mental health, substance abuse. Mid-State's next big theme will be public safety, possibility of a center in WR.
- **Kaelie Gomez, Main Street Marshfield:** Held an Upper Level Tour with WI Main Street architect. Looking at upper level facilities, many of which have been vacant a long time and have significant refurbishment expenses. Downtown grant program has been modified to include upper level housing and funding for converting lower level spaces to restaurants. Challenging to recruit development without a planning office in place. 4 lanes in downtown is tricky for accessibility - several blindspots on corners, conversations pause every time a semi rolls by. Increasing use for rear entries for businesses. Makes those entries and off Main Street parking more accessible. Hosted window merchandising display consultants from Milwaukee to support downtown retail space. Also offering a downtown marketing grant with Exclamation! Services. Bringing in a consultant next month to focus on the viability of restaurants, support of restaurants, and giving some hands on help. Also working on placemaking projects - pocket parks.
- **Kelly Borchardt, Childcaring, Inc:** Updates on Wood County Child Care Task Force: submitted proposal to Legacy Foundation in WR focusing on 3 strategies to support child care. Will know more on that proposal in June. Submitted a Dream Up! grant for capacity and supply building planning. That is \$75,000 and will know more by the end of May. Applications are now open for Partner Up! program for employers with more than two employees. Partner Up! grant covers a portion of child care expenses for family, employer pays a portion, and parent pays a portion. Applications are due May 12. Wood County

Task Force also working on a business survey and hosting employer roundtables (one in Marshfield, one in WR) in May with North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board.

- **Kyle Kearns**, *City of Wisconsin Rapids*: Just wrapped up [Public Art and Creative Placemaking Plan](#). Will continue those efforts, possibly pursue Main Street status, and reinvigorate downtown and inject arts and culture into the City. Work continues on the Recovery and Redevelopment Plan - other communities using it as a template for laying the groundwork in bringing together different partners around redeveloping a mill. Developer went public with users of Shopko recently: excited that it's retail space and not indoor storage! Assisting with Centergy developer tour in June.
- **Mike Hobbs**, *Pittsville*: School District Area is working on a comprehensive economic analysis plan. Pittsville market has identified these priorities: Community Marketing, Housing, Entrepreneurship & Economic Development, Community Building & Civic Leadership Development. In the writing phase. Groups are working on river trail expansion, improvements to baseball fields. Working with UWSP Center for Land Use Education students on a plan to connect downtown into riverfront park. Another group is looking at a Community Foundation/ building a downtown building. PSD superintendent looking at a charter school focused on building trades.
- **Patrick Gatterman**, *Small Business Development Center (SBDC)*: Partnering with several counties on a competitive pitch competition. \$10,000 prize. Hoping to entice entrepreneurs to come out of the woodwork. Offering Entrepreneurial Training Program (ETP) in Wood County June 13-August 8. 9 week program that goes through steps of business plan. This is the first time offering it within the region. Looking for sites to host sessions.
- **Tari Jahns**, *United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties*: United Way in middle of funding process for 2024. 29 programs in communities. Focusing dollars on underemployed and unemployed - housing, child care, change in food share. All put a strain on families. Crisis mode is coming into play for many families.

IV. New/other Business

- Update was provided on Workforce Innovation Grant. Centergy is a partner. Theme for the grant is Central to Success. Working on building out a website and creating a campaign around recruitment and retention in the area. BGC of Portage and Wood Counties Youth Force programs are hosting job shadows at late elem/middle school. Shuttle between campuses ridership is going up and up - that is a partnership with WATEA. Mission Wisconsin is recruiting veterans. DEI work is going on with CREATE portage county. Wisconsin Paper Council leadership training. There's a lot of activity taking place with that \$9 million.
 - Central To Success is a talent attraction retention campaign that Centergy is facilitating. Markets Central Wisconsin as a great place to live, work and do business. Live website within the next 5 months. Does not replace any one website. Develop experience and funnel them through. Cultural items, job resource list. Make it a one stop shop for the region. Same concept as [EverythingPointsHere](#) website for Point.
 - [CENTRALWISCONSIN.COM](#) website is a partnership between CVBs in Point, WR, Marshfield. Good for workforce and quality of life. Will be linked on the Central to Success website.
- Pittsville Community Economic Analysis for Rural Wisconsin Communities (CEA-RWC): See Mike's update above. This program with WEDC and Extension is really based on the REDI plan that was done in Wood County. Kudos to those who were involved in that plan for creating the template to be used across the state for the five selected smaller communities.

V. Set May Meeting & Adjourn

- Moving forward, meetings will be on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM. Meetings will be hosted in-person with a virtual option and will rotate around the County.
- Next meeting is Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the C2 Makerspace on UWSP Marshfield campus.
- Zoom link is: <https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/95041089837?pwd=KzJOOVVIQWE4WINweU02cUZSN010QT09>.



Wood County WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

April 26, 2023

County Board Chair Pliml and Members of the Wood County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee:

Please see the attached request for ARPA funds to supplement and continue the collaborative effort between various county departments and municipalities to acquire high resolution LiDAR and additional products derived from the LiDAR. In brief, LiDAR stands for Light Detection and Ranging and provides a crucial foundational element to any Land Information Program. The LiDAR provides a blanket of points that are intelligent in 3 dimensions - the collection of which is critical for understanding topography and the relationship between various landscapes and features.

The proposal for ARPA funds focuses specifically on layers that will aid county departments and municipalities in viewing, visualizing and analyzing hydrography data. With the data in hand, we will fill a large gap in our data sets that have prohibited us from tracking the flow of water, analyzing water quality and more accurately delineating floodplains among many other additional benefits.

If funds are awarded for the above described project, county departments and the municipalities will be provided with rich and robust datasets that will be used to support our current and future endeavors as we continue to support the public's interest on water and groundwater related issues.

If more information is needed, please feel free to reach out to the Wood County Land Information Office, the contact information is found below.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paul Bernard

Wood County Land Information Officer

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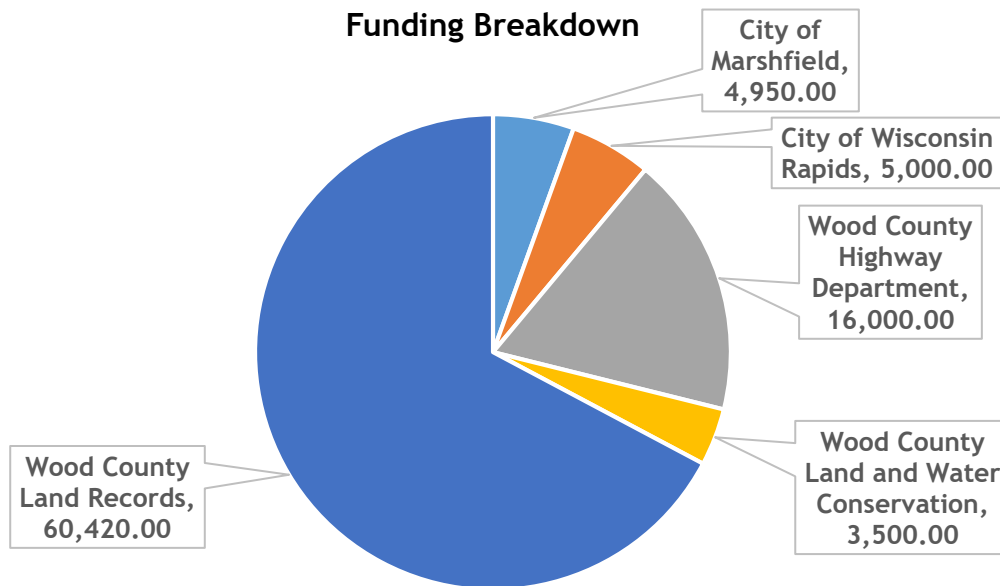
Project Background and Different Phases

In September of 2021, the Wood County Land Information Office signed an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Administration to work with the 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) in order to acquire Quality Level 1 (QL1) LiDAR in 2022. The Wood County Land Information Office then made a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) request in April of 2022 to acquire additional deliverables from Ayres and Associates who is the contractor who is doing much of the processing work with the acquired LiDAR. The Wood County Land Information Office is now applying for ARPA funds for additional datasets that are focused on water and groundwater quality. As this has been a lengthy process with many phases, it is useful to outline each phase along with associated costs and funding sources.

