



AGENDA  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023 – 9:00 AM**  
**ADMINISTRATION CENTER - ROOM A-200**  
121 W. MAIN STREET, PORT WASHINGTON, WI 53074

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PROPER NOTICE**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. May 4, 2023
- 5. UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE**
  - a. **Discussion Items:**
    1. Introduction of Extension's Regional Crops & Soils Educator
  - b. **Management/Financial/Informational Reports**
    1. UW-Madison Division of Extension Ozaukee County Financial Report
- 6. REGISTER OF DEEDS/LAND INFORMATION**
  - a. **Management/Financial/Informational Reports**
    1. Register of Deeds/Land Info Monthly Department Report
- 7. LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**
  - a. **Management/Financial/Informational Reports**
    1. LWM Monthly Financials and Report\*
- 8. PLANNING AND PARKS DEPARTMENT**
  - a. **Action Items:**
    1. Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance Grant for Restoring Lands Along County Highway Trunk W and the Milwaukee River in the Village of Saukville for Floodplain and Wetland Restoration as Part of the County Highway Trunk W Road Reconstruction and Restoration Project
  - b. **Discussion Items:**
    1. Update on Hawthorne Hills County Park Multipurpose Maintenance Building Construction
    2. Update on Planning and Parks Department Capital Projects
    3. Update on Planning and Parks Department Ecological Division Grant Projects
  - c. **Management/Financial/Informational Reports**
    1. P&PDept\_Management and Financial Reports
- 9. NEXT MEETING DATE**

July 6, 2023
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

\* FSA Committee Member Items

A quorum of members of committees or the full County Board of Ozaukee County may be in attendance at this meeting for purposes related to committee or board duties, however, no formal action will be taken by these committees or the board at this meeting.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations for attendance at this meeting should contact the County Clerk's Office at 262-284-8110, twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting.

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| <b>AGENDA DATE:</b> | <b>June 8, 2023</b>      |
| <b>DEPARTMENT:</b>  | <b>County Clerk</b>      |
| <b>DIRECTOR:</b>    | <b>Julie Winkelhorst</b> |
| <b>PREPARER:</b>    | <b>Lisa Henning</b>      |

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**Agenda Summary** May 4, 2023

[<https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/ 05042023-3241>](https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/05042023-3241)

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| <b>DEPARTMENT:</b>  | <b>UW Extension</b>         |
| <b>DIRECTOR:</b>    | <b>Cindy Sarkady</b>        |
| <b>PREPARER:</b>    | <b>Claudia Breitengross</b> |

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**Agenda Summary** Introduction of Extension's Regional Crops & Soils Educator

Introduction of Liz Gartman, UW-Madison Division of Extension Regional Crops & Soils Educator - Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Washington, Fond du Lac counties

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**Agenda Summary** UW-Madison Division of Extension Ozaukee County Financial Report

\*Note: There will not be a department written report this month due to Extension's reporting portal system change.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 2023 Oversight Comm Recommended PnL Amended Bdgt6.2023 (PDF)

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Ozaukee County Committee Report  
**General Fund University of Wisconsin Extension**  
 For the Four Months Ending Sunday, April 30, 2023  
 Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

|                                     | Current<br>Month<br>Actual | 2023<br>YTD<br>Actual | 2023<br>Amended<br>Budget | Budget<br>Balance  | %<br>Budget<br>YTD |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                     |                            |                       |                           |                    |                    |
| Intergovernmental Revenues          | -                          | -                     | \$3,890                   | \$3,890            | 0.00%              |
| Public Charges for Services         | -                          | \$2,599               | \$7,980                   | \$5,381            | 32.57%             |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>               | -                          | <b>\$2,599</b>        | <b>\$11,870</b>           | <b>\$9,271</b>     | <b>21.90%</b>      |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                 |                            |                       |                           |                    |                    |
| Salaries                            | \$3,990                    | \$19,427              | \$65,069                  | \$45,642           | 29.86%             |
| Fringe Benefits                     | \$532                      | \$2,388               | \$7,844                   | \$5,456            | 30.44%             |
| Travel/Training                     | \$1,552                    | \$1,583               | \$13,588                  | \$12,005           | 11.65%             |
| Supplies                            | \$69                       | \$1,323               | \$17,940                  | \$16,617           | 7.37%              |
| Purchased Services                  | \$126                      | \$371                 | \$103,296                 | \$102,925          | 0.36%              |
| Interdepartment Charges             | \$1,707                    | \$6,184               | \$20,919                  | \$14,735           | 29.56%             |
| Other Expenses                      | \$45                       | \$45                  | \$743                     | \$698              | 6.06%              |
| <b>Total Operating Expenditures</b> | <b>\$8,021</b>             | <b>\$31,321</b>       | <b>\$229,399</b>          | <b>\$198,078</b>   | <b>13.65%</b>      |
| <b>Capital Outlay</b>               |                            |                       |                           |                    |                    |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>           | <b>\$8,021</b>             | <b>\$31,321</b>       | <b>\$229,399</b>          | <b>\$198,078</b>   | <b>13.65%</b>      |
| <b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>      | <b>(\$8,021)</b>           | <b>(\$28,722)</b>     | <b>(\$217,529)</b>        | <b>(\$188,807)</b> | <b>13.20%</b>      |

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| <b>AGENDA DATE:</b> | <b>June 8, 2023</b>      |
| <b>DEPARTMENT:</b>  | <b>Register of Deeds</b> |
| <b>DIRECTOR:</b>    | <b>Jennifer Laurin</b>   |
| <b>PREPARER:</b>    | <b>Jennifer Laurin</b>   |

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**Agenda Summary** Register of Deeds/Land Info Monthly Department Report

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- May Department Report (DOCX)
- ROD (PDF)
- Land Information (PDF)

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# Register of Deeds Land Information

## May 2023 Department Report

**Register of Deeds Office:** We recorded 827 documents in April, compared to 1266 the year before. 76.89% of the documents this month were recorded as a digital record and 75.46% year-to-date. We had a profit of \$21,026 for February and \$60,454 year-to-date.

In April, we received \$151,786.50 in Transfer Fees. Of that amount \$121,429.20 was the portion that went to the State, and \$30,357.30 was the portion that went to the County.

Ozaukee County Committee Report  
**General Fund Register of Deeds**  
 For the Four Months Ending Sunday, April 30, 2023  
 Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

|                                     | Current<br>Month<br>Actual | 2023<br>YTD<br>Actual | 2023<br>Amended<br>Budget | Budget<br>Balance | %<br>Budget<br>YTD |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                     |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| Public Charges for Services         | \$58,578                   | \$229,221             | \$1,000,000               | \$770,779         | 22.92%             |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>               | <b>\$58,578</b>            | <b>\$229,221</b>      | <b>\$1,000,000</b>        | <b>\$770,779</b>  | <b>22.92%</b>      |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                 |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| Salaries                            | \$18,294                   | \$75,567              | \$214,668                 | \$139,101         | 35.20%             |
| Fringe Benefits                     | \$7,943                    | \$37,434              | \$81,814                  | \$44,380          | 45.76%             |
| Travel/Training                     | \$184                      | \$602                 | \$2,400                   | \$1,798           | 25.08%             |
| Supplies                            | \$51                       | \$456                 | \$1,125                   | \$669             | 40.53%             |
| Purchased Services                  | \$8,555                    | \$43,905              | \$103,125                 | \$59,220          | 42.57%             |
| Interdepartment Charges             | \$2,525                    | \$10,803              | \$36,437                  | \$25,634          | 29.65%             |
| <b>Total Operating Expenditures</b> | <b>\$37,552</b>            | <b>\$168,767</b>      | <b>\$439,569</b>          | <b>\$270,802</b>  | <b>38.39%</b>      |
| <b>Capital Outlay</b>               |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>           | <b>\$37,552</b>            | <b>\$168,767</b>      | <b>\$439,569</b>          | <b>\$270,802</b>  | <b>38.39%</b>      |
| <b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>      | <b>\$21,026</b>            | <b>\$60,454</b>       | <b>\$560,431</b>          | <b>\$499,977</b>  | <b>10.79%</b>      |

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Attachment: ROD (Register of Deeds/Land Info Monthly Department Report)

Ozaukee County Committee Report  
**Special Revenue Fund Land Information**  
 For the Four Months Ending Sunday, April 30, 2023  
 Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

|                                     | Current<br>Month<br>Actual | 2023<br>YTD<br>Actual | 2023<br>Amended<br>Budget | Budget<br>Balance | %<br>Budget<br>YTD |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                     |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| Taxes                               | \$2,394                    | \$9,574               | \$28,722                  | \$19,148          | 33.33%             |
| Intergovernmental Revenues          | -                          | -                     | \$52,200                  | \$52,200          | 0.00%              |
| Public Charges for Services         | \$6,504                    | \$27,348              | \$146,706                 | \$119,358         | 18.64%             |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>               | <b>\$8,898</b>             | <b>\$36,922</b>       | <b>\$227,628</b>          | <b>\$190,706</b>  | <b>16.22%</b>      |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                 |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| Salaries                            | \$4,707                    | \$18,829              | \$115,872                 | \$97,043          | 16.25%             |
| Fringe Benefits                     | \$1,576                    | \$7,238               | \$47,135                  | \$39,897          | 15.36%             |
| Travel/Training                     | -                          | \$885                 | \$9,000                   | \$8,115           | 9.83%              |
| Supplies                            | -                          | -                     | \$15,400                  | \$15,400          | 0.00%              |
| Purchased Services                  | \$9,370                    | \$10,294              | \$35,000                  | \$24,706          | 29.41%             |
| Interdepartment Charges             | \$365                      | \$1,461               | \$4,684                   | \$3,223           | 31.19%             |
| Other Expenses                      | -                          | -                     | \$537                     | \$537             | 0.00%              |
| <b>Total Operating Expenditures</b> | <b>\$16,018</b>            | <b>\$38,707</b>       | <b>\$227,628</b>          | <b>\$188,921</b>  | <b>17.00%</b>      |
| <b>Capital Outlay</b>               |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>           | <b>\$16,018</b>            | <b>\$38,707</b>       | <b>\$227,628</b>          | <b>\$188,921</b>  | <b>17.00%</b>      |
| <b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>      | <b>(\$7,120)</b>           | <b>(\$1,785)</b>      | <b>-</b>                  | <b>\$1,785</b>    | <b>0.00%</b>       |

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Attachment: Land Information (Register of Deeds/Land Info Monthly Department Report)

**Natural Resources Committee****AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET**

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| <b>AGENDA DATE:</b> | <b>June 8, 2023</b>              |
| <b>DEPARTMENT:</b>  | <b>Land and Water Management</b> |
| <b>DIRECTOR:</b>    | <b>Katie Vogeler</b>             |
| <b>PREPARER:</b>    | <b>Katie Vogeler</b>             |

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**Agenda Summary** LWM Monthly Financials and Report\*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- LWM Monthly Financials (PDF)
- May 2023 news (PDF)

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Ozaukee County Committee Report  
**General Fund Land and Water Management**  
 For the Five Months Ending Wednesday, May 31, 2023  
 Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

|                                     | Prior<br>YTD<br>Actual | Current<br>Month<br>Actual | 2023<br>YTD<br>Actual | 2023<br>Amended<br>Budget | Budget<br>Balance  | %<br>Budget<br>YTD |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                     |                        |                            |                       |                           |                    |                    |
| Intergovernmental Revenues          | (\$189,563)            | \$260,964                  | (\$241,481)           | \$478,790                 | \$720,271          | -50.44%            |
| Public Charges for Services         | \$77,467               | \$12,894                   | \$73,966              | \$154,010                 | \$80,044           | 48.03%             |
| Licenses & Permits                  | \$40,322               | \$20,944                   | \$44,452              | \$101,000                 | \$56,548           | 44.01%             |
| Other Revenue                       | \$35,804               | \$110                      | \$38,110              | \$67,600                  | \$29,490           | 56.38%             |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>               | <b>(\$35,970)</b>      | <b>\$294,912</b>           | <b>(\$84,953)</b>     | <b>\$801,400</b>          | <b>\$886,353</b>   | <b>-10.60%</b>     |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                 |                        |                            |                       |                           |                    |                    |
| Salaries                            | \$221,605              | \$43,750                   | \$205,982             | \$580,576                 | \$374,594          | 35.48%             |
| Fringe Benefits                     | \$75,563               | \$16,863                   | \$87,738              | \$223,008                 | \$135,270          | 39.34%             |
| Travel/Training                     | \$3,278                | \$271                      | \$3,603               | \$16,725                  | \$13,122           | 21.54%             |
| Supplies                            | \$8,582                | \$825                      | \$8,677               | \$38,778                  | \$30,101           | 22.38%             |
| Purchased Services                  | \$115,616              | \$1,375                    | \$6,010               | \$146,443                 | \$140,433          | 4.10%              |
| Interdepartment Charges             | \$21,458               | -                          | \$13,166              | \$44,309                  | \$31,143           | 29.71%             |
| Grants                              | \$7,077                | \$11,752                   | \$29,658              | \$268,818                 | \$239,160          | 11.03%             |
| Other Expenses                      | \$48,781               | \$567                      | \$42,963              | \$93,603                  | \$50,640           | 45.90%             |
| <b>Total Operating Expenditures</b> | <b>\$501,960</b>       | <b>\$75,403</b>            | <b>\$397,797</b>      | <b>\$1,412,260</b>        | <b>\$1,014,463</b> | <b>28.17%</b>      |
| <b>Capital Outlay</b>               |                        |                            |                       |                           |                    |                    |
| Buildings & Land                    | \$126,000              | -                          | -                     | -                         | -                  | 0.00%              |
| <b>Total Capital Outlay</b>         | <b>\$126,000</b>       | <b>-</b>                   | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>                  | <b>-</b>           | <b>0.00%</b>       |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>           | <b>\$627,960</b>       | <b>\$75,403</b>            | <b>\$397,797</b>      | <b>\$1,412,260</b>        | <b>\$1,014,463</b> | <b>28.17%</b>      |
| <b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>      | <b>(\$663,930)</b>     | <b>\$219,509</b>           | <b>(\$482,750)</b>    | <b>(\$610,860)</b>        | <b>(\$128,110)</b> | <b>79.03%</b>      |
| <b>Equity:</b>                      |                        |                            |                       |                           |                    |                    |
| Assigned                            | (\$135,447)            | -                          | -                     | -                         | -                  | 0.00%              |
| Due To / Due From                   | (\$367,130)            | \$217,853                  | (\$575,848)           | -                         | \$575,848          | 0.00%              |

Attachment: LWM Monthly Financials (LWM Monthly Financials and Report)



## LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

### CURRENT PROJECTS AND REPORT UPDATES

**MAY 2023**



### MISSION STATEMENT

To protect, preserve, and enhance natural resources,  
local ecology, and the quality of life

### Land and Water Management Department

Katie Vogeler, Director  
Geoff Schramm, Land & Water Coordinator  
Ed Pfister, Sanitation & Zoning Coordinator  
Chase Brouillette, Soil & Water Conservationist  
Barry Sullivan, Sanitation & Zoning Specialist  
Tony Austin, Technical Support Specialist  
Sarah Kempen, Soil Health Specialist

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**Port Washington, WI 53074-0994**  
**Phone: 262-284-8313**





## Land & Water Resource Management

### ♦ Conservation Planning/Farmland Preservation (FPP)

- 94 farms currently participating in Farmland Preservation Program; status reviews will begin when fields are planted.