Phase I

In September of 2021, the Wood County Land Information Office signed an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Administration to work with the 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) in order to acquire Quality Level 1 (QL1) LiDAR in 2022.

This Phase costed a total of **\$89,870.00**. The funding sources and deliverables are outlined below.



Deliverables

Base Classified Point Cloud (does not include buildings or vegetation) in LAS format
Hydro Flattening Breaklines (100' streams and 2 acre ponds), ESRI Shapefile format
Bare Earth Digital Elevation Model (DEM), 32-bit Floating Point Grid

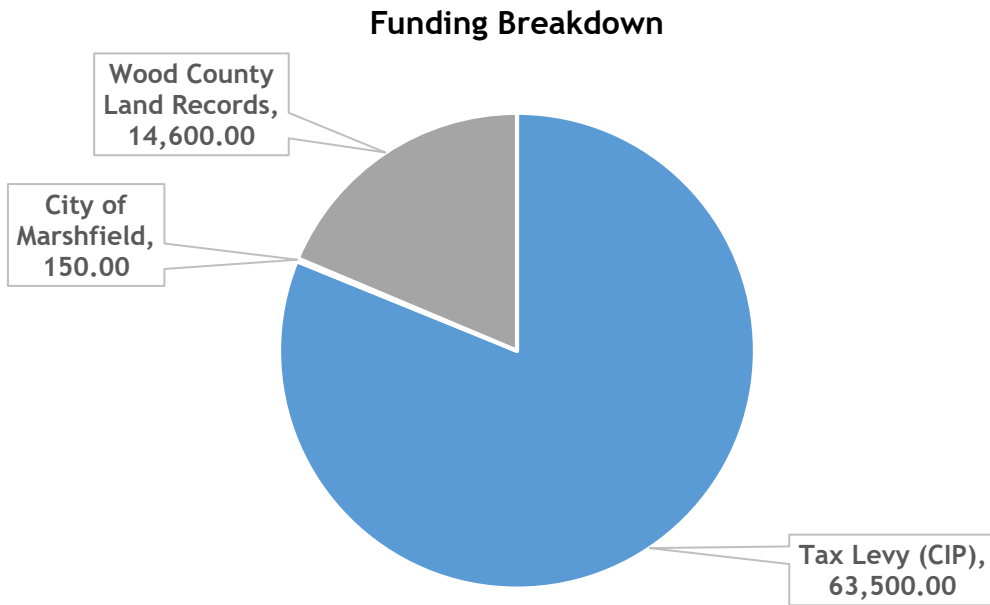
Vertical Accuracy Report (non-vegetated vertical accuracy [NVA] & vegetated vertical accuracy [VVA])

Data Acquisition and Processing Quality Control (QC) Reports
Tile Schematic, ESRI Shapefile format

Phase II

In April of 2022 the Wood County Land Information Office made a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) request to acquire additional deliverables from Ayres and Associates, the contractors who are performing the majority of the processing work.

This Phase costed a total of **\$78,250.00**. The funding sources and deliverables are outlined below.



Deliverables

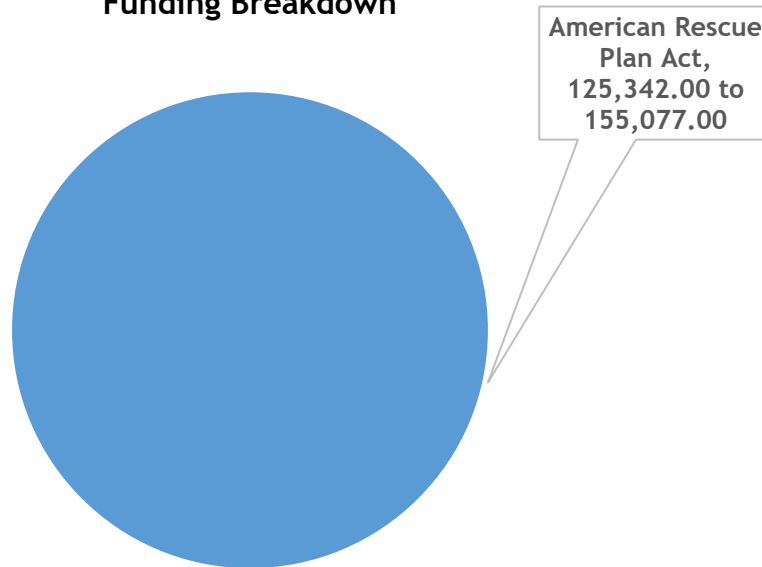
20' Hydro Breaklines
1' Contours
Automated Classification of Buildings and Vegetation
Bare Earth Dataset
Intensity Imagery
Digital Surface Model (DSM)
Ayres LiDAR Online Web Application
Culvert Collection and Hydro-Enforced Digital Elevation Model

Phase III

In late 2022, the Wood County Land Information Office is making an ARPA funds request to acquire more layers that will help to view, visualize and analyze hydrography data.

This Phase will cost a total of **\$125,342.00 to \$155,077.00**. The funding sources and deliverables are outlined and itemized below.

Funding Breakdown



Deliverables

Impervious Surfaces (Option 1 - Roads/Parking Lots) @ \$69,542
Impervious Surfaces (Option 2 - Roads/Parking Lots/Alleys/Sidewalks) @ \$99,277
Further Enhance Hydrography Breaklines @ \$33,400
Closed Depressions @ \$8,200
Accumulated Flow and Catchment Basins @ \$14,200

Justification

The 2022 LiDAR Project has been an excellent opportunity to lay the groundwork for inter-departmental and inter-agency collaboration, it has also provided a chance to educate professionals and average citizens alike on the benefits of 3D LiDAR data. The benefits of the LiDAR data will have a lasting impact for many years and it is very important to get the most out of our investment.

We have already made sure that we will have a number of tools at our disposal that will engage the public, aid in county workflows and create an atmosphere of collaboration and efficiency. This has been done through the initial acquisition of the LiDAR data in conjunction with the additional LiDAR deliverables outlined in Phases I & II. We now have our eyes set on Phase III which will give us data and tools necessary to work with hydrography data.

We are currently having discussions between the Land Information Office, Health Department and Land and Water Conservation so that we can take steps to consolidate and focus our efforts pertaining to water and groundwater quality. These efforts will soon manifest in the ability to rapidly plot nitrate testing points on a map. This is a very important step in the right direction, but we are currently lacking in the tools and data to support the analysis of the aggregated data. There will be many questions that having the hydro focused LiDAR data could answer. Questions such as:

- There is a lot of Nitrate in this area, where did it come from?
- This farm has been responsible for a lot of nitrate, where is it all going?
- What body of water will any pollution end up if it is dumped here?
- Where exactly does water tend to pool up in our county (closed depressions)?

There are many more applications that the data will support, here are just a few examples:

- Accurate Floodplain Delineations - giving citizens the data they need to compare with existing FEMA floodplain delineations and see if they may be able to apply for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA).
- Drainage Quality of Land - see how many places where water can get through or pools and does not drain.
- Regulation Enforcement - see how many impervious surfaces are on a property and what percentage the surfaces make up.

With help from Wood County in the form of ARPA funding we hope that we are able to continue and extend our LiDAR mapping project. The data included in Phase III will be integrated as a very important part of our Land Information System, giving a great many benefits to the citizens of Wood County.

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

FOR

GEOSPATIAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between Wood County, Wisconsin, (OWNER) and Ayres Associates Inc, 5201 East Terrace Drive, Suite 200, Madison, Wisconsin, 53718 (CONSULTANT).

WHEREAS, the OWNER intends to retain the CONSULTANT to provide geospatial services within the project area delineated in Attachment A.

NOW, THEREFORE, the OWNER and CONSULTANT agree to the performance of professional services by CONSULTANT and payment for those services by OWNER as set forth below:

ARTICLE 1 – SCOPE OF SERVICES

1.1 BASIC SERVICES

After written authorization to proceed, CONSULTANT shall:

- 1.1.1 Perform topographic mapping services and deliver enhancements and derivative datasets using the LiDAR base data collected by USGS (referred to as ‘original data’ in this agreement) in 2022.

CONSULTANT is not responsible for the vertical accuracy, point cloud classification accuracy, or completeness of the original data. CONSULTANT will not collect new LiDAR data or perform additional ground control to assess or improve accuracy of the original data. See Attachment A for a map of the project area. Services include:

- 1.1.1.1 Re-project and convert original data point cloud, breaklines, and digital elevation model (DEM) to Wisconsin County Reference System (WISCRS); North American Datum 1983 (2011); and vertically geo-referenced to the North American Vertical Datum 1988, with vertical and horizontal units in Survey Feet.
 - 1.1.1.2 Compile hydro-flattened breaklines for ponded water that is two acres or greater and double lined streams with a minimum width of twenty feet. The streams will break at road crossings (culvert locations). The hydrographic features will be flattened as per the criteria outlined in “National Geospatial Program LiDAR Base Specification Version 1.2” (the road fills will not be removed from the DEM, streams will not break at bridges, and when the identification of a feature as a bridge or culvert cannot be made reliably, the feature will be regarded as a culvert). The hydro breaklines will be delivered in ESRI polylineZ feature class.

- 1.1.1.3 Prepare project-wide 1-foot contours from the original data and the breaklines.
 - a) Create contours from largest blocks of bare earth points that is achievable within the limitations of the lidar processing software.
 - b) Apply OWNER-selected contour smoothing routine from three options provided by CONSULTANT.
 - c) Add index depression and intermediate depression contour types to the contour attributes.
 - d) Run topology tests for contour type and contour location across the entire contour dataset.
 - e) Manually fix contours that do not meet topology rules.
- 1.1.1.4 Add building and high vegetation classifications to the original data.
 - a) Use automated routines to classify vegetation points that exist 10 feet or greater above the ground. The high vegetation points will be placed in Class 5 of the classified point cloud.
 - b) Use automated routines to classify building points that exist 10 feet or greater above the ground. The building points will be placed in Class 6 of the classified point cloud.
- 1.1.1.5 Generate a bare earth Digital Elevation Model (DEM) from classified bare earth points (Class 2) and breaklines. Water bodies and streams will be hydro-flattened within the DEM. The cell size will be 1.0 feet. The delivery format will be tiles, 32-bit floating grid.
- 1.1.1.6 Generate a Digital Surface Model (DSM)
 - a) Use first return Lidar points to create a countywide DSM.
 - b) Delivery format will be tiles, 32-bit floating grid.
- 1.1.1.7 Prepare LiDAR intensity images using first return values within the original data. The intensity images will be delivered as 8-bit, 256 color gray scale, GeoTIFF format images.
- 1.1.1.8 Tile the LiDAR deliverable products according to the original tile index across the project area. A tile schematic will be delivered in ESRI Shapefile format.
- 1.1.1.9 Provide geospatial data processing services using the OWNER'S existing aerial imagery data collected in 2020 and LiDAR data collected in 2022 to produce culvert-related datasets.
 - a) Compile culverts dataset using 2020 stereo imagery and 2022 LiDAR.
 - Collect culvert lines at 1"=100' map scale.
 - Collect culverts that are visually identifiable on both sides of the embankment in the stereo imagery.
 - b) Create 3D breaklines using county provided culverts and compiled culvert lines
 - Drape culvert lines to LiDAR bare earth points.
 - Extract 3D lines at the lowest elevations determined by the LiDAR.
 - Classify LiDAR points as ground using a 1-meter buffer around the culvert breakline.

- c) Generate hydro-enforced bare earth digital elevation model (DEM) using 3D breaklines and the LiDAR bare earth points.
 - Resulting hydro-enforced DEM will have a cut through embankments where culvert lines are mapped.
 - Generate DEM with a pixel size of 1-foot in .flt format.
 - Cut DEM tiles according to the OWNER's existing tile scheme.

1.1.1.10 Prepare LiDAR deliverable products to full extent of the project area.

1.1.1.11 Deliver the final products on external a USB hard drive.

1.1.1.12 LiDAR Project Deliverables include:

- a) Classified Point Cloud, LAS v1.4 format
- b) Hydro flattening breaklines, ESRI shapefile, polylineZ format.
- c) Bare Earth DEM, . GeoTiff format.
- d) First return DSM, GeoTiff format
- e) 1-ft contours, ESRI shapefile format.
- f) Intensity Imagery, GeoTIFF format.
- g) Hydro-enforced DEM, tiled, .flt format
- h) Culvert Inventory in shapefile format

1.1.2 Create a customized web application to optimize, host, and store Lidar and aerial imagery derived layers in ArcGIS Online®. CONSULTANT will provide OWNER with a web link to the application, referred to as Ayres Lidar Online. The application will run in current versions of common web browsers.

1.1.2.1 Optimize spring 2020 aerial imagery and spring 2022 Lidar datasets into formats compatible in ArcGIS Online. CONSULTANT will create the following layers from existing Lidar and imagery:

- a) Slope shade bare earth surface model
- b) Hillshade bare earth surface model
- c) Colorized high vegetation point cloud

1.1.2.2 Store and host data layers and the web application using the CONSULTANT's ArcGIS Online account. CONSULTANT is not responsible for changes to current ArcGIS Online functionality or tools.

1.1.2.3 Create and host the following layers in the web application:

- a) Slope shade bare earth layer
- b) Hillshade bare earth layer
- c) Elevation surface layer from Lidar DEM
- d) Ground Lidar point cloud layer
- e) High vegetation Lidar point cloud colorized with spring 2020 imagery
- f) Building Lidar point cloud layer (includes bridge decks)
- g) 1-foot topographic contour layer
- h) Spring 2020 orthoimagery layer
- i) Tax parcels (provided by OWNER)

1.1.2.4 The following additional publicly available layers will be included in the web application:

- a) Base map streets layer
- b) County boundaries
- c) Municipal boundaries

1.1.3 CONSULTANT may render to the OWNER advice, consultation, and expertise with respect to the development, use, and technical application of the deliverables provided under this project.

ARTICLE 2 – CHANGES IN THE SCOPE OF SERVICES

2.1 Services Requiring Changes in the Scope of Services

The OWNER or the CONSULTANT may, from time to time, request changes in the scope of services to be performed hereunder. Such changes, while not anticipated, may include an increase or decrease in the amount of CONSULTANT'S compensation. Any such changes must be mutually agreed by and between OWNER and CONSULTANT and shall be incorporated in written amendments to this agreement. Such changes may include:

- 2.1.1 Services to investigate existing conditions or facilities or to verify the accuracy of information furnished by OWNER.
- 2.1.2 Services resulting from significant changes in the general scope, extent or character of the Project.
- 2.1.3 Furnishing services of independent professional associates and consultants for other than Basic Services.
- 2.1.4 Preparing to serve or serving as a consultant or witness for OWNER in any litigation, arbitration or other legal or administrative proceeding involving the Project.
- 2.1.5 Additional services in connection with the Project, including services, which are to be furnished by OWNER and services not otherwise, provided for in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3 - OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

OWNER shall do the following in a timely manner so as not to delay the services of CONSULTANT:

- 3.1 Place at CONSULTANT's disposal all available pertinent information, upon which the CONSULTANT can rely. This includes, but is not limited to, project boundaries in georeferenced vector format, original LiDAR data, original LiDAR project reports and metadata, and original LiDAR ground control information.
- 3.2 Arrange for access to and make all provisions for CONSULTANT to enter upon public property as required for CONSULTANT to perform services under this Agreement.
- 3.3 Furnish approvals and permits from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project and such approvals and consents from others as may be necessary for completion of the Project.