### ♦ Best Management Practices Design and Certification

- Multiple designs approved and awaiting installation
- Projects include, grass waterway, heavy use protection, rip rap, wetland restoration, subsurface drain and stacking pads

### ♦ Administration of Cost-Share Agreements (grants)

- 2023 SWRM bonded grant – \$53,500; SWRM SEG grant – \$25,000. CIG grant \$36,644.00. Additional DATCP SWRM Funds acquired for manure pit abandonment
- Ozaukee County awarded 2022/23 TRM grant funds for Gasser, Hamm, and Eskra
- Contact flyer sent to RCPP landowners in Milwaukee River area

### ♦ Nutrient Management

- DATCP SEG money allocation has started 1 contract, reviewing landowner to farmer manure spreading agreement with the landowner

### ♦ Environmental Education

- No participants with the conservation camp scholarship opportunities.
- Educational booth was put on in early May at the Arbor Day event in Mequon.

### ♦ NR151 Compliance Tracking

- No activity

### ♦ Manure Storage Ordinance

- CAFO expanding plans will be reviewed by WI DNR, LW Staff. I foresee a few CAFO's on the horizon, at some point the LWM will need to take a closer look at land base for manure.

### ♦ Stormwater Management & Construction Site Erosion Control-WPDES Permit

- Stantec complete their contracted work with County on MS4 Permit. We will work with Sarah Kempen, SWEETWATER and Stantec again if needed to complete our next steps of the permit. Next on the To Do List is to address bacteria sources of concern into ordinance regarding our MS4 Stormwater Permit.

### ♦ Buffer Initiative– Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- One landowner letter sent out, property adjoins a buffer along Cedar Creek

### ♦ Wildlife Damage and Abatement

Deer donation program is still trying to locate a new butcher shop. Staff is working with landowner to install a temp. fence around ponding water in the field as a deterrent for goose damage. A landowner in the Town of Belgium called in reference to Deer damage on his specialty vegetable crops– we are working with him to prescribe abatement.

### ♦ Tree, Shrub, Prairie Grass & Wildflower Seed Program/Pollinator Plant & Grass Sale

- Tree Program is done, ordering next years tree and shrubs will take place later this summer
- Our Spring Pollinator Plant program pick-up will be held June 9th. The program has grown in sales every year since we started it in 2020.

### ♦ Invasive Species

- We had a landowner call in regards to identifying invasive plants in her yard— we are scheduled to meet with her to help in Identification.
- We had several educational booths on invasive species to be aware of/general practices to help stop the spread of particular species.

- Ozaukee Dirt 2023 newsletter was mailed out to 259 recipients and posted at various locations in the Administration Building. **7.a.1.b**
- Soil Health Demonstration Plot data is in. Yields and cost per acre were surprising. In 2023 we look to experiment with less rates of fertilizer on the soil health ground since it's soil health score is much higher than the conventional plots.
- The airseeder was the first implement to be used, with a total of 248 acres seeded so far this Spring. The interseeder has so far been used as a no-till drill for soybeans and pasture with a total of 23 acres.
- A number of outreach events are scheduled for this summer, including a Soil Health Plot Day on Hwy 57, a Families Behind the Farm pollinator field day, and an informational booths held at Washington County Breakfast on the Farm event and Ozaukee County Fair.



## Sanitation Program

### ♦ Sanitation Ordinance

- Six sanitation ordinance violations.
- Maintenance: 519 notices were sent in May; the Office of Corporation Counsel continues action with non-compliant owners; 4871 reports filed to date in 2023

### ♦ POWTS Plan Reviews, Permits, and Final Inspections

- Seventeen plan reviews; eighteen sanitary permits; twelve final inspection reports, two abandonment permits filed and finalized

### ♦ Miscellaneous

- Working with electronic sanitation permitting system along with LIO.



## Shoreland and Floodplain Zoning

### ♦ Shoreland and Floodplain Zoning Ordinance

- One applicant
- One was heard by the Board of Adjustment.

### ♦ Permits

- Eight shoreland zoning permit for May.

### ♦ National Flood Insurance/Community Rating System (CRS)

- Provided floodplain information to numerous landowners.
- In fall of 2022, we completed out 5 year audit. On 4-19-2023 we received our informal approval rating letter of 8 offering a 10% discount on Flood Insurance. We will be audited again in 2027.

### ♦ Non-metallic Mining Reclamation

- One new location being checked for April / May.

### ♦ Miscellaneous

## Natural Resources Committee

### AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**AGENDA DATE:** June 8, 2023  
**DEPARTMENT:** Planning and Parks  
**DIRECTOR:** Andrew Struck  
**PREPARER:** Andrew Struck

**Agenda Summary** Increase of Revenue Budget Amendment for a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance Grant for Restoring Lands Along County Highway Trunk W and the Milwaukee River in the Village of Saukville for Floodplain and Wetland Restoration as Part of the County Highway Trunk W Road Reconstruction and Restoration Project

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Ozaukee County - Planning and Parks Department (Department), in conjunction with the Ozaukee County Highway Department, was awarded a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance (FWMA) program to support a County-sponsored/owned fish and wildlife habitat improvement project in conjunction with a road reconstruction and improvement project. Specifically, the Department is partnering with the Ozaukee County Highway Department to engineer and design a holistic, long-term solution to improve County Trunk Highway W (CTH W) and alleviate flooding of the active roadway in the Village of Saukville, while improving floodplain connectivity for aquatic organism passage into the riparian floodplains, wetlands and historic Milwaukee River oxbow. Engineering and design are ongoing for a new roadway that allows for floodplain reconnection and functional fish and wildlife habitat connectivity by allowing substantial floodwater to pass under the new roadway, while improving the road infrastructure by decreasing flooding occurrence. Acquisition of property adjacent to the County Trunk Highway W right of way and project area is required for completion of the project plans and for floodplain and wetland mitigation and habitat restoration. Four (4) parcels (ID's 110500502000, 110500510001, 110500506003, 110500504001) containing approximately 67.2 acres and in the floodway of the Milwaukee River have been identified for right of way acquisition and wetland/floodplain mitigation/habitat restoration. These parcels contain approximately 51.1 acres of wetlands, 60.7 acres of regulatory floodway and 67.2 acres (entire area) of 100-year floodplain with a BFE (base flood elevation - studied), thereby, significantly limiting development potential on the parcels (including dry land access to the parcels from CTH W). Secured WDNR Stewardship Local Assistance grant funding would support acquisition of these parcels (or portions of the parcels) and the USFWS GLRI FWMA grant will support restoration activities for implementation of project plans.

**ANALYSIS:** The USFWS GLRI FWMA grant award is \$975,000. The Ozaukee County Natural Resources Committee unanimously approved submittal and acceptance of the USFWS GLRI FWMA grant funds at its February 2, 2023 meeting (Ayes: Holyoke, Jobs, Ross, Matera, Schoessow). Recommended 1:1 leveraged funding will be provided by the secured WisDOT LRIP funding (\$1,000,000) for a total project cost of 1,975,000. The original USFWS GLRI FWMA grant submittal requested funds for acquisition of (or portions of) the 4 project parcels, however; after grant submittal, USFWS staff indicated the GLRI FWMA funds needed to be

used only for construction and restoration. However, the Department has negotiated with The Conservation Fund, Ducks Unlimited and MMSD for matching grant funding to the WDNR Stewardship Grant for the acquisition.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Balance Current Year: None

Next Year's Estimated Cost: None (Additional Program Revenue of \$975,000)

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

County Levy:

Non-County Levy: X

Indicate source: Secured USFWS GLRI FWMA, WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance, TCF/DU/MMSD and WisDOT LRIP grants.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Approve and recommend to the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors the budget amendment for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance grant for restoring up to four parcels in the Village of Saukville for floodplain and wetland mitigation and habitat restoration as part of the CTH W road reconstruction and restoration project in partnership with the Ozaukee County Highway Department and Village of Saukville.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- BA\_2023\_NRC06082023\_USFWS\_GLRI CTH W Restoration\_BA\_ATSFinal060123 (PDF)
- P&P\_Dept\_CTH W Acquisition\_Restoration Map Packet (PDF)

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE



# Budget Amendment Request Committee Approval Form

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TO: **Finance Committee**FROM: **Planning and Parks Department**

Department Name

Date of Request: **5/26/2023**

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_

Period Transfer Recorded: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Budget Amendment (check one)

Increase of Revenue: **X**

Fund Transfer: \_\_\_\_\_

Supplemental Appropriations: \_\_\_\_\_

| Debit / Expense     |                                     |                   | Credit / Revenue    |                                     |                   |
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| Acct #              | <b>222-1-01-51101-000</b>           | <b>\$ 200,000</b> | A/C #               | <b>222-1-01-42110-000</b>           | <b>\$ 975,000</b> |
|                     | <i>Pre-request Account's Budget</i> | <i>Changed To</i> |                     | <i>Pre-request Account's Budget</i> | <i>Changed To</i> |
| Cost Ctr & A/C Desc | Regular Salaries and Wages          |                   | Cost Ctr & A/C Desc | Fed Aid - USFWS CTH W               |                   |
| Acct #              | <b>222-1-01-52002-000</b>           | <b>\$ 1,000</b>   | A/C #               |                                     | <b>\$ -</b>       |
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| Cost Ctr & A/C Desc | Travel                              |                   | Cost Ctr & A/C Desc |                                     |                   |
| Acct #              | <b>222-1-01-52500-000</b>           | <b>\$ 2,000</b>   | A/C #               |                                     | <b>\$ -</b>       |
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| Cost Ctr & A/C Desc | Conference & Meetings               |                   | Cost Ctr & A/C Desc |                                     |                   |
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| Cost Ctr & A/C Desc | Engineering Services                |                   | Cost Ctr & A/C Desc |                                     |                   |
| Total Debits:       |                                     | 410,000           | Total Credits:      |                                     | 975,000           |

**Reason for Request (Be Specific).** Also fill out Support Document for County Board.

This is an increase in revenue for a grant received (Project #222-0005-00013) from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance grant program for restoring lands along County Highway Trunk W and the Milwaukee River in the Village of Saukville for floodplain and wetland restoration as part of the County Highway Trunk W road reconstruction and restoration project. This increase in revenue is for: 1) Regular Salaries and Wages; 2) Travel/Mileage; 3) Conferences & Meetings; 4) Field Equipment; 5) Other Material Supplies; 5) Engineering Services; 6) Professional Services; 7) Contracted Outside Employment (youth conservation corps and private tree planting contractor); and 8) Highway Grounds Maintenance & Construction.

Department Head Signature

**Oversight Committee Members**

TYPE IN Oversight Committee Chairperson's Name

**Finance Committee Members**

Date of Meeting

Date of Meeting

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

Budget Amended By: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Budget Amendment Request Form

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### Debit / Expense

### Credit / Revenue

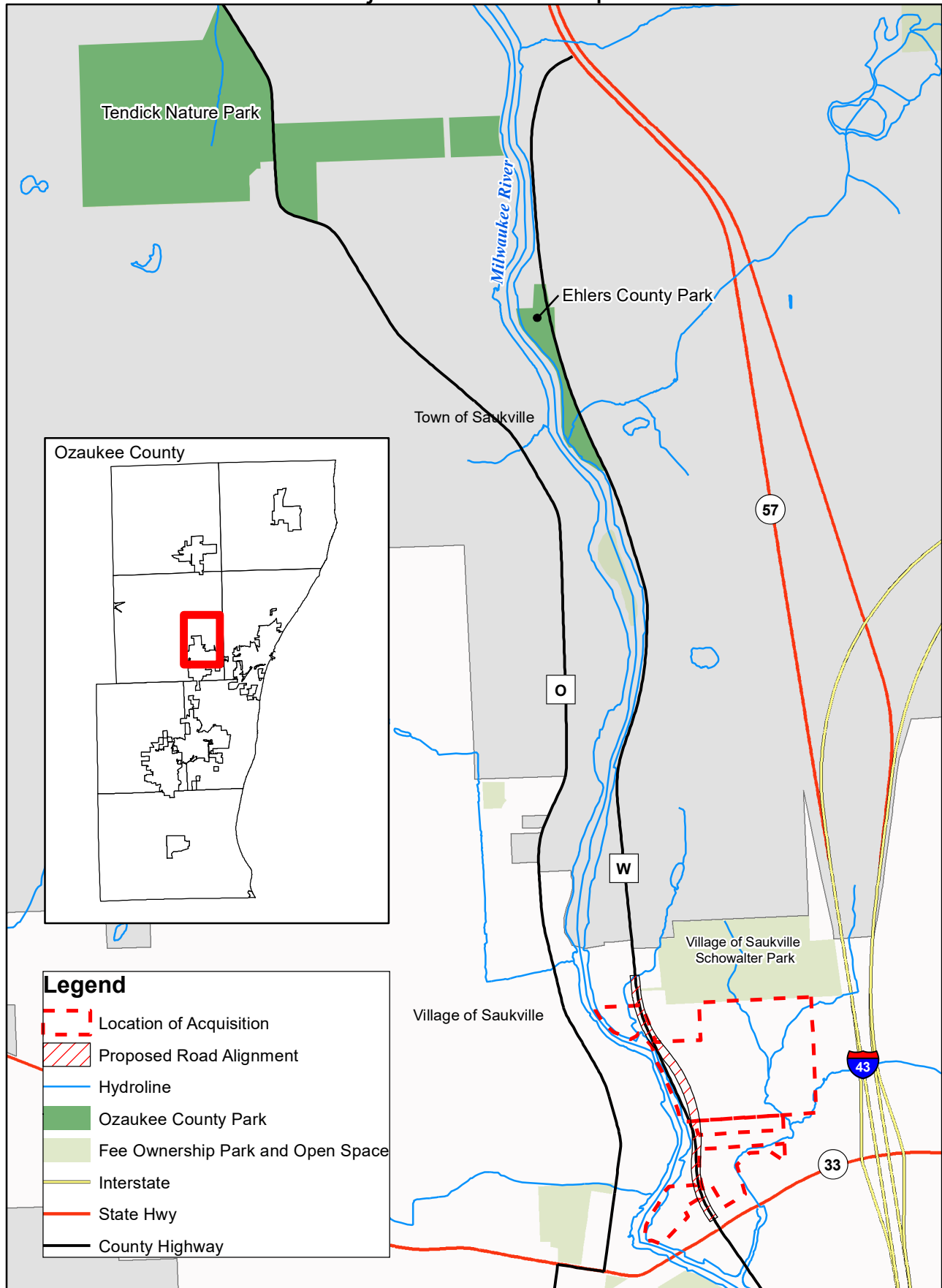
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# Reconnecting the Milwaukee River to Historic Oxbow - Village of Saukville, Wisconsin Proposed Acquisition Project Project Location Map