- 3.4 Give prompt written notice to CONSULTANT whenever OWNER observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or timing of CONSULTANT's services.

ARTICLE 4 - PERIODS OF SERVICE

- 4.1 The provisions of this Article 4 and the compensation for CONSULTANT's services have been agreed to in anticipation of the orderly and continuous progress of the Project. If completion dates are exceeded through no fault of CONSULTANT, compensation provided herein shall be subject to equitable adjustment. Any such changes must be mutually agreed by and between OWNER and CONSULTANT and shall be incorporated in written amendments to this agreement.
- 4.2 The services called for in Article 1 will be completed and submitted according to the following schedule:
- a) Countywide LiDAR enhancements and derivatives: delivered six months after receipt by CONSULTANT of original LiDAR data from OWNER.
 - b) The OWNER has 30 days after delivery of the countywide enhancements and derivatives to review the data and provide the CONSULTANT with written comments. The CONSULTANT shall make final delivery within 30 days of OWNER's review.
- 4.3 The expiration date of this Agreement is December 31, 2027.
- 4.4 CONSULTANT's services under this Agreement shall be considered complete when submissions have been accepted by the OWNER.
- 4.5 If OWNER has requested significant modifications or changes in the general scope, extent or character of the Project, the time of performance of CONSULTANT's services shall be adjusted equitably. Any such changes must be mutually agreed by and between OWNER and CONSULTANT and shall be incorporated in written amendments to this agreement.
- 4.6 If CONSULTANT's services for the Project are delayed or suspended in whole or in part by OWNER for more than three months for reasons beyond CONSULTANT's control, CONSULTANT shall on written demand to OWNER (but without termination of this Agreement) be paid as provided in paragraph 5.1.1.1.

ARTICLE 5 - PAYMENTS

5.1 Compensation for Services

- 5.1.1 OWNER shall compensate CONSULTANT for services included in Article 1 in an amount not to exceed \$78,250.00, according to the following services:

5.1.1.1

Basic Services

Articles 1.1.1.....\$67,250.00

Articles 1.1.2.....\$11,000.00

5.2 Times of Payments

- 5.2.1 CONSULTANT shall submit monthly invoices for Basic and Additional Services rendered. OWNER shall make prompt monthly payments in response to CONSULTANT's invoices.

5.3 Other Provisions Concerning Payments

- 5.3.1 If OWNER fails to make any payment due CONSULTANT for services and expenses within sixty days after receipt of Consultant's invoice, the amounts due CONSULTANT will be increased at the rate of 1-1/2% per month (18% A.P.R.) from said sixtieth day, and in addition, CONSULTANT may, after giving seven days' written notice to OWNER, suspend services under this Agreement until CONSULTANT has been paid in full all amounts due for services and expenses. If for some reason there is a dispute concerning an invoice and the dispute extends beyond one month, the owner will not be assessed a 1.5% penalty to that invoice.
- 5.3.2 In the event of termination by OWNER, CONSULTANT will be reimbursed for all charges and services rendered.
- 5.3.3 Records pertinent to CONSULTANT's compensation will be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.
- 5.3.4 Factors determining compensation payable to CONSULTANT will be adjusted periodically and equitably to reflect changes in various elements that comprise such factors. Any changes must be mutually agreed by and between the OWNER and the CONSULTANT and shall be incorporated in written amendments to this agreement.

ARTICLE 6 - GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Reuse of Documents

Any reuse of the services and documents provided under this agreement for purposes not intended, will be at the owners sole risk.

6.2 Controlling Law

This Agreement is to be governed by the law of the State of Wisconsin.

6.3 Termination

The obligation to provide further services under this Agreement may be terminated by either party upon seven days' written notice in the event of substantial failure by either party to perform in accordance with the terms hereof through no fault of the terminating party.

6.4 Indemnification

The CONSULTANT hereby agrees to indemnify the OWNER for all claims arising solely from negligent acts, errors or omissions of the CONSULTANT in the performance of professional services under this agreement.

6.5 Data ownership Assignment

The CONSULTANT assigns ownership of the data to the OWNER and its project participants for all deliverable products produced under this contract. The CONSULTANT agrees that the products and documents shall not be made available to nor used to prepare additional products for any individual or organization at any time without prior written approval by the OWNER.

ARTICLE 7 - EXHIBITS AND SCHEDULES

- 7.1 The following Exhibits are attached to and made a part of this Agreement.
 - 7.1.1 Attachment A – Map of Project Area (consists of 1 page).
- 7.2 This Agreement (consisting of pages 1 to 8, inclusive), together with the Exhibits and Attachments identified above, constitute the entire agreement between OWNER and CONSULTANT and supersede all prior written or oral understandings. This Agreement and said Exhibits may only be amended, supplemented, modified or canceled by a duly executed written instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

Wood County, WI
OWNER

Ayres Associates Inc
CONSULTANT



(Signature)

Paul Bernard

(Typed Name)

Jason Krueger

GIS Specialist

(Title)

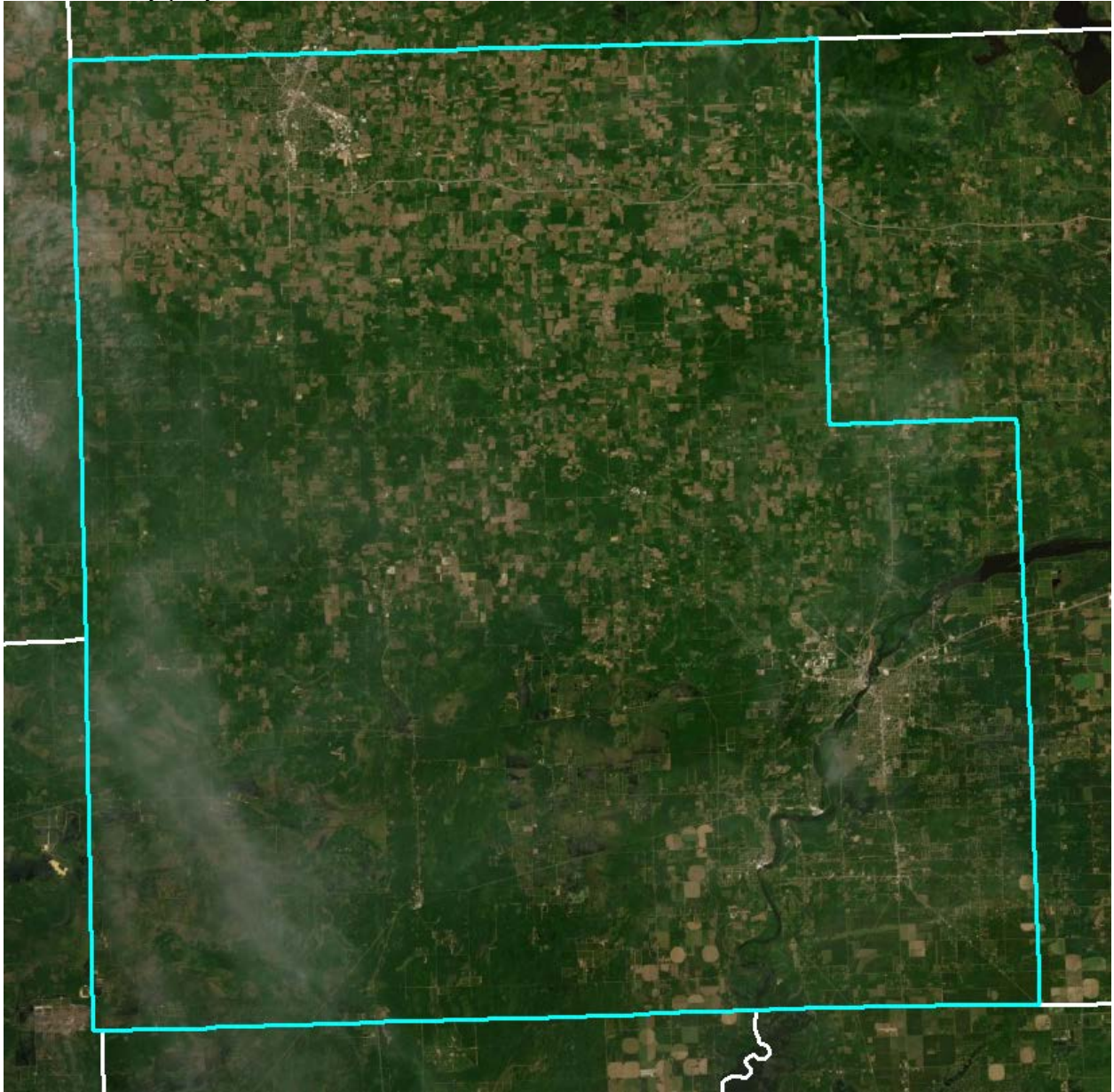
Vice President

4/26/2023

(Date)

Attachment A Map of Project Area

Wood County project area outlined in blue.



Sales Quote

Prepared for: Paul Bernard
 Wood County
 400 Market Street
 Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin
 54494

Quote Number: 1540
 Expiration Date: Jul 24, 2023

Service	Unit Price	Qty	Subtotal
Planimetrics- Impervious Surface Layers			
GIS Services Professional GIS services involving the creation of planimetric GIS layers for the rural areas of the County as specified in Attachment A. Features will be created for each of the following categories. Feature development will be derived from a combination of Q1 LiDAR data and imagery both provided by the Client.	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
Roads	\$50,358.00	1	\$50,358.00
Parking Lots	\$19,184.00	1	\$19,184.00
Alleys	\$5,755.00	1	\$5,755.00
Sidewalks	\$23,980.00	1	\$23,980.00
Driveways	\$43,164.00	1	\$43,164.00
Patios / Courtyards	\$19,184.00	1	\$19,184.00
			\$161,625.00
	Total		\$161,625.00

Terms

Duration: This proposal is valid for ninety (90) days from the date of submittal.

Performance of Services: The Consultant shall perform the services outlined in this proposal in accordance with these terms and conditions.

Additional Services: Consultant shall be compensated for technical support for any issues arising from connectivity to the Client's network should remote connectivity be required for the project.

Amendments: No amendments shall be made to this agreement without prior written consent by both parties. Amendments to this agreement may only be made by approved personnel from either party having authority to negotiate terms of agreements for their respective party.

Access to Site: Unless otherwise stated, the Consultant will have access to the site for activities necessary for the performance of the services. The Consultant will take reasonable precautions to minimize damage due to these activities but has not included in the fee the cost of restoration of any resulting damage and will not be responsible for such costs.

Certification, Guarantees and Warranties: The Consultant shall not be required to execute any documents that would result in the Consultant certifying, guaranteeing, or warranting the existence of any conditions.

Delays: Consultant shall not be responsible for damages arising directly or indirectly from any delays or causes beyond the Consultant's control. For purposes of this Agreement, such causes include, but are not limited to, severe weather disruptions or other natural disasters or acts of God; fires, riots, war or other emergencies; failure of any government agency to act in timely manner; failure of performance by the Client, the Client's representatives, or the Client's consultants to act in a timely manner. Consultant shall be compensated accordingly for additional costs incurred because of such delays. The Consultant will not be liable for accuracy, completeness, or costs associated with data acquired from other sources or retrieved from Client servers when requested by the Client.

Dispute Resolution: Any claims or disputes between the Client and the Consultant arising out of the services to be provided by the Consultant or out of this Agreement shall be submitted to nonbinding mediation. The Client and the Consultant agree to include a similar mediation agreement with all contractors, subconsultants, subcontractors, suppliers and fabricators, providing for mediation as the primary method for dispute resolution among all parties.

Hardware in Excess of Five Years Old: Consultant will not provide support services for hardware of Client that is more than five (5) years old.

Indemnification: Each party to this Agreement (in the capacity of "Indemnitor") hereby agrees to indemnify, and hold the other (in the capacity of "Indemnitee") harmless from and against all costs, liabilities, damages, including, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs (collectively, "Indemnified Costs") relating to or arising out of such Indemnitor's negligent acts, errors or omissions in the performance of professional services except to the extent caused by the negligent or intentional act or omission of the Indemnitee or its agents.

Information for the Sole Use and Benefit of the Client: All opinions and conclusions of the Consultant, whether written or oral, and any electronic data, plans, specifications or other documents and services provided by the Consultant are for the sole use and benefit of the Client. Nothing contained in this agreement shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of any third party against either the Consultant or the Client.

Intellectual Property: This proposal contains intellectual property which is proprietary in nature and shall remain confidential. If this document is subject to a FOIA request the Client must request a redacted version of the document from the Consultant. Consultant will provide a redacted version within two business days of the request. The Consultant will own the intellectual property rights to any solutions developed as part of this proposed work and hereby reserves the

right to redistribute or resell said property to any interested party upon removing Client's information. Client will have full use of said property for their benefit, however, in no case will the Client be permitted to resell or redistribute said property without the expressed written consent of the Consultant.

Liability Insurance: The Consultant maintains insurance coverage of the following types. Certificates of insurance shall be provided to Client with additional insured listing upon request.

- Professional Liability
- Commercial General Liability
- Automobile Liability
- Umbrella Policy
- Cyber Insurance

Limitation of Liability: In recognition of the relative risks, rewards, and benefits of the project to both the Client and the Consultant, the risks have been allocated such that the Client agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, that the Consultant's total liability to the Client for any and all injuries, damages, claims, losses, expenses or claim expenses arising out of this Agreement from any cause or causes, shall be limited to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) or the Consultant's fee, whichever is greater. Such causes include, but are not limited to, the Consultant's negligence, errors, omissions, strict liability, breach of contract or breach of warranty.

Payment:

Lump Sum- The Client will be invoiced for 20% of the contract amount after execution of the contract. The Client agrees to pay the Consultant for all services performed and all costs incurred. Invoices for the Consultant's services shall be submitted based upon the milestones provided in the project schedule or on a monthly basis depending on the Client's preference.

Accounts unpaid thirty (30) days after the invoice date may be subject to a monthly service charge of 1.5% (or the maximum legal rate) on the unpaid balance. In the event any portion of an account remains unpaid 90 days after the billing, the Consultant may institute collection action and the Client shall pay all costs of collection, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

Software: This proposal does not include any software licensing or maintenance fees for GIS software. Client is responsible for providing the necessary Esri software licensing for solutions deployed to and operated on their system. The Consultant is not responsible for any licensing violations brought on by the Client's negligence.

Technical Support: Free technical support in relation to service/product provided in this contract will be provided for a period of thirty (30) days following final project delivery. Further support can be provided under a separate contract.

Termination of Service: This Agreement may be terminated with written notification at any time by either party should the other party fail to perform its obligation hereunder. The terminating party must provide not less than thirty (30) days' notice of the intention to Terminate this contract. Release of any information is subject to payment in full.

User Acceptance: The Client will be provided a period of three (3) weeks to test and review each configured or customized application prior to final delivery. Once the Client performs their user acceptance testing, they may enter their feedback into the documentation provided. Consultant will then provide one round of upgrades to the application prior making final delivery. The Consultant shall be compensated for any additional upgrades or repairs to the application(s) following the user acceptance period.