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## Legend

- Location of Acquisition
- Proposed Road Alignment
- Hydroline
- Ozaukee County Park
- Fee Ownership Park and Open Space
- Interstate
- State Hwy
- County Highway

Attachment: P&P\_Dept\_CTH W Acquisition\_Restoration Map Packet (P&PDept\_IncRevBA\_USFWSGLRIFWMAGrant\_CTHWFloodplainHabitat)



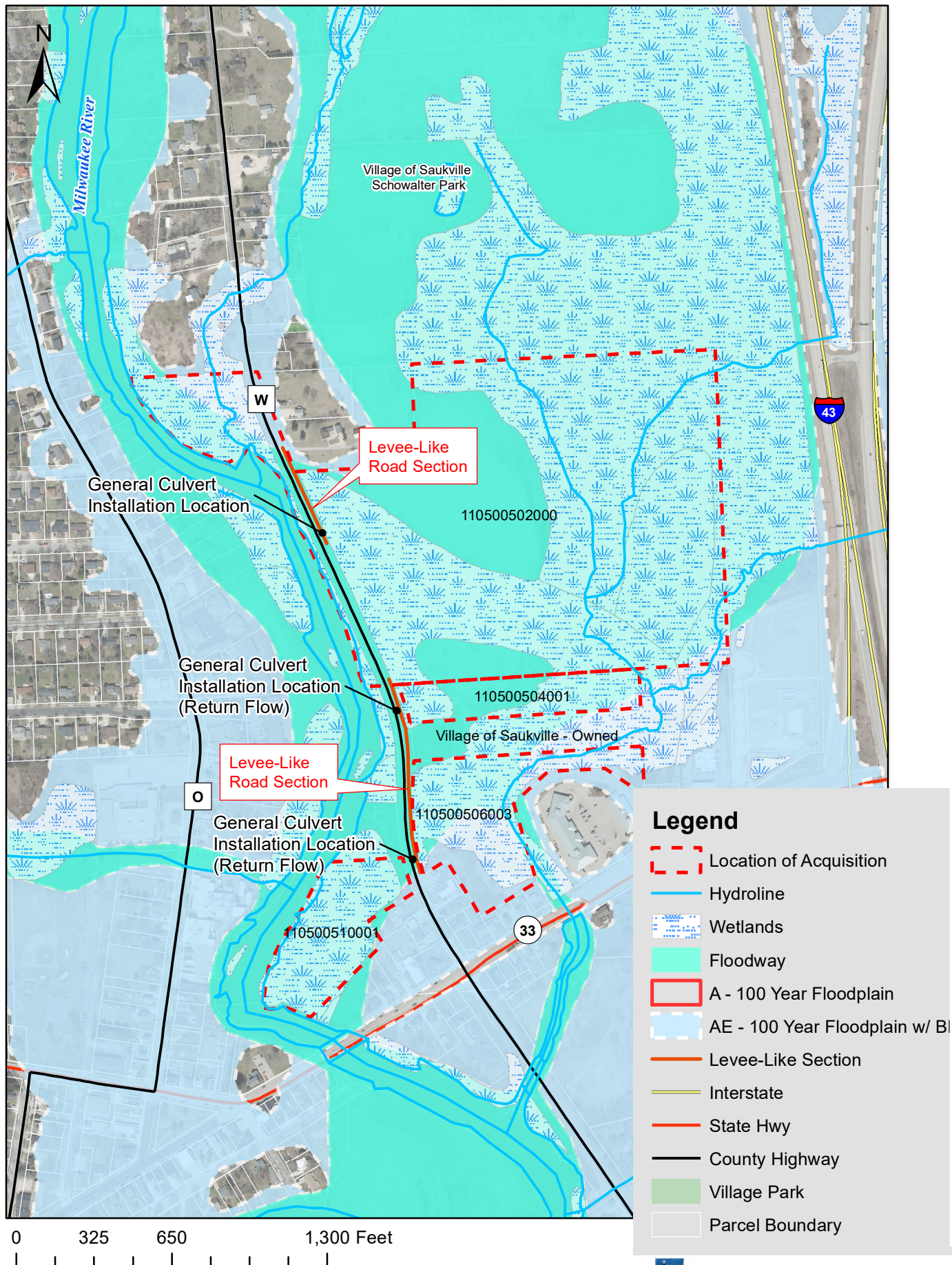
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# Reconnecting the Milwaukee River to Historic Oxbow - Village of Saukville, Wisconsin Proposed Acquisition Project Project Boundary Map

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Attachment: P&P\_Dept\_CTH W Acquisition\_Restoration Map Packet (P&PDept\_IncRevBA\_USFWSGLRIFWMAGrant\_CTHWFloodplainHabitat)



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February, 2022

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# Reconnecting the Milwaukee River to Historic Oxbow - Village of Saukville, Wisconsin Proposed Acquisition Project Site Plan Map

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## Legend

- Location of Acquisition
- General Project Location
- Proposed Road Alignment
- Existing Culvert
- Proposed Culvert
- Proposed Oxbow
- Hydroline Restoration
- Woodland- Restoration
- Wet Prairie - Restoration
- Wetland Scrape - Restoration
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Fishing Access
- Trail
- Boardwalk
- Existing Parking
- Proposed Parking
- County Highway
- Interstate
- State Hwy
- Village Park
- Parcel Boundary (Village)
- Parcel Boundary (Town)

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## Natural Resources Committee

### AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**AGENDA DATE:** June 8, 2023  
**DEPARTMENT:** Planning and Parks  
**DIRECTOR:** Andrew Struck  
**PREPARER:** Andrew Struck

**Agenda Summary** P&PDept\_Management and Financial Reports

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- P&PDEPT\_MGMTREPORT\_NRC060823\_MAY2023\_FINAL\_ATS060123 (PDF)
- CommRpt2023 5.11.23 (PDF)
- Summary of Parks Revenue April 2023 (PDF)
- CALM Newsletter, Virmond Staircase & Mineral Springs Creek, 5.24.2023 (PDF)
- Ozaukee News Graphic Article 4.25.23, Mel's River Run at Waubedonia and Ehlers (PDF)
- Ozaukee News Graphic Article 4.25.23, OIT improvements in Mequon (PDF)
- Ozaukee News Graphic Article 4.25.23, Waubedonia Earth Day Trash Clean-up (PDF)
- Ozaukee News Graphic Article 4.27.23, OIT (PDF)
- Ozaukee News Graphic Article 5.4.23, Mee-Kwon Student Painting (PDF)
- Ozaukee News Graphic Article 5.11.23, OIT (PDF)
- Ozaukee News Graphic Article 5.18.23, World Migratory Bird Day (PDF)
- Ozaukee News Graphic Article 5.23.23, Mee-Kwon Sports (PDF)
- Ozaukee Press Article 5.10.23, Belgium Fundraiser Thank You (PDF)
- Ozaukee Press Article 5.18.23, Migratory Bird Day (PDF)
- Rails To Trails Blog Post 4.7.23, OIT (PDF)
- Riveredge E-Mail 5.17.23 Upcoming Events with the Community Rivers Program (PDF)
- Spring 2023 NNIS workdays Flyer (PDF)

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE



## GOLF COURSES



### GOLF COURSES — MEE-KWON PARK AND HAWTHORNE HILLS

- May (thru May 21st) revenue and rounds: \$272,838.58 and 7,191 rounds (2023) and \$235,525.78 and 6,289 rounds (2022) for both MKGC & HHGC. 2023 total revenue (YTD) \$422,116.78 and 11,057 rounds (\$38.18/person) and 2022 total revenue (YTD) \$308,938.96 and 8,576 rounds (\$36.02/person). MKGC opened 4/3/23 and HHGC opened 4/7/23. We are up 2,481 rounds over 2022 and \$113,177 in increased revenue to date. Sold 3,081 discount ID cards to date.
- Concessionaire is now up and running. We are working on communication to better serve the customer including weekly meetings on new and past events.
- It was decided not to use Club Caddie's email marketing platform. It was too expensive for our purposes. We will continue to look for a service that can meet our needs and price point.
- GC Maintenance staff and contractors have continued work on ash tree/invasive species removals and tree planting under the USFS & NFWF SOGL grants. Tree planting will continue at HHGC in 2023.



## ECOLOGICAL DIVISION



### BIRD CONSERVATION / BIRD CITY WISCONSIN

Ozaukee County was awarded "High Flyer" status for its Bird City Wisconsin (BCW) renewal in 2023. The "High Flyer" status is the highest level of achievement under BCW and Ozaukee County was the first County in the State to achieve "High Flyer" status and is one of only 24 communities to accomplish this highest level out of 110 BCW communities in WI. Continued maintenance and monitoring of nest boxes (Kestrel, Bluebird, Wood duck) including 11 new bluebird boxes at Tendick, 9 new bluebird boxes at Virmond and several new Wood duck boxes at LMRFWP and HH Park. Received additional bluebird boxes from WGLBBO. Coordinated w/ UW student on Kestrel Box research/monitoring.

### FISH PASSAGE PROGRAM

**Aquatic Connectivity Projects:** Coordination with landowners, local municipalities, County Highway Dept (HWY), and contractors (youth conservation corps) for completion of planned construction and site restoration work, including grant-funded materials acquisition. Contract management and site visits for finalizing engineering and design work for culvert replacements or remediation work on Tendick Creek in the Town of Saukville, Sucker Brook Creek in the Town of Port Washington, and Silver Beach Creek in the Town of Belgium. Continued restoration activities with HWY at Mineral Springs Creek in the City of Port Washington. Additional construction activities, refinements and restoration at the MT Dam nature-like fishway.

**Habitat Improvement Projects:** Ongoing project planning and Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) development with WDNR and Milwaukee County for aquatic habitat inventories, assessments, and engineering and design (including a feasibility analysis and preliminary E&D) for aquatic habitat restoration activities on the Little Menomonee River in Milwaukee County in coordination w/ consultant. Continued restoration and planning at Mineral Springs Creek in the City of Port Washington. Project planning and landowner coordination and site topographic survey for restoration work on Tendick Creek. Coordinated with HWY, the Village of Saukville, funding partners and landowners for planning for habitat restoration in conjunction with the CTH W rehabilitation project in the Village of Saukville. Continued construction activities with HWY for the stormwater wetland restorations at Mee-Kwon County Park and GC.

**Environmental Monitoring:** Continued analysis and reporting of fish, avian, wildlife, and water quality sampling data per QAPPs. Supplies and materials acquisition, project planning and implementation of 2023 monitoring activities. Water quality sampling and analysis for the Little Menomonee River / Creek (5/17-5/18, 5/24 & 5/31) and Ulao and Mole Creeks (5/23). Coordination with SEWRPC for monitoring conductivity and chlorides on Ulao Creek. Started water monitoring as part of WDNR AOC LMR Grant. The underwater "fish cam" at MT Fishway has been re-installed following fishway construction. Continued larval fish monitoring, trapping data analysis and reporting on project streams. New PIT tag reader coordination w/ WDNR at MT Fishway.

**Education and Outreach Activities:** On-going website and social media development and refinement of multiple education/outreach materials and updates on construction and restoration projects. Temporary signage at construction and restoration projects. Development of temporary and permanent education signage for multiple projects including Mineral Springs Creek with We Energies, Lake Michigan public access, wetland restorations, chimney swift tower at Virmond County Park and the Tendick Nature Park wetland and prairie restoration. Research of applicable bluff safety signage, brochures and ordinances.

**Reporting and Other Activities:** On-going grant (financial & technical) reporting for USFWS, USFS, WCMP, NFWF SOGL, WDNR (Stewardship, SWM, CCA), SEWISC & FFLM. Submitted multiple grant applications. QAPP & NEPA submittals and approvals for federal and state funded projects. Coordinated w/ AmeriCorps NCCC, WisCorps, MCSC & GLCCC on 2023 work. Coordinated w/ GLE regarding the GIS Fish & Wildlife Habitat Tool contracts. Coordinated w/ partners (MMSD, Riverkeeper, SEWRPC) on water quality monitoring. Coordinated w/ WGLBBO, LNRP, City of Port Washington, We-Energies, HWY & WDNR regarding stream restoration on Mineral Springs Creek. Coordinated with LRNP, OCWC, consultants, and landowners on long range stream & habitat restoration planning for Sucker Creek in Towns of Port Washington & Belgium. Coordination w/ WDNR Milwaukee River AOC & WDNR Lamp Coordinators. Coordinated w/ Finance on project accounting system, grant reporting/reimbursements & annual audit. Completed multiple federal & state grant reimbursement requests. Mtgs. for the AOC MAIT (5/16), Fish & Wildlife Tech Team (5/10), Project Managers (5/3). Coordination w/ Hwy & Consultant on CTH W Project. SSWWT Finance & Board Mtgs (5/9). Coordinated w/ raSmith & Fish Creek Restoration consultants on various FP projects. Coordinated/Mtg w/ the OCWC SC (. Coordinated w/ WDNR Fisheries on grant funding for current and future projects. Coordinate w/ WGLBBO Re: MSC Restoration & funding for educational signage (. Meeting w/ WDNR staff on grant funding for current and future projects (5/3). Meeting w/ consultant on LMRC feasibility analysis (5/4). Staff planting events at Mineral Springs Creek (5/5) and Hawthorne Hills Multi-purpose Parks Maintenance Facility (5/12). Hosted World Migratory Bird Day and bird walk (5/20). Met w/ Consultant evaluating AmeriCorps Teams (5/25). Meeting w/ City of Mequon (Mayor, Administrator, Planner) regarding Virmond Stairway (5/12). Attend Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast NMS Council Mtg (5/18). Attend Lake Michigan Champions SC Mtg (5/23).

### INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Continued removal of ash trees, invasive shrubs and herbaceous spp. at County Parks and Restoration Areas including Tendick, Covered Bridge, Lion's Den Gorge, Mee-Kwon, Hawthorne Hills, River Oaks, Ulao Creek NP & Virmond Parks under NFWF SOGL Invasive & WDNR UF Grants. Continued work on private foundation grants for invasive species management and native tree planting in the County Park System. Continued planning for ROW Invasive Species Treatment and coordinated w/ HWY on implementation. Coordinated on 2 USFS grants w/ Partners (HH Park & Coastal Parks Project Areas) for tree planting / bidding.

## DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

- Attended NRC (5/4), County Board (5/3). Hired 2 Planning (Michelle Smith, Frani O'Toole) and 1 Ecological Intern (Lucy Hentzen).
- Managing staff teleworking/remote working, parks and golf course operations, and day-to-day operations w/ COVID-19.
- Hired FT Admin Asst. and Nat Res Analyst - Amy Hoffman, she started on 5/15/23. Budget Kickoff Meeting (5/9).
- Coordinated on wage & salary study for the Dept. and provided written comments. Started 2023 Department budget.

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## PLANNING & PARKS DEPARTMENT

## CURRENT PROJECTS & REPORT UPDATES

MAY 2023



## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide opportunities for Ozaukee County residents and visitors of Ozaukee County to appreciate and enjoy the natural and cultural resources, local ecology, recreational experiences, well planned sustainable growth and improved quality of life in Ozaukee County through the preservation, restoration and management of natural resources, increased awareness and education, stewardship, promotion of tourism, comprehensive planning, and the acquisition, development, enhancement and operation of large scale, intergovernmental recreational opportunities including exceptionally well-maintained golf courses, multi-use trails and parks.

<https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/540/Planning-Parks>

Ozaukee County Administration Center  
121 W. Main Street, Box 994  
Port Washington, WI 53074-0994  
Phone: 262-284-8257

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# Ozaukee County Planning and Parks



## PLANNING DIVISION

### Comprehensive Planning

- Reviewed local government amendments to County Comprehensive Plan (e.g. Towns of Grafton, Port Washington, Belgium & Saukville, Villages of Grafton, Belgium & Newburg & Cities of Port Washington & Mequon). Coordinated w/ SEWRPC for assistance on County Comp Plan amendment regarding local governments.
- Coordinated w/ Town of Saukville (consultant) and Town & Village of Belgium on amending their local comprehensive plan, planned land use map and County Comprehensive Plan. Explored options w/ SEWRPC.
- Began to review the GIS mapping for the proposed local government amendments to the County Comprehensive Plan (e.g. planned land use map). Follow-up w/ SEWRPC staff regarding level of effort for updates.

### Land Division / Plat Review / Zoning

- Discussed/reviewed preliminary/final land divisions with landowner(s) in the Towns of Grafton, Port Washington, Saukville & Cedarburg. Generated GIS maps including: zoning, land use, soils, floodplain, wetlands, etc.
- Provided review for proposed projects under the County-owned lands zoning ordinance including Mee-Kwon Park—communications tower, Pinnacle property—communications tower, Highway properties—nonmetallic mining, LMRFWP—public access and Advocates of Ozaukee—building expansion.

### Park and Open Space Plan - Park & Natural Areas Preservation/Conservation Planning

- Reviewed prioritization and implementation recommendations in the adopted *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 (POSP)* as approved by County Board on June 1, 2011. Coordinated with SEWRPC staff regarding the update to the POSP, inventory data, mapping updates and survey data (on-site surveys). Coordinating next meeting of the re-established Comprehensive Planning Board - reviewing POSP Chapters.
- Discussed recommendations of the POSP with several residents, WDNR, MMSD/Conservation Fund, OWLT, UCP, WWA, ROTB, FOCB, USFWS and Ozaukee Treasures Network, particularly with regard to identified Natural Areas and proposed County parks and trail systems. Continued discussions with interested citizens regarding developing a mountain bike park & natural area acquisitions (CTH W-VSaukville, OIT-TGrafton, Town of Saukville Properties, Waubedonia-TFredonia, LDGPN Project Area—TGrafton)
- Coordinated with the Conservation Fund/MMSD on the expanded "Greenseams" Program (CTH W project). Coordinated w/ USFWS, WDNR, Ducks Unlimited, Conservation Fund/MMSD on fish passage projects.
- Coordinated/attended meetings with partners (e.g. FOCB (), WDNR, MMSD/TCF(), OWLT (), OCWC(), BCW (), LNRP (), DU(), OTN(), WAC ()) to discuss natural area preservation/restoration.
- Completed final drafts of three County Park Master Plans including Virmond, Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve (LDGPN) and Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve (CBCGNP) per WCMP Coastal Resiliency Grants. Updating all Park Master Plan (GIS) maps w/ Planning Interns and Nat Res & GIS Technician ().
- Follow-up on the USFS Community Forest Plan for CBCGNP and overall master planning and future restoration including OWLT conservation easement. Filed final reporting with WCMP for CBCGNP acquisition.

### Farmland Preservation Plan and Working Lands Initiative

- County Board formally adopted the *Farmland Preservation Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 (FPP)* on July 3, 2013 as a stand alone plan. The County Board adopted the Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2013-02 (incorporation of FPP & POSP) on 12/4/13. Received \$30,000 DATCP FPP Grant and certification extension. Coordinated (w/ SWWT & MMSD) on implementation of the Cedar, Pigeon, Mole and Ulao Watershed 9 Key Element Plan per FPP. Discuss implementing 9 Key Element Plans with other partners (LNRP, OCWC).
- Coordinated with the Town of Belgium on a revision to the County FPP per a zoning/land use change.

### Geographic Information Systems (GIS) / Land Information

- Continued development of the GIS Fish & Wildlife Habitat Model and Ecological Prioritization GIS Tools with partners (NACPRO Award 2021). Reviewed Preservation/Restoration output maps with partners and coordinated with staff/partners/consultant on next steps for the GIS Tools. Follow-up w/ WDNR AOC Program to demonstrate the GIS Fish & Wildlife Habitat and Ecological Prioritization Tools. Continued work on Fisheries component of the GIS Tools. Worked w/ consultant on SLCI reports for LMRFWP (NACo Award 2023).
- Prepared several GIS databases and maps for the Planning, Parks and Trails and Ecological Divisions regarding: land divisions, zoning, tree plantings, natural areas, Trail/ROTB, streams/Impediments, wetland/riparian restorations, stormwater, water quality, fish & wildlife monitoring, invasive species, and restorations.
- Coordinated w/ LIO on GIS databases (ROW Invasive), JEM Grant (GIS Storybook for OIT) and adding Planning & Parks Dept data to GIS Server. Coordinating on a County Map update with new roads, parks, etc.
- Coordination w/ SEWRPC on an update to the County Shoreland (& Floodplain) Zoning Maps.

### Floodplain, Stormwater Management, Bluff Erosion and Construction Site Erosion Control

- Developed/reviewed erosion control, floodplain and stormwater management plans, permits and implementation for various Fish Passage Program (e.g. MSC, Sucker Creek), Parks (e.g. Virmond staircase, MK Park stormwater wetland, HH Park Multipurpose Maintenance Building) & Ozaukee Interurban Trail projects with USACOE, WDNR, LWMD, consultants, & municipalities (e.g. Town of Saukville, City of Mequon).
- Follow-up/Meeting w/ WCMP State Coastal Hazards WG (5/2) regarding Virmond Park, LDGPN and other research projects. Coordinated with UW Sea Grant/WGNHS on outreach for Lake Michigan water levels and bluff erosion/climate change, Virmond public access and a guide to native vegetation for coastal bluffs. Coordinated on WCMP Coastal Resiliency Project (e.g. predicting bluff erosion and water study—Virmond Park, Master Plans—CBCGNP, Virmond, LDGPN) and attended WCMP/Sea Grant SC CALM Network Mtg. (5/8).

### Strategic Planning and Economic Development Planning

- Coordinated w/ Chambers of Commerce and State & County Tourism on another State Tourism Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) grant for promoting the Ozaukee Interurban Trail.
- Continued to report on the Department goals, objectives, metrics for the County Strategic Plan ().
- Attended Ozaukee Economic Development Practitioners Meeting (5/10) at Administration Center.

## Non-metallic Mining Planning

- Coordinated w/ the Highway Dept on the implementation of the restoration plan (e.g. tree establishment, Hetzel Pit / Bee-Keeper Bog to comply with the WDNR permit. Coordinated with the Highway Dept for restoration / reclamation activities at the Saukville properties (Guenther, Lakeland and Opitz Pits) and coordinated w/ multi-Department staff, HWY and the Town of Saukville for future land use at these properties ().

## Regional Technical Review & Planning Assistance (SEWRPC, MMSD, WisDOT, etc.)

- Coordinated w/ SEWRPC Regional Land Use & Transportation and Natural Areas Advisory Cmte mtgs.
- Coordinated w/ SWWT & OCWC on 9-Key Element Plans-Ulao, Mole, Pigeon, Cedar & Fredonia.
- Coordinated w/ WisDOT & Consultants on STH 60, 167, 181 & I-43 reconstruction projects (5/31).

## PARKS, RECREATION, NATURAL AREAS AND CULTURE DIVISION



### Parks, Natural Areas, Recreation and Culture Implementation

- Implementation of 2023 park projects (e.g. campsites) & approved Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for the County parks (e.g., Pavilions & Maintenance Bldg., LDGPN Boardwalk, roofs, electric gates, security camera). Coordinated w/ Highway Dept on other Park (e.g., MK Park Wetlands), Fish Passage (Sucker Cr., MSC, MK Park) and Ozaukee Interurban Trail (e.g., mowing, signage) projects and CTH ROW Invasives. Planning/Coordinate w/ Highway Re: 2023 Projects (Park, FP) and CTH W reconstruction, restoration, land and fundi
- Coordinated w/ several Eagle Scouts for current and future service projects at various County Parks and the Interurban Trail (e.g. Fencing/Portable Bathroom Shelter—LMRFWP County Park, Etc.).
- Coordinated/continued intensive invasive species removal (e.g. herbaceous & woody shrubs), ash tree removal and 2023 tree plantings at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve, Virmond, Mee-Kwon, Hawthorne Hills, LMRFWaubedonia, Ulao Creek NP and Tendick Nature Parks, Coastal & HH Park Project Areas (USFS grants), b Golf Courses under private foundation, USFS GLRI, NFWF SOGL Invasive and WDNR UF grants. Continued inventory of invasive species, tree plantings and ash trees in the County Parks & restorations.
- Coordinated w/ several recreational organizations regarding the Mee-Kwon County Park master plan. Work on signage/maps/trail marking for the pedestrian trail network. Received NRF grant to improve trail system.
- Coordinated with the Parks staff on the remodeling and repair of the Shady Lane, Mee-Kwon, Waubedonia & Virmond Park Houses (doors, roofs, floors, paint, bathroom, etc.), out buildings and yard (e.g., invasives, tree
- Coordinated w/ Ozaukee Treasures Network (OTN) Steering Cmte., a collaboration of organizations working the implementation of the *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County*. Coordinated w/ Ozaukee County Watershed Coalition (OCWC) regarding Sucker Creek.
- Mange additional prairie restoration areas at Tendick Nature Park, LMRFWP, Covered Bridge and Virmond County Parks. Coordinated grant reporting: WDNR CCA, We Energies, DU NAWCA and Brookby Foundation
- Worked on the new CBCGNP, Ulao, Covered Bridge & River Oaks County Parks additions regarding survey restoration, tree removal (e.g. ash), invasive species removals, signage, trails, maintenance and tree planting
- Coordinated and held several Zoom meetings/calls/emails with Partners regarding the Clay Bluffs Cedar Go Nature Preserve. Finalized reports for USFWS JV (\$561,000), WDNR USEPA GLRI (\$450,000) & USFS (\$600,000) grants. Continued discussions w/ partners (OWLT, WDNR, WCMP, USFS & USFWS) Re: Easer
- Coordinated w/ the WCMP Coastal Hazards Work Group, WDNR Stewardship, engineer, contractor, City an WDOA WCMP staff for the public access to the Lake Michigan shoreline (e.g. staircase) at Virmond County
- Received 2023 NACPRO Park and Recreation Facility—Class I and attending award ceremony in IL in June
- Coordinated w/ Parks Division staff on multiple items (e.g. reservations, signage, camping, gates, ash trees, etc.), scheduling w/ Corps Groups and construction of the new ADA trail at LDGPN / USFWS WPA.
- Coordinated w/ Architect (Kueny) and Contractors for Hawthorne Hills Multipurpose Maintenance Bldg. (5/16)
- Coordinated w/ Highway and Grafton & Mequon FDs regarding access/parking at LDGPN and Virmond Park
- Coordinated w/ Highway and met onsite w/contractor Re: Historic Covered Bridge Repairs and Contracts ().

### Coordination with Cultural, Tourism & Recreation Groups

- Coordinated w/ Ozaukee County Tourism Council (OCTC) Board & Exec Mtgs. Continued work on Tourism Trail websites, maps & events. Prepared article for News Graphic on water recreation. Continued to assist OCTC Treasurer duties Re: 2023 budget. Coordination w/ OCHS Re: OCHS Caretaker, lease agreement, trail planting, well monitoring, Wi-Fi & 2023 events.