Signatures

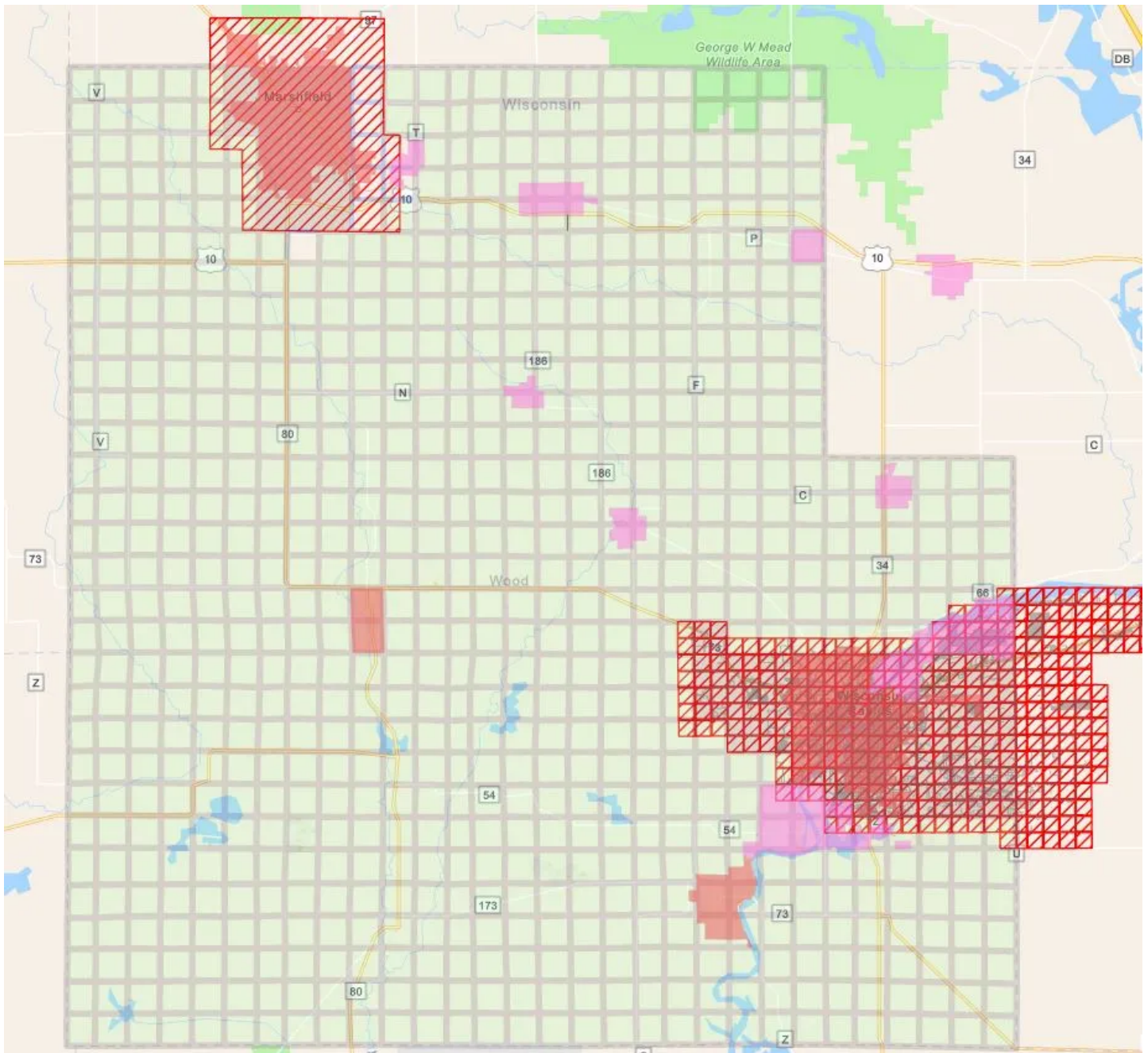
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Attachment A- Coverage Area

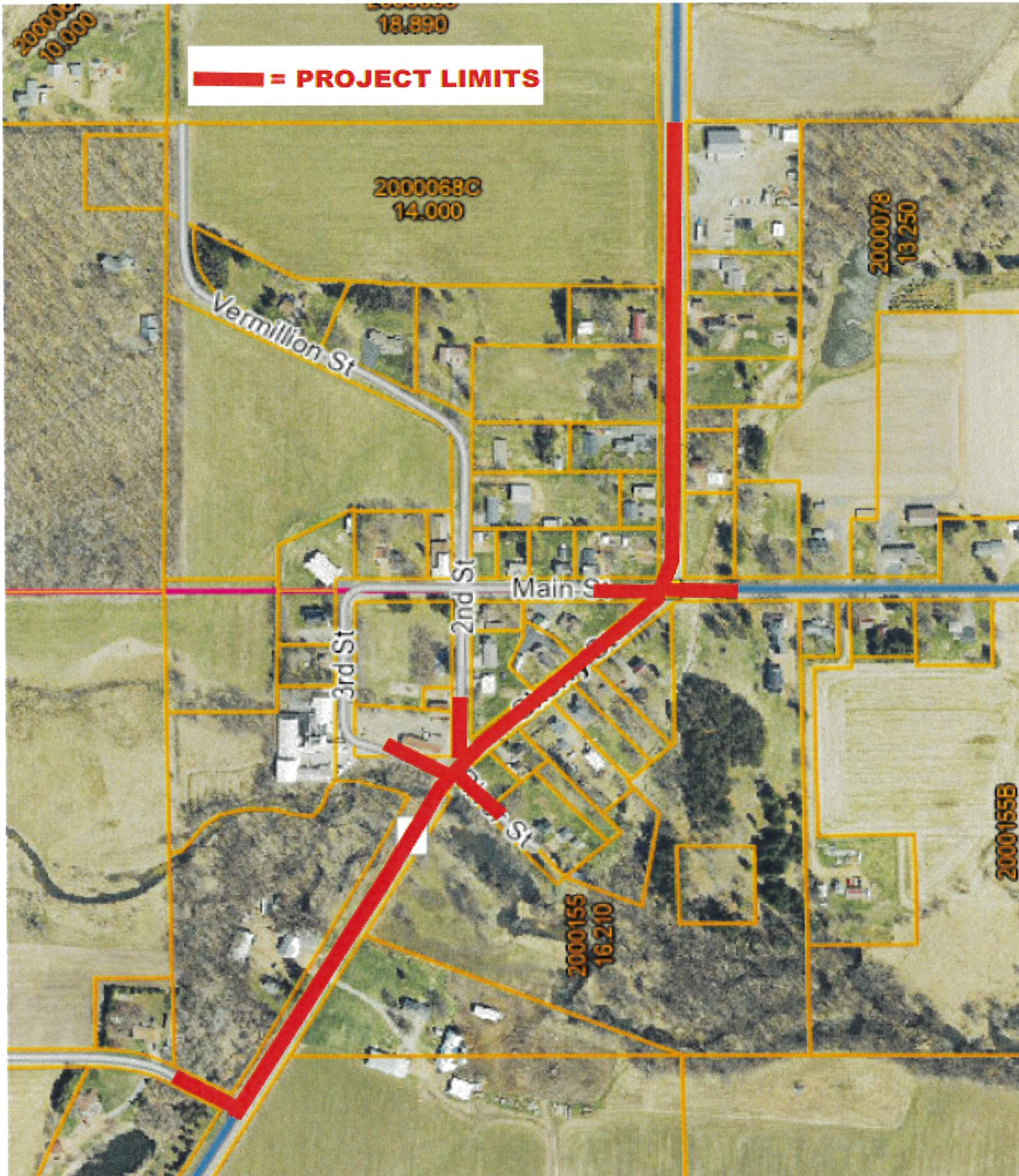


**Proposals for County Highway TPP
2023**

Wood County, Wisconsin

Company	Total Cost	Cost Per Parcel	Rating by Cost
Quest Civil Engineers, LLC	\$24,000.00	\$857.14	1
Gremmer & Associates, Inc	\$32,600.00	\$1,164.29	2
County Surveyor Estimate	\$25,000.00	\$892.86	---

ATTACHMENT B PROJECT LOCATION/LIMITS





Wood County Planning & Zoning Office
Courthouse - 400 Market Street
P.O. Box 8095
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-8095
Phone: 715-421-8466

2024 REDI Grant Funding Request

*Questions and completed applications for this application should be directed to:
Jason R. Grueneberg, Director at 715-421-8478 or jason.grueneberg@woodcountywi.gov*

Click here to enter text.