## TRAILS DIVISION



### Trails Development & Facilitation—Ozaukee Interurban Trail/Snowmobile Trails

- Coordination w/ the Ozaukee Interurban Trail (OIT) Advisory Council including: safety, user counts, Trail we Trail maintenance/drainage/culverts, bike racks, benches, trees, maintenance items for the Trail (e.g. cutting paving), RTC grant-Port Washington Trail Improvement Project—design & engineering, Meeting w/ RTC re: the Route of the Badger (ROTB) Regional Quarterly Mtg.(), coordination w/ communities (Mequon, Cedarburg Port Washington) & professionals on OIT improvements. Development of Trail gateway signage. Submitter WisDOT TAP grant for a trail extension in the Grafton/Cedarburg area along STH 60.
- Coordinated with We Energies on several occasions on development of trailside facilities in several location along the Trail (e.g. bike repair stations, signage, bike racks, benches, trees) and safety improvements & cu
- Continued to conduct Trail user counts and analyze correlations with other survey data. Maintained the cou
- Coordinated with the Ozaukee Snowmobile Clubs on the existing and new (2023-24) Trail Maintenance and Bridge Grants under the WDNR Trail Recreational Aids Grants. Coordinated and managed the SNARS data and GIS mapping for snowmobile trail maintenance with the Clubs and sent out payments to Clubs.
- Coordination w/ City of Mequon, City of Port, City of Cedarburg, and Village of Thiensville staff regarding tra facilities, safety and trail connections for the OIT. Coordinated w/ Milwaukee County Re: OIT connections & mgmt.
- Coordinated w/ Washington Co. & ROTB regarding planning for trail connections of the OIT to Eisenbahn Trail and criteria for trail network. Coordinated w/ Towns Grafton & Cedarburg on OIT im
- Follow-up Re: Trail paving of county-managed portion of OIT and WisDOT TAP grant and certifications per WisDOT grant.

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Ozaukee County Committee Report  
General Fund Park Commission  
For the Four Months Ending Sunday, April 30, 2023  
Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

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|                                     | Current<br>Month<br>Actual | 2023<br>YTD<br>Actual | 2023<br>Amended<br>Budget | Budget<br>Balance  | %<br>Budget<br>YTD |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                     |                            |                       |                           |                    |                    |
| Intergovernmental Revenues          | -                          | -                     | \$34,140                  | \$34,140           | 0.00%              |
| Public Charges for Services         | \$2,961                    | \$17,113              | \$50,725                  | \$33,612           | 33.74%             |
| Interest Revenue                    | \$14                       | \$46                  | -                         | (\$46)             | 0.00%              |
| Other Revenue                       | \$50                       | \$244                 | \$26,000                  | \$25,756           | 0.94%              |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>               | <b>\$3,025</b>             | <b>\$17,403</b>       | <b>\$110,865</b>          | <b>\$93,462</b>    | <b>15.70%</b>      |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                 |                            |                       |                           |                    |                    |
| Salaries                            | \$43,751                   | \$158,046             | \$608,851                 | \$450,805          | 25.96%             |
| Fringe Benefits                     | \$10,742                   | \$43,671              | \$157,156                 | \$113,485          | 27.79%             |
| Travel/Training                     | \$492                      | \$3,467               | \$7,450                   | \$3,983            | 46.54%             |
| Supplies                            | \$4,318                    | \$21,274              | \$105,635                 | \$84,361           | 20.14%             |
| Purchased Services                  | \$5,505                    | \$25,393              | \$255,150                 | \$229,757          | 9.95%              |
| Interdepartment Charges             | \$3,536                    | \$25,156              | \$198,285                 | \$173,129          | 12.69%             |
| Other Expenses                      | \$149                      | \$1,159               | \$18,642                  | \$17,483           | 6.22%              |
| <b>Total Operating Expenditures</b> | <b>\$68,493</b>            | <b>\$278,166</b>      | <b>\$1,351,169</b>        | <b>\$1,073,003</b> | <b>20.59%</b>      |
| <b>Capital Outlay</b>               |                            |                       |                           |                    |                    |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>           | <b>\$68,493</b>            | <b>\$278,166</b>      | <b>\$1,351,169</b>        | <b>\$1,073,003</b> | <b>20.59%</b>      |
| Other Finance (Sources)             | -                          | -                     | (\$85,000)                | (\$85,000)         | 0.00%              |
| Net Other Financing Sources/Uses    | -                          | -                     | (\$85,000)                | (\$85,000)         | 0.00%              |
| <b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>      | <b>(\$65,468)</b>          | <b>(\$260,763)</b>    | <b>(\$1,155,304)</b>      | <b>(\$894,541)</b> | <b>22.57%</b>      |

Equity:

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Ozaukee County Committee Report  
Special Revenue Fund Parks Projects  
For the Four Months Ending Sunday, April 30, 2023  
Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

|                              | Current<br>Month<br>Actual | 2023<br>YTD<br>Actual | 2023<br>Amended<br>Budget | Budget<br>Balance | %<br>Budget<br>YTD |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Revenues                     |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| Intergovernmental Revenues   | \$7,622                    | \$12,795              | \$125,357                 | \$112,562         | 10.21%             |
| Other Revenue                | \$75,716                   | \$90,597              | \$10,500                  | (\$80,097)        | 862.83%            |
| Total Revenues               | \$83,338                   | \$103,392             | \$135,857                 | \$32,465          | 76.10%             |
| Expenditures                 |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| Salaries                     | \$6,880                    | \$27,532              | \$51,684                  | \$24,152          | 53.27%             |
| Fringe Benefits              | \$1,658                    | \$7,219               | \$19,359                  | \$12,140          | 37.29%             |
| Travel/Training              | -                          | \$122                 | \$223                     | \$101             | 54.71%             |
| Supplies                     | \$4,134                    | \$4,959               | \$10,441                  | \$5,482           | 47.50%             |
| Purchased Services           | -                          | \$22,445              | \$54,150                  | \$31,705          | 41.45%             |
| Interdepartment Charges      | -                          | \$15,468              | -                         | (\$15,468)        | 0.00%              |
| Total Operating Expenditures | \$12,672                   | \$77,745              | \$135,857                 | \$58,112          | 57.23%             |
| Capital Outlay               |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| Total Expenditures           | \$12,672                   | \$77,745              | \$135,857                 | \$58,112          | 57.23%             |
| Net Increase (Decrease)      | \$70,666                   | \$25,647              | -                         | (\$25,647)        | 0.00%              |

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Ozaukee County Committee Report  
Special Revenue Fund Ozaukee Water Projects  
For the Four Months Ending Sunday, April 30, 2023  
Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

|                              | Current<br>Month<br>Actual | 2023<br>YTD<br>Actual | 2023<br>Amended<br>Budget | Budget<br>Balance | %<br>Budget<br>YTD |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Revenues                     |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| Intergovernmental Revenues   | -                          | \$92,745              | -                         | (\$92,745)        | 0.00%              |
| Other Revenue                | \$100,000                  | \$110,000             | \$309,553                 | \$199,553         | 35.54%             |
| Total Revenues               | \$100,000                  | \$202,745             | \$309,553                 | \$106,808         | 65.50%             |
| Expenditures                 |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| Salaries                     | \$9,385                    | \$35,117              | \$221,115                 | \$185,998         | 15.88%             |
| Fringe Benefits              | \$3,860                    | \$18,089              | \$88,438                  | \$70,349          | 20.45%             |
| Travel/Training              | -                          | \$63                  | -                         | (\$63)            | 0.00%              |
| Supplies                     | \$25                       | \$3,367               | -                         | (\$3,367)         | 0.00%              |
| Purchased Services           | \$1,953                    | \$11,640              | -                         | (\$11,640)        | 0.00%              |
| Interdepartment Charges      | -                          | \$1,668               | \$65,000                  | \$63,332          | 2.57%              |
| Total Operating Expenditures | \$15,223                   | \$69,944              | \$374,553                 | \$304,609         | 18.67%             |
| Capital Outlay               |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| Total Expenditures           | \$15,223                   | \$69,944              | \$374,553                 | \$304,609         | 18.67%             |
| Net Increase (Decrease)      | \$84,777                   | \$132,801             | (\$65,000)                | (\$197,801)       | -204.31%           |

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## Enterprise Fund Golf Courses

For the Four Months Ending Sunday, April 30, 2023

## Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

|                                  | Current<br>Month<br>Actual | 2023<br>YTD<br>Actual | 2023<br>Amended<br>Budget | Budget<br>Balance | %<br>Budget<br>YTD |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Revenues                         |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| Public Charges for Services      | -                          | \$85                  | \$2,094,200               | \$2,094,115       | 0.00%              |
| Other Revenue                    | \$622                      | \$790                 | \$13,475                  | \$12,685          | 5.86%              |
| Total Revenues                   | \$622                      | \$875                 | \$2,107,675               | \$2,106,800       | 0.04%              |
| Expenditures                     |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| Salaries                         | \$48,982                   | \$166,380             | \$803,593                 | \$637,213         | 20.70%             |
| Fringe Benefits                  | \$17,991                   | \$74,802              | \$244,331                 | \$169,529         | 30.62%             |
| Travel/Training                  | \$321                      | \$2,368               | \$12,250                  | \$9,882           | 19.33%             |
| Supplies                         | \$26,123                   | \$109,106             | \$324,374                 | \$215,268         | 33.64%             |
| Purchased Services               | \$21,082                   | \$43,349              | \$177,474                 | \$134,125         | 24.43%             |
| Interdepartment Charges          | \$3,728                    | \$16,118              | \$58,507                  | \$42,389          | 27.55%             |
| Depreciation                     | -                          | -                     | \$305,350                 | \$305,350         | 0.00%              |
| Other Expenses                   | -                          | \$6,222               | \$96,789                  | \$90,567          | 6.43%              |
| Total Operating Expenditures     | \$118,227                  | \$418,345             | \$2,022,668               | \$1,604,323       | 20.68%             |
| Capital Outlay                   |                            |                       |                           |                   |                    |
| Equipment & Furniture            | -                          | -                     | \$280,000                 | \$280,000         | 0.00%              |
| Buildings & Land                 | \$134,707                  | \$134,707             | \$40,000                  | (\$94,707)        | 336.77%            |
| Contra                           | -                          | -                     | (\$320,000)               | (\$320,000)       | 0.00%              |
| Total Capital Outlay             | \$134,707                  | \$134,707             | -                         | (\$134,707)       | 0.00%              |
| Total Expenditures               | \$252,934                  | \$553,052             | \$2,022,668               | \$1,469,616       | 27.34%             |
| Other Finance Uses               | -                          | -                     | \$85,000                  | \$85,000          | 0.00%              |
| Net Other Financing Sources/Uses | -                          | -                     | \$85,000                  | \$85,000          | 0.00%              |
| Net Increase (Decrease)          | (\$252,312)                | (\$552,177)           | \$7                       | \$552,184         | -7888242.86%       |

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## OZAUKEE COUNTY PLANNING & PARKS

### Parks Division

#### Summary of Parks Revenue

April 2023

| Location             | Fees for Events in<br>April 2023 |          | Revenue Collected<br>During April 2023 |           |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------|-----------|
|                      | Cur Mo                           | YTD      | Cur Mo                                 | YTD       |
| Covered Bridge       | -                                | -        | 415.00                                 | 790.00    |
| Ehlers               | 71.09                            | 71.09    | -                                      | 71.09     |
| Hawthorne Hills      | -                                | -        | -                                      | -         |
| HH Peters Youth Camp | 495.00                           | 2,170.62 | 1,345.00                               | 4,860.00  |
| Ozaukee I.U. Trail   | -                                | -        | -                                      | -         |
| Lions Den Gorge      | 52.13                            | 52.13    | 254.27                                 | 886.40    |
| Mee-Kwon             | -                                | -        | -                                      | -         |
| Tendick Nature       | 1,441.67                         | 2,892.30 | 1,370.97                               | 2,647.21  |
| Virmond              | -                                | -        | 710.00                                 | 2,195.00  |
| Waubedonia           | 90.05                            | 90.05    | 2,276.00                               | 8,523.59  |
| Totals:              | 2,149.94                         | 5,276.19 | 6,371.24                               | 19,973.29 |

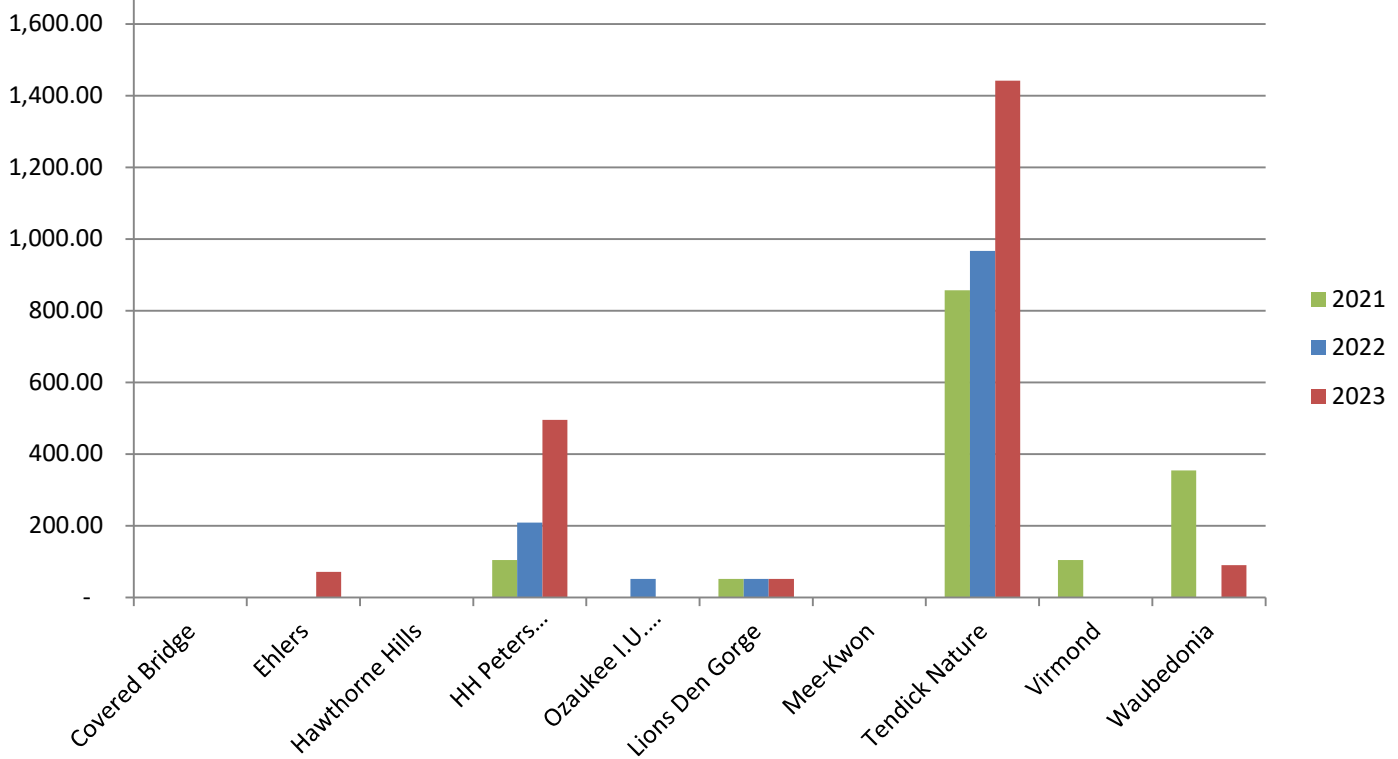
### Historic Comparison

| Location             | Fees for Events in April |          |          | Fees for Events in April YTD |          |          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                      | 2021                     | 2022     | 2023     | 2021                         | 2022     | 2023     |
| Covered Bridge       | -                        | -        | -        | -                            | -        | -        |
| Ehlers               | -                        | -        | 71.09    | -                            | -        | 71.09    |
| Hawthorne Hills      | -                        | -        | -        | -                            | -        | -        |
| HH Peters Youth Camp | 104.27                   | 208.53   | 495.00   | 1,511.26                     | 1,251.18 | 2,170.62 |
| Ozaukee I.U. Trail   | -                        | 52.13    | -        | -                            | 52.13    | -        |
| Lions Den Gorge      | 52.13                    | 52.13    | 52.13    | 52.13                        | 52.13    | 52.13    |
| Mee-Kwon             | -                        | -        | -        | -                            | -        | -        |
| Tendick Nature       | 856.87                   | 966.82   | 1,441.67 | 2,207.58                     | 1,328.90 | 2,892.30 |
| Virmond              | 104.27                   | -        | -        | 104.27                       | -        | -        |
| Waubedonia           | 354.50                   | -        | 90.05    | 354.50                       | -        | 90.05    |
| Total:               | 1,472.04                 | 1,279.61 | 2,149.94 | 4,229.74                     | 2,684.34 | 5,276.19 |

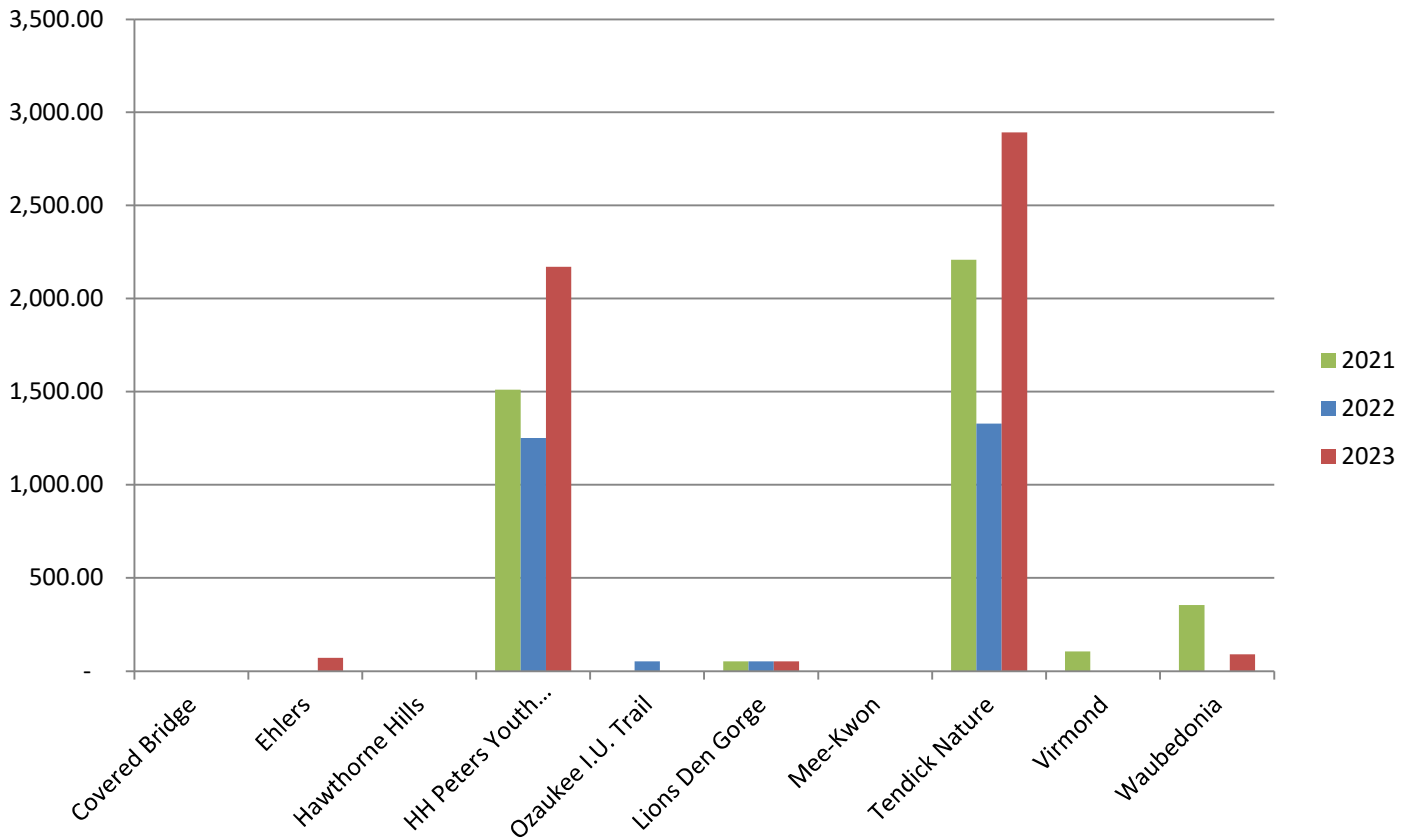
| Fee Type       | 2021     | 2022     | 2023     | 2021     | 2022     | 2023     |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Park Fees      | 364.93   | 312.79   | 708.27   | 1,824.05 | 1,355.44 | 2,383.89 |
| Disc Golf Fees | 752.61   | 966.82   | 1,441.67 | 2,051.19 | 1,328.90 | 2,892.30 |
| Camping Fees   | 354.50   | -        | -        | 354.50   | -        | -        |
| Firewood       | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| Total:         | 1,472.04 | 1,279.61 | 2,149.94 | 4,229.74 | 2,684.34 | 5,276.19 |

Attachment: Summary of Parks Revenue April 2023 (P&PDept\_Management and Financial Reports)

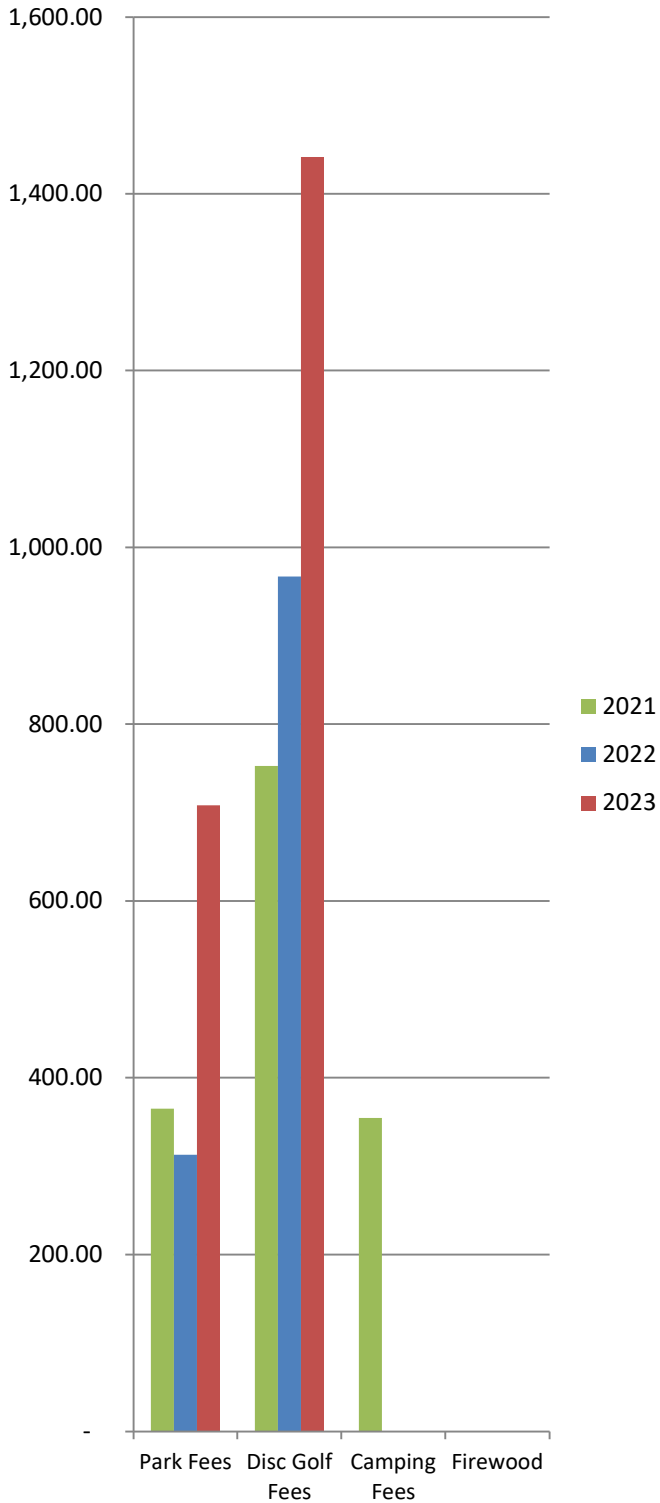
### Historic Comparison of Fees for Events in April



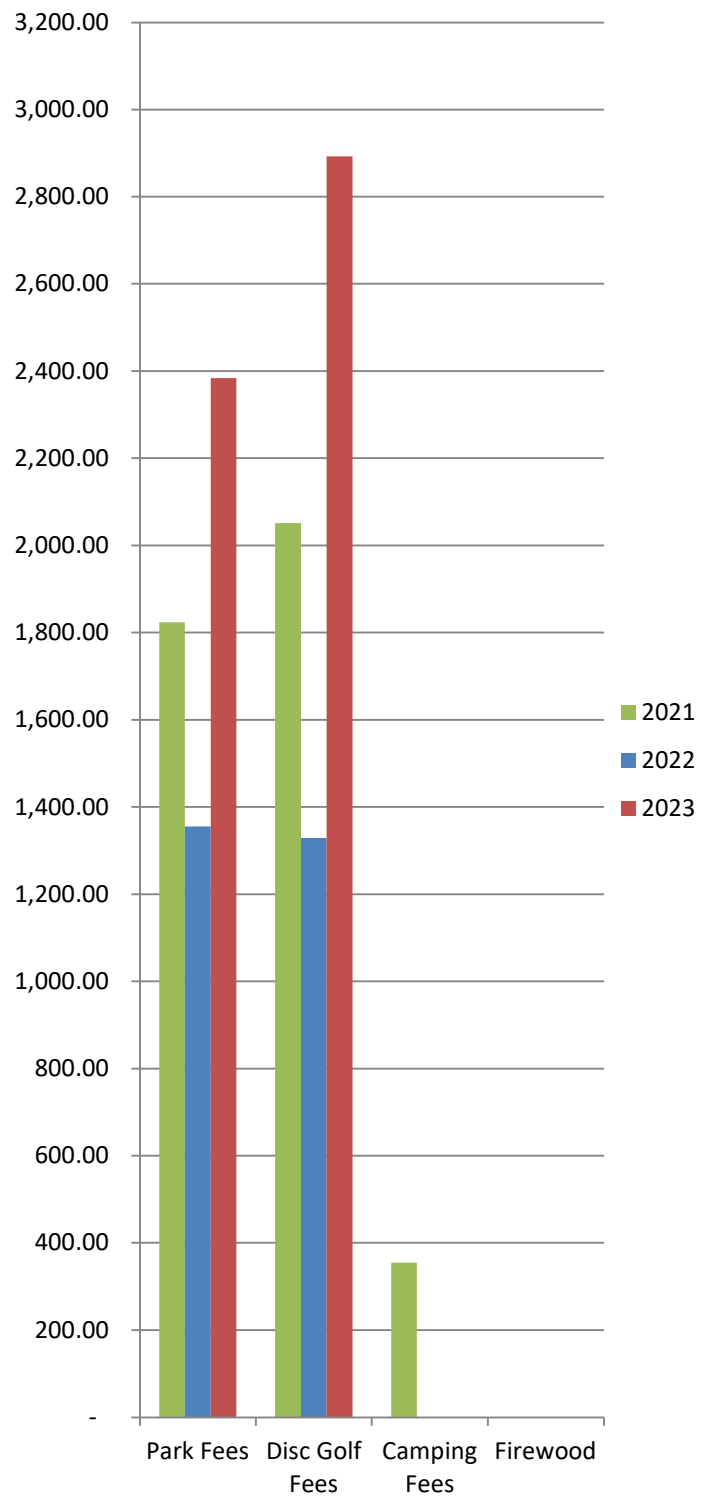
### Historic Comparison of Fees for Events YTD April



### Historic Comparison for Type of Fees In April



### Historic Comparison of Fees for Events YTD April



COLLABORATIVE ACTION  
FOR LAKE MICHIGAN  
COASTAL RESILIENCE



## ***Wisconsin Coastal Resilience Newsletter***

Greetings from the Wisconsin Coastal Resilience Team!