Applicant Organization: City of Marshfield Parks and Recreation

Mailing Address: 211 E. 2nd Street

Marshfield, WI 54449

Street Address (if different): Click here to enter text.

Web Site: <https://www.ci.marshfield.wi.us/>

Organization Telephone: 715-384-4642

Contact Person/Title: Justin Casperson, Director of Parks and Recreation

Contact Person Telephone: 715-384-4642 Email: justin.casperson@ci.marshfield.wi.us

Request Overview - Provide a summary overview of your program or project and explain how it is consistent with and supports the *Wood County Wisconsin Rural Economic Development Plan*. The Plan can be found at

<https://wood.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/04/Wood-County-REDI-Plan-FINAL-April-2021-1.pdf> (If you require additional space, attach separate sheet.)

The Marshfield Fairgrounds Commission would like to contract with a qualified firm in providing a site and building assessment for the possible construction of a new year-round exposition building to be located at the Marshfield Fairgrounds Park. They are specifically requesting for financial assistance in the amount of \$50,000.

The scope of the project is to identify three (3) locations for a 25,000 square foot year-round exposition building; provide cost estimates for construction of a new building including utilities extensions and/or upgrades to each site, parking space requirements with costs; furniture, fixtures and equipment costs; provide an estimate on the building's annual operation costs.

The Central Wisconsin State Fair (CWSF) is a historically meaningful event that celebrates our agriculture heritage, family traditions and signals the start of the fall harvest season. This event has been occurring at Marshfield Fairgrounds Park since 1872. As you can image, over the past 150 years, things have changed drastically, but one thing has remained, the fair represents our culture. The fair takes year-around planning, a tremendous amount of coordination and endless volunteers. In order to keep the Fair sustainable, they need to develop additional events and activities outside the actual 5-day fair. The need for additional year-round programming space is not only good for the Fair, but it is good for the region.

The CWSF is proposing the development of a 25,000-exposition building at the fairgrounds. The building will contain the fairgrounds offices, small meeting spaces, restrooms, storage and a large hall for big events like trade shows (Farm, RV, Lawn/Garden, ATV, Wedding), fundraisers and weddings. This year-round programmable space will provide an alternative revenue source and be a huge economic driver for the region. There is very little year-round programmable space in the area and nothing of this size. What space is available is getting harder and harder to use.

Return on Investment - Explain how the proposed program or project will provide a Return on Investment (ROI) to Wood County. Please be as specific as possible. *e.g. County funding allowed us to conduct 25 business prospects leading to the establishment of 2 new local businesses creating 10 full time jobs; County funding contributed to funding an entrepreneurial boot camp that led to the development of 12 business plans and the creation of 2 businesses employing 6 people.*

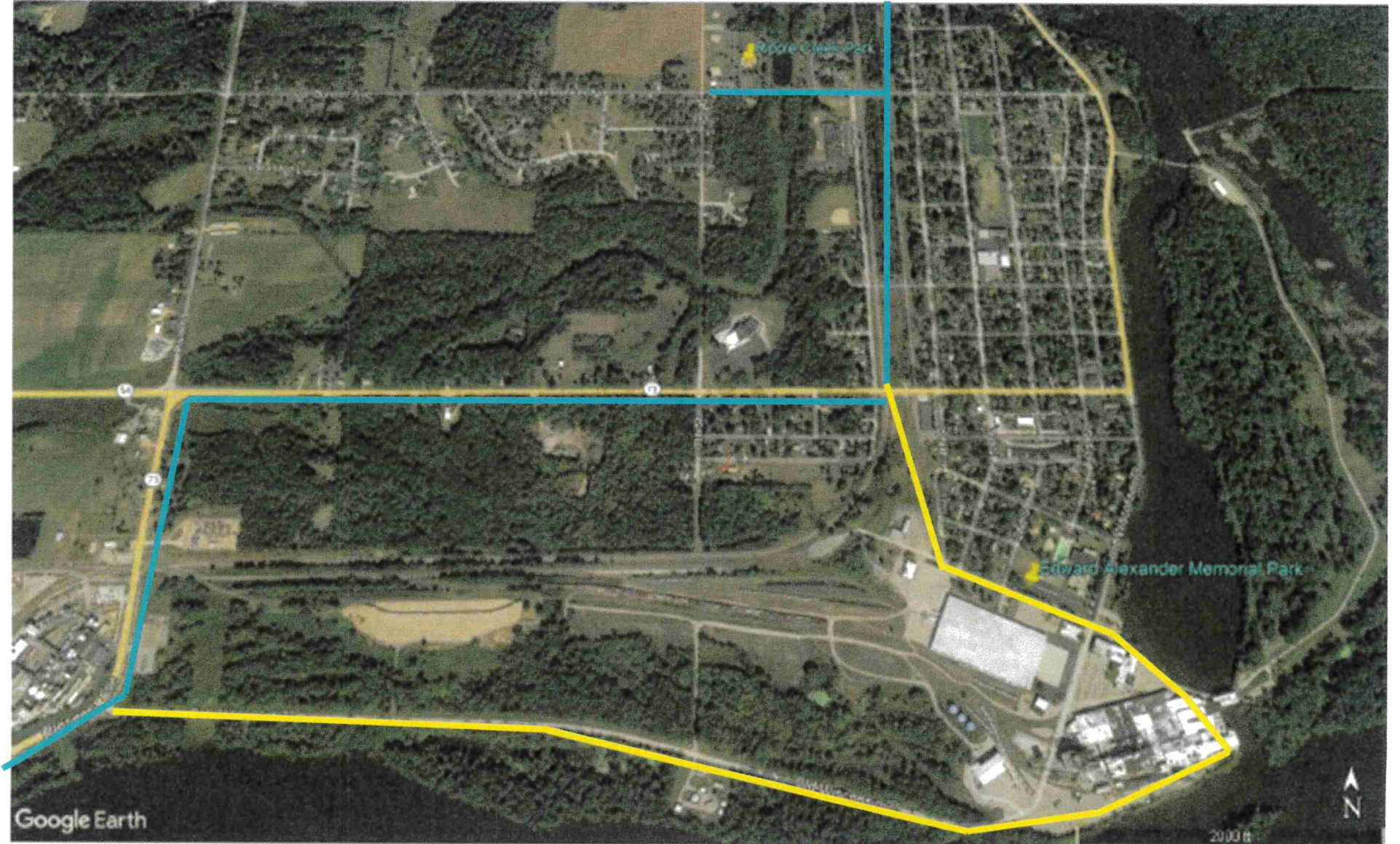
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The ROI on a facility like this is pretty simple and straightforward. The CWFA will have a space that is modern and usable year-round, making a nice alternative revenue source. The events hosted at the building will attract visitors from inside and outside the region, pouring money back into our economy through hotel stays, dining, shopping and gas. The building will create new jobs for people to work at the facility, and provide work for companies catering the events. The additional space can be used during the fair for additional booths, and vendors, which creates more of demand for visitors to attend the fair. Depending on the size and nature of an event being held at the facility, the economic impacts should reach surrounding communities like Wisconsin Rapids, Stevens Point and Wausau.