This month's newsletter contains:

### **Member-to-Member Updates:**

- Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission Waterfront Toolkit
- Mineral Springs Creek Corridor Restoration and Resiliency
- Lake Michigan Public Access Stairway at Virmond County Park

### **Lake Michigan Water Level Update**

**Resource of the Month:** Building Community Resilience with Nature-Based Solutions

### **Funding Opportunities**

- EPA Great Lakes Environmental Justice Grant Program
- GLISA Small Grants Program
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (WCMP)

**Trainings:** Building Blocks for Sharing Science

**Webinars:** Climate Migration – Is the Great Lakes Region a Climate Haven?

**News:** International Great Lakes Datum Update (IGLD 2020)

## Collaboration Classifieds

### Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission Waterfront Toolkit



**Update from BLRPC:** The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission has launched the [Waterfront Planning Toolkit](#), a Wisconsin Coastal Management Program funded project designed to provide assistance and resources to communities interested in planning for the unique obstacles and opportunities that come with development on the waterfront. It strives to articulate the value of waterfront plans and help communities shape the long-term resilience and sustainability of their waterfronts by establishing a set of tools and best practices to promote successful planning efforts.

**Contact:** If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to [Izzy Fuller](#), Environmental Planner at Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission.

Explore the Toolkit Here!



## Mineral Springs Creek Corridor Restoration and Resiliency through Applied Ecology



**Background:** The Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department has designed and is implementing a coastal resiliency and restoration project on Mineral Springs Creek (MSC), a tributary to Lake Michigan, in the City of Port Washington, Wisconsin. MSC originates in the Ulao Swamp and flows northeast to its confluence with Sauk Creek, approximately 200 feet upstream of Sauk Creek's confluence with the Port Washington harbor on Lake Michigan. MSC connects over 195 acres of high-quality wetland habitat to Lake Michigan, but has been heavily manipulated. In 2018, the creek's watershed experienced a 500+ year rainstorm that scoured the stream bed and the steep unstable banks, exposing a sanitary sewer line. In response, the City of Port Washington installed emergency protection of the utility corridor. This new structure created a major barrier for fish passage less than a mile from Lake Michigan.

**Update:** The Department coordinated with WDNR, USACE, City of Port Washington, and private landowners to design and engineer a nature-based coastal resiliency restoration project to restore the stream corridor and improve fish passage, while protecting critical infrastructure. Since 2013, the Department has secured and/or leveraged approximately \$1,050,000 in federal, state, and private foundation grant funding and a local municipal contribution to support project activities on Mineral Springs Creek. This grant funding has supported project coordination and planning with stakeholders, public outreach, design and engineering, permitting, site preparation, construction and restoration including native vegetation restoration, construction activities, materials and supplies, equipment, and environmental monitoring activities.

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## Resilient Lake Michigan Public Access Stairway at Virmond County Park

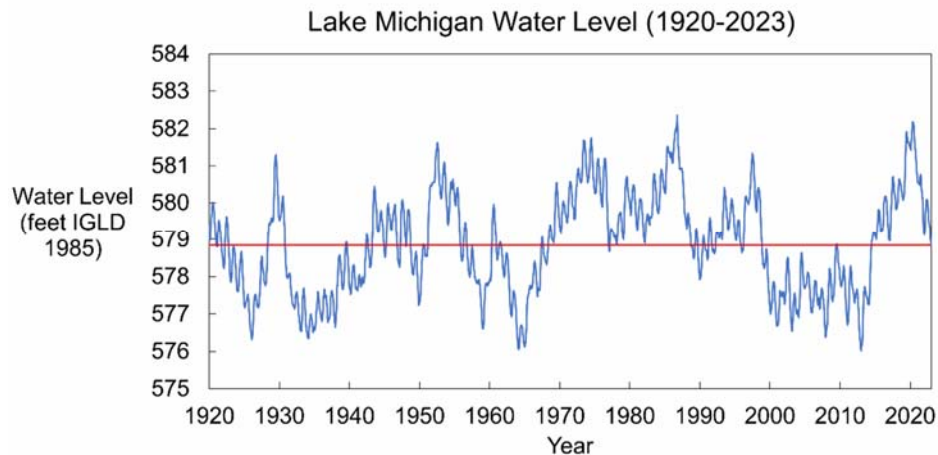


**Background:** In 2023, the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department completed an innovative public access stairway to the Lake Michigan shoreline and the National Lake Michigan Water Trail at Virmond County Park. The stairway is a low-impact, “floating design” with approximately 225 steps down 130-foot-high clay seepage bluffs. These unstable bluffs greatly limit public access to Lake Michigan and the shoreline in Ozaukee County. The Department coordinated with the Wisconsin Coastal Hazards Work Group, University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Sea Grant, Ambrose Engineering, and About Nature LLC, for the design, engineering and construction of the stairway. This recently patented design meets public infrastructure and safety international design standards and includes independent, adjustable stairway sections on surface bearing “sleds” that are secured by cables and anchors at the top of the bluff. Sections can “float” over native unstable soils and sections can be tightened, adjusted and releveled in the event of bluff erosion and slumping.

**Update:** Since 2017, the Department has secured over \$350,000 in federal and state (Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Stewardship) grants, private foundation (Brookby Foundation) funding, County funding, and private donations to support project activities. The stairway will provide approximately 700 daily park users safe, ecologically sensitive public access to Lake Michigan and is informing public access projects over unstable bluffs across the Great Lakes. The stairway is scheduled to be open to the public in July 2023.

[Click Here for More Details](#)

## May 2023 Water Level Update



Lake Michigan water levels continued their seasonal incline, increasing 5 inches from April to May. Though Lake Michigan is now about 27 inches below the highest monthly water level recorded in May 2020, the Lake is still about 7 inches higher than the long-term average water level for the month. Water levels are expected to continue their seasonal rise over the next month.

[Go to Full Update](#)

## Resource of the Month

**Building Community Resilience with Nature-Based Solutions**

Building Community Resilience with Nature-Based Solutions is a series of guides produced by FEMA to help community leaders use nature-based solutions (NBS) to minimize the risks of natural hazards. These are non-technical guides that outline how communities can plan, develop partnerships, and invest funds in ways that will contribute to the effectiveness and sustainability of NBS.

The first guide, [Building Community Resilience With Nature-Based Solutions: A Guide for Local Communities](#) makes the

case for using NBS. It tells readers how to include NBS in community planning, and it goes over funding options. The second guide, [Building Community Resilience with Nature-Based Solutions: Strategies for Success](#) outlines five strategies to help implement NBS projects. These strategies are meant to provide community leaders with resources for success, including case studies about how others have used the strategies to advance their project.

Read More

## Funding Opportunity

### EPA Great Lakes Environmental Justice Grant Program

The EPA is soliciting applications for their Great Lakes Environmental Justice Grant Programs (GLEJGP). This funding opportunity designed to direct funds to projects benefitting underserved communities experiencing or affected by adverse and disproportionate environmental and human health risks or harms. The GLEJGPs will provide funding for two types of applications aimed at furthering the goals of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI): 1) applications that aim to create a GLEJGP to provide funding for projects in a particular region of the Great Lakes Basin; and 2)



applications that aim to create a GLEJGP to provide funding for projects across the entire Great Lakes Basin.

**This RFA is not targeted directly at underserved communities themselves - it is targeted at a potential pass-through entity or entities with established relationships with underserved communities or with the ability to quickly build and sustain such relationships with those communities.**

Priority activities in support of the GLRI Action Plan include:

- Habitat restoration/enhancement/protection
- Invasive species control
- Non-point source runoff reduction
- Aquatic connectivity
- Hands-on, place-based Great Lakes environmental educational opportunities

**Due Date:** August 11, 2023

GLEJGP Request for Applications

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## GLISA Small Grants Program

Great Lakes Integrated Sciences and Assessments (GLISA) is seeking letters of intent for their 2023 small grants program. GLISA will award several 2-year grants of up to \$30,000 each to organizations that will collaborate with GLISA to advance equitable climate adaptation in the Great Lakes region. Our goal is to foster and sustain a suite of collaborative projects that increase GLISA's impact and address and amplify dimensions of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) in adaptation action.

Eligible applicants include community groups, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, local, state, and Tribal governments, trade associations, and other not-for-profit or private entities active in the Great Lakes region.

Applicants will have two funding categories to choose from:

1. Scale up or improve GLISA's existing suite of tools and approaches; or
2. Propose an idea to advance priorities of frontline communities and increase their capacity to adapt.

**Dues Date:** Friday, June 23 at 5pm Eastern

GLISA Small Grant Program Details

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## WCMP is Seeking Project Ideas for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law 2023 Funding Competition

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is providing funds to NOAA's Office for Coastal Management to invest in coastal protection and restoration projects to increase coastal communities' resilience to climate change and coastal hazards.

**The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) is seeking out three projects to competitively apply to the 2023 [National Coastal Zone Management Program BIL funding competition](#) in early Summer 2023.** Priority projects for this opportunity include habitat restoration; habitat restoration planning, engineering, and design; and land acquisition projects with a public entity partner.

For more information, see WCMP's one-page factsheet, and contact WCMP with project ideas ([coastal@wisconsin.gov](mailto:coastal@wisconsin.gov)) to begin a conversation.

BIL Factsheet

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## Trainings

### Building Blocks for Sharing Science



The Lake Superior Reserve Coastal Training Program and the Ohio Coastal Training Program are hosting a virtual training series tailored for professionals, practitioners and leaders working on Great Lakes coastal issues and is designed to address communication challenges we commonly encounter in environmental and science-adjacent careers. The courses will help you build confidence whether you facilitate meetings, develop graphics, author reports or proposals, or articulate the value of the natural world.

Course Highlights:

**September 21st @ 1 - 3pm:** How to Design a Compelling Grant Proposal & Presentation

**October 17 @ 9 - 11am:** Pathways to Valuing Ecosystem Services

*\*There is a \$20 charge for each two-hour course\**

Course List & Registration Information

## Webinars

### Climate Migration – Is the Great Lakes Region a Climate Haven?

This webinar features a panel of data scientists, researchers and government representatives who discussed the reality of climate migration in the Great Lakes region and the challenges and opportunities that come with it.

Watch the Recording

## News

### International Great Lakes Datum Update (IGLD 2020)

The International Great Lakes Datum (IGLD) is a common vertical reference used throughout the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River system to measure water levels. IGLD was first released in 1955 by the Coordinating Committee on Great Lakes Basic Hydraulic and Hydrologic Data, a bi-national committee dedicated to joint water resource management. IGLD needs to be revised every 25-35 years to account for Glacial Isostatic Adjustment (GIA), or the ongoing "rebounding" of land brought on by the retreat of glaciers. Over time, GIA tilting of the region leads to changes in water levels relative to the rising or subsiding shorelines.

IGLD (1985), the current datum, is expected to be replaced by IGLD (2020) in 2025. To maintain consistency with national datums, IGLD (2020) will align with the new geoid-based North American Geopotential Datum of 2022 that is expected to be adopted in the U.S. by 2025.

**Webinar Recording:** [International Great Lakes Datum and Low Water Datum \(April 6\)](#)

Resources About IGLD (2020)

For questions about the CALM Network, or to submit something to the newsletter, contact:

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For questions about Lake Michigan coastal hazards or how to approach, plan, and prepare for them, contact:

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For more information, visit the [Wisconsin Coastal Resilience](#) website.

## A great day for a canoe ride for charity



Submitted photo

FREDONIA — Participants in this year's Mel's River run had one of the rare gorgeous days this spring when they set out for the estimated 13-mile ride down the Milwaukee River. The group of about 85 paddlers started in Waubedonia Park in Fredonia and floated down to Veterans Memorial Park in Grafton. A shorter course was available from Ehlers Park in Saukville. The event is a fundraiser for Mel's Charities, which has raised more than \$1.9 million for local charities since 1999.



Submitted photo

FREDONIA — Pictured in the front is AJ Bocchini; Back row from left are Aaliyah Mora, Mel's Charities founder Tom "Mel" Stanton, Matt Kampmeier and Cindy Howley.



Submitted photo

FREDONIA — Paddlers listen to a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources warden about the rules of the water before heading out.



Photo by Mark Justesen/News Graphic staff

FREDONIA — Kayakers and canoers head down the Milwaukee River.



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## Mequon Road and OIT Crossing improvements underway

### Project set to conclude in October

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**MEQUON** — Final phase upgrades to the Mequon Town Center are officially underway after the Mequon Road-Ozaukee Interurban Trail Improvement Project began construction Monday.

The project, which is set to conclude in October, includes roadway and streetscape improvements along Mequon Road from North Buntrock Avenue to North Cedarburg Road.

"The work will impact access to the west driveway at City Hall, yet the Cedarburg Road driveway access will remain open at all times," according to a city notice.

Mequon Road will still be open to traffic, but will be narrowed to one lane in both directions at times.

Also included are lane narrowing, traffic signal installation at Weston Drive, traffic signal replacement at Buntrock Avenue, median and street light improvements/replacements and improvements to both the Ozaukee Interurban Trail crossing and streetscape along Mequon Road through the project corridor.

"I'm glad this is finally moving in the right direction. It's been a long time in the making," Mayor Andrew Nerbun said about the finishing touches.

The city approved a resolution authorizing expenditures and awarding contracts for the final phase of improvements in the Town Center tax incremental financing district No. 3 in February. Launched in 2008, the district generally runs along West Mequon Road from the Milwaukee River to Wauwatosa Road and has seen nearly a dozen redevelopment projects consuming about 58 acres and assessed at \$160 million.

For further updates and more information about the improvements, go to <https://bit.ly/40wbzRW>.





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## Making the earth a little greener



Photos by Christina Luick/News Graphic staff

GRAFTON — Volunteers were out in force throughout the area, the county and the state on Saturday — Earth Day — planting trees, picking up trash and doing some all-around spring cleaning to help beautify the area. According to Milwaukee RiverKeeper, there were trash pickups in 98 sites across the Milwaukee River basin. That included in Thiensville Village Park, Peninsula Park in Saukville and Waubedonia Park in Fredonia. Volunteers around all 98 sites removed “well over 100,000 pounds of trash,” according to the Milwaukee Riverkeeper. The group also had more than 40 people registered to remove trash in Lime Kiln Park in Grafton. That includes, **above**, 10-year-old Anora McClain, right, and her mom, Kera Karagodsky, of Cedarburg, whose garbage bag was more than half filled with trash after about an hour of work. **Right**, it was a family affair for this group from Grafton. From left, mom Kira, Arden, 6, dad Erik and Soren, 3. To see more cleanup photos, turn to page 6A.