Funding Request Summary – Program/Project

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	Requested Funding	Total Organization Budget	Other Funding – e.g. grants, volunteers, donations
Wages & Benefits			
Office Supplies & Expenses			
Professional Services	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Misc. or Other			
Total	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	



Port Edwards



Wood County Planning & Zoning Office
Courthouse - 400 Market Street
P.O. Box 8095
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-8095
Phone: 715-421-8466

2023 Wood County Economic Development Funding Request

Questions regarding eligible funding or this application should be directed to:
Jason R. Grueneberg, Director at 715-421-8478 or jgrueneberg@co.wood.wi.us

All applications are due by 4:30pm on Friday July 8, 2022.

Completed Applications should be emailed to Victoria Wilson at vwilson@co.wood.wi.us

Applicant Organization: Village of Port Edwards
Mailing Address: 201 Market Avenue, Port Edwards, WI 54469
Street Address (if different):
Web Site: <http://www.vi.portedwards.wi.gov/>
Organization Telephone: 715-887-3511
Contact Person/Title: Raymond Bossert, Village Administrator
Contact Person Telephone: 715-315-0304 Email: villageadmin@portedwardswi.gov

Request Overview - Provide a summary overview of your program or project and explain how it is consistent with and supports the *Wood County Wisconsin Rural Economic Development Plan*. The Plan can be found at

<https://wood.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/04/Wood-County-REDI-Plan-FINAL-April-2021.pdf>

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The Village of Port Edwards would like to create bike trail connections and dedicate space on roads to properly mark bike lanes. In Port Edwards, this would push trail users away from Letendre Ave/Hwy 73 to direct them to the Riverwalk (2024), continue to a bike lane on Filtration Plant Road, then make the connection to Nekoosa's trail at the corner of that road and Prospect Avenue. Port Edwards would be the lead on this project and will be collaborating with Nekoosa, Grand Rapids, and Saratoga to also create trail connections and mark bike lanes in their respective areas to attract users, enhance local trails, and create connections between the communities. This project would create a safer area to utilize the trails by creating more visibility. This aligns with Wood County's mission statement by allowing us to maintain and enhance our quality of life through these connections. Once established in Port Edwards, Nekoosa, Grand Rapids, and Saratoga, this will create connections and safe trails for people to access in the county. These routes will draw people effortlessly through these areas and promote tourism for local businesses. Signs already installed in these locations will direct residents and tourists to other recreational activities and businesses in the area.

Return on Investment - Explain how the proposed program or project will provide a Return on Investment (ROI) to Wood County. Please be as specific as possible. *e.g. County funding allowed us to conduct 25 business prospects leading to the establishment of 2 new local businesses creating 10 full time jobs; County funding contributed to funding an entrepreneurial boot camp that led to the development of 12 business plans and the creation of 2 businesses employing 6 people.*

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Creating these connections and ensuring the safety of residents and tourists, will draw in more people, allowing the discovery of smaller communities. County funding will allow us to make these connections and provide safe ways to travel by walking and biking. A lot of these trails line or are near the Wisconsin River. This effort is a continuation of the Bike trail marking initiative that has gone extremely well. This is considered Phase II of that collaboration.

Funding Request Summary – Program/Project

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	Requested Funding	Total Organization Budget	Other Funding – e.g. grants, volunteers, donations
Wages & Benefits		20,000	
Office Supplies & Expenses			
Professional Services	80,000	15,000	
Misc. or Other			
Total	80,000	35,000	115,000

Project Reporting Requirement - As a reporting requirement of receiving a Wood County Economic Development Grant, a 1-page summary program or project report will be prepared and presented to the Wood County Conservation, Education, and Economic Development Committee in 2022. Funding will not be released to the applicant prior to the reporting requirement being met.

This reporting requirement can be coordinated by contacting *Jason R. Grueneberg, Director at 715-421-8478 or jgrueneberg@co.wood.wi.us*

Village of Port Edwards- Bike Trail Addition

- PENDING
 - Filtration Road, River walkway
 - Concrete Work- \$10K
 - Additional painting- \$1500

- COMPLETED
 - 4th Street, Edwards Ave
 - Concrete work- \$7500
 - Painting- \$1000

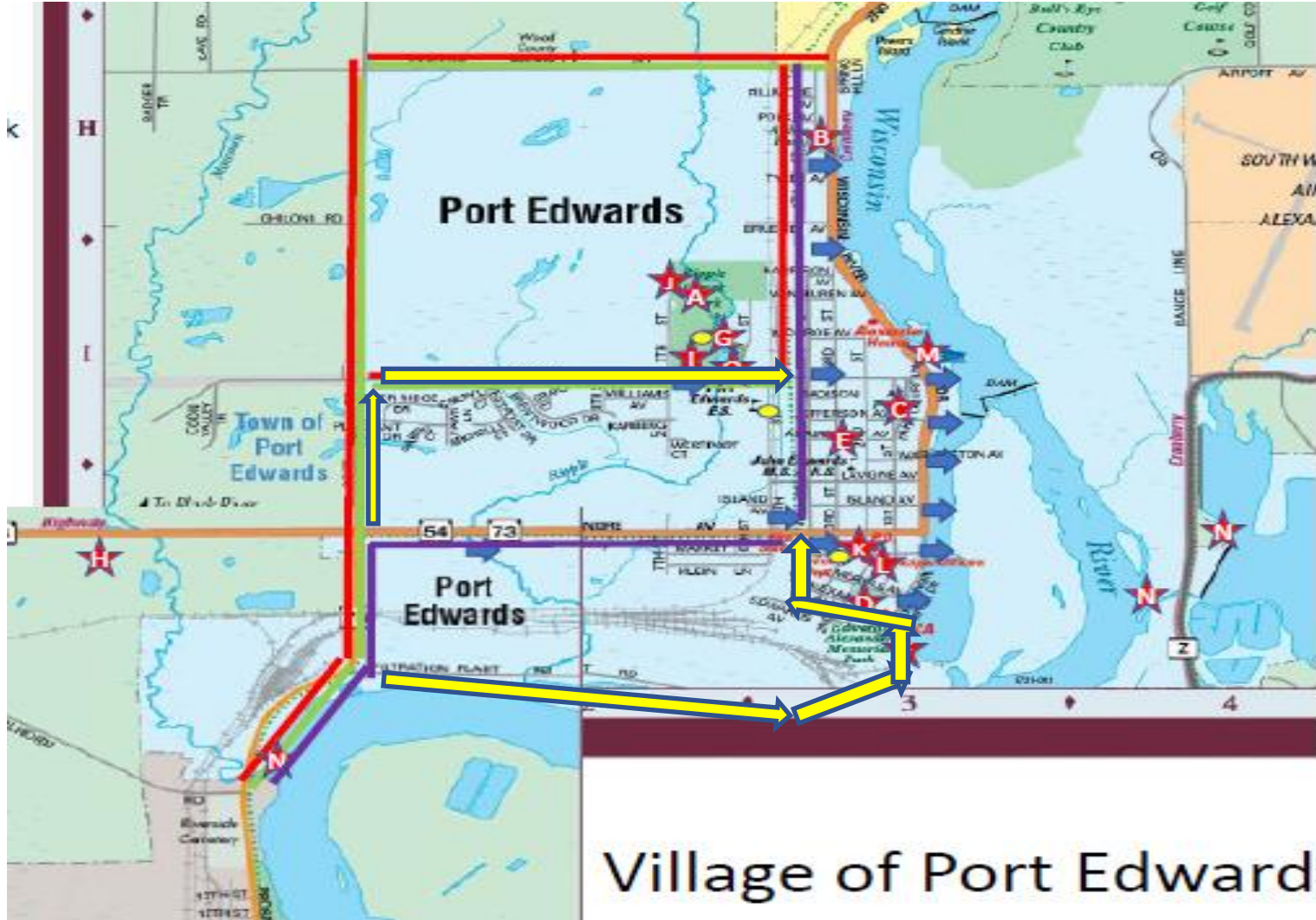




-Existing Bike and Trail Network in the Village

-Proposed New additional trail

An additional 7800 Linear feet of trail network



Village of Port Edwards