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## MT Trails hold second annual Celebrate Trails event

Save the date  
for MT Trails  
Summer Lawn  
Party on July 13

By Holly A. Leider  
Special to the News Graphic

MEQUON — The second annual Celebrate Trails event hosted by the MT Trails Foundation in conjunction with the Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation took place last Saturday at SPUR 16 in Mequon.

This annual national event initiated by the Rails to Trails Conservancy is held on the fourth Saturday in April, so there is bound to be variable weather conditions for those of us in the Midwestern states. With a brisk 40 degrees for set up, followed by a couple of bouts of rain and drizzle, topped by a barrage of hail just in time for take down, it was a stark contrast from the first event last year when it was absolutely lovely, organizers said.



Photo by Lori Lorenz

Despite the weather, there were people interested in riding E-bikes from Wheel and Sprocket, though the canine visitors were happy to stay on all four legs.

Despite this, there were numerous vendors in attendance, including Trailside Recreation, Fromm Family Pet Food, Foxtown Brewery, the Wisconsin Bike Federation and Wheel & Sprocket. There was also a representative from the Mul-



Photo by Dean Johnson

Ron Heinrich displays his vintage 1949 Schwinn bike.

tiple Sclerosis Foundation, who has been inspired by those living with MS who still get out on the trails.

Ozaukee County Bike trail maps were available, giveaways from Café Hollander, Daily Taco, Athletic Brewing and Rails to Trails were enjoyed, and updates were given on the MT Trails Foundation's progress on the Highland Road bike/pedestrian path.

"A big thank you to all of the people who came out, given the weather, to support our vendors and MT Trails Foundation and to Spur 16 and the Mequon Public Market for letting us hold the event in their parking lot," organizers said in a press release.

MT Trails Foundation's first project is the Highland Road 1.5 mile bike spur, which is a paved, off-road 10-foot wide two-directional bike/pedestrian path to connect the Ozaukee Interurban Trail to Rotary Park.

Of the \$1.5 million cost of the path, \$1.1 million has been raised, leaving \$400,000 to raise by the spring of 2024, when the group anticipates breaking ground on

the project. To this end, a summer evening fundraiser "Summer Lawn Party and Chef's Table" will be held on Thursday, July 13 with cocktails, a five-course meal with beverage pairings presented by

exclusive chefs from the southeastern Wisconsin area, followed by dancing and live music under the tents at Rotary Park in Mequon.

More details to follow at [www.mtcfives.org/bikepath](http://www.mtcfives.org/bikepath).



Photo by Holly Leider

The inclement weather did not stop bikers Matt and Travis of Wauwatosa from undergoing a bike camping expedition, stopping by for a beverage and chatting with MT Trails volunteers.



Photo by Dean Johnson

Visitors enjoy free beer from Foxtown Brewery and pet treats from Fromm Foods.





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## Area 4-H members excel at 2023 Visual Arts Festival

OZAUKEE COUNTY — The virtual 2023 Tri-County 4-H Visual Arts Festival, sponsored by the Ozaukee, Fond du Lac and Washington County 4-H Leaders Associations was a huge success this year, according to organizers, who sent a special thanks to the volunteer judges for providing the youth with valuable feedback on their work.

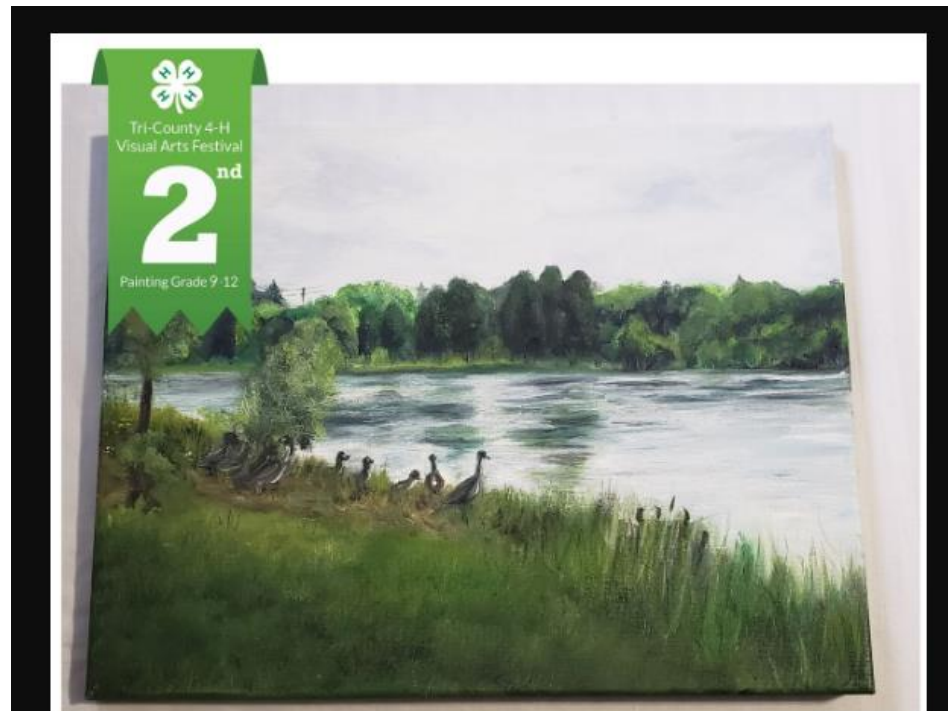
They also thanked the youth participants, local schools and community members who celebrated the talent the kids displayed.

The public is invited to continue to enjoy viewing the youth art online at <https://go.wisc.edu/7a8660>.

Several of the award winners will have their work displayed in a traveling exhibition. The traveling exhibition is on display now through May 12 at the Cedarburg Cultural Center, W62N546 Washington Ave. in Cedarburg and May 15 to June 2 at the Frame and Gallery Shop, 94 S. Main St. in Fond du Lac. The Washington County exhibit was held in early April.

Winners for the various categories are as listed:

■ People's Choice Award:  
1st: "Mee-Kwon Park Tranquility" by Tamara N., Ozaukee County



**Tamara N**

"Mee-kwon Park Tranquility "

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## Mequon Town Center roadwork underway



Photos by Mark Justesen/News  
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**MEQUON** — While still open to traffic, Mequon Road has been narrowed to one lane in both directions after the Mequon Road-Ozaukee Interurban Trail Improvement Project began construction last week. The project, which serves as the final phase of upgrades to the Mequon Town Center, includes roadway and streetscape improvements along Mequon Road from North Buntrock Avenue to North Cedarburg Road. It is set to conclude in October.





## Bird migration season brings hundreds of species of unique and colorful birds through our skies



Scarlet tanager



Black and white warbler



Black-throated blue warbler



Western Meadowlark

Photos by Jacob Wouff

## Lake Michigan Bird Observatory to recognize World Migratory Day with slate of events

By Lisa Curtis  
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PORT WASHINGTON — One doesn't have to be a birding enthusiast to appreciate the significance of this time of year. During the semi-annual bird migration, hundreds of species of birds are making their way across the skies in stupefying numbers.

The website BirdCast estimated that overnight on Monday alone, more than 1.34 million birds crossed the Ozaukee County sky. Peak migration came at about 1:40 a.m., when about 148,000 birds were in flight.

World Migratory Bird Day was celebrated last Saturday internationally, but the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory in Port Washington will recognize it with a full slate of events on Saturday.

"World Migratory Bird Day is the celebration of migrating birds and it's something that's celebrated around the world. In the northern hemisphere, it's in May and in the southern hemisphere, it's in the fall



Phillips-Vanderberg

and basically coinciding when birds are moving the most in that area," said Jennifer Phillips-Vanderberg, director of the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory, formerly the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory.

The attention given on that day is important in helping to reverse some of the declines in bird populations that experts have been seeing, she said.

The destinations of these feathered creatures vary greatly. Phillips-Vanderberg said some of what we see are resident birds while others are migratory. Some of the latter are traveling here to breed from their wintering grounds, while others keep heading north to breed in boreal forests or the Arctic.

"We just see them for a short period of time, right about now," she said.

Many brightly colored Wisconsin migrants winter in Central and South

### Best bird-watching sites

For a list of the best places to spot migrating birds, visit <https://treasuresofoz.org/recreation/19-bird-watching>.

America, while other birds are going only as far as Illinois.

"All different types of migration, all different kinds of birds doing different things. It's just an interesting time of year where we get to see all of the different ones," said Phillips-Vanderberg, an ornithologist with a doctorate in animal behavior from the University of California-Davis.

Some birds we see now are ones that we see all year round. That includes downy and hairy woodpeckers and house finches.

The ubiquitous robin usually leaves for the winter, unless it's a mild winter, Phillips-Vanderberg said.

"Most birds migrate because they don't have food," she said, adding that

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# Migrate

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many birds here actually do well in the cold temperatures. "A lot of our birds eat mostly insects, and there aren't insects in the winter."

Among the migratory birds stopping by are warblers, a group of perching birds that can come in a variety of bright colors, Phillips-Vanderberg said. Yellow warblers, for example, are starting to set up territories here. But they are also seeing ovenbirds, and black-and-white warblers.

Other migrants have already left, such as yellow-rumped warblers and many species of waterfowl.

Some, like common yellow-throats and yellow warblers stay and breed,

"This is the end of their migration," Phillips-Vanderberg said.

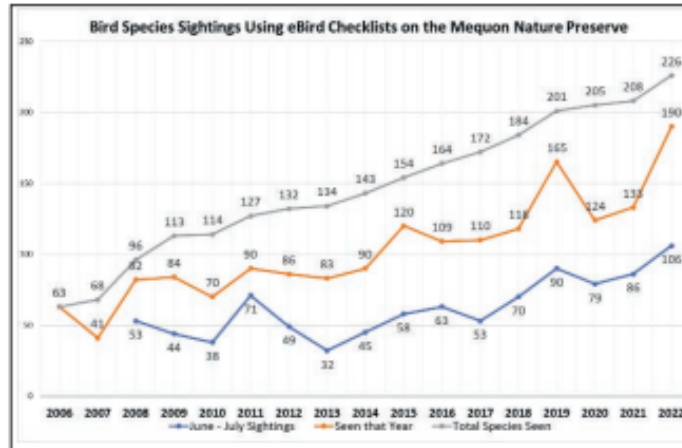
Many people are excited to see pelicans, which Phillips-Vanderberg said are dramatic looking and increasing in numbers here.

Port Washington in particular attracts many water birds, such as Caspian terns, which are migrating through now.

All of Ozaukee County and specifically Mequon and the town of Grafton have been designated as bird cities by Bird City Wisconsin. This means they have taken proactive steps in bird habitat creation, protection and monitoring.

At the Mequon Nature Preserve, the number of bird species has been on the rise, said Ecological Restoration Manager Nick Gall. He said when the property was first created in 2000, about 68 species of birds were identified on the property at 8200 W County Line Road.

Since then, nearly 230



Graphic courtesy of Mequon Nature Preserve

The table illustrates the number of migratory birds seen at the Mequon Nature Preserve.

species have used the property, with about 183 species using it annually.

Gall will lead a guided bird hike at 7 a.m. Saturday at the nature preserve. He will also be part of the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory events being held Saturday at Veterans Park in Port Washington. The schedule includes:

■ **8 a.m.: Bird Walk.** Join staff from Ozaukee County Parks & Planning on a guided bird walk along the Ozaukee Interurban Trail. Participants should bring their as experienced birders will lead easy morning bird hike. Those who don't have binoculars, can borrow them from the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory.

■ **9 a.m.: Importance of Trees.** Lake Michigan Bird Observatory staff will introduce the importance of trees to birds before Jon Crain, Port Washington's superintendent of Parks and Forestry, leads an informative talk about tree care and uses in communities and yards.

■ **10 a.m.: Live Raptors.** See live birds of prey up close. Jeannie Lord, executive director of the Pine View Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center, will present live birds,

describe their habits and amazing adaptations and recount the many threats they face.

■ **11:30 am: Beginner Bird Walk.** Gall will lead a guided bird walk geared toward beginning birders. Bring binoculars or borrow some from the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory.

■ **1:30 pm: Helping Water & Birds.** Learn how to support local waterways, while supporting birds with Phillips-Vanderberg.

All day events — from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — include:

■ **Native plant sale.** Choose from hundreds of native perennials, heirloom annuals and more. Consult with experts on the right plants for your garden.

■ **Activities and displays.** Learn more about how water sustains birds with activities, crafts and displays from the ARTservancy, city of Port Washington, International Crane Foundation, Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, Ozaukee County Parks and Planning Department, Ozaukee County Watershed Coalition, Pine View Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Riveredge Nature Center, town of Grafton, Save Our Songbirds, and W.J. Niederkorn Library.





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## Homestead clinches NSC boys golf title with win at Whistling Straits

HAVEN — Homestead was three shots better than the field Wednesday to clinch the North Shore Conference championship at the Irish Course at Whistling Straits.

Hunter Thibert clinched a spot on the All-NSC first team by earning medalist honors at the 18-hole meet, carding an 80 to lead the Highlanders to a team total of 340. Cedarburg took second place with a score of 343 and Hartford was third at 346. Grafton claimed sixth place with a team total of 356.

Cedarburg junior Owen Szpiszar shared second place at the final meet of conference play with Grafton senior Max Bailke. Each player carded an 81. Bailke clinched a spot on the All-NSC first team with his performance, while Szpiszar locked down a place on the second team.

Cedarburg senior Philip Murphy was alone in fourth place, notching a score of 82, which allowed him to make

the All-NSC third team.

Three other members of the Homestead lineup wrapped up all-conference acclaim. Brady Morgan, who shot an 88 at Whistling Straits, and Matthew Handal (86) secured spots on the second team, while Nico Clement (86) made the third team.

Cedarburg senior Will Haney was one of six players in the field on Wednesday to card an 86.

Up next for teams is the postseason. Homestead will host a Div. 1 meet today at Mee-Kwon Park starting at 9 a.m. Cedarburg will also participate in Div. 1 play, heading to Brown Deer Park to tee off at 9:03 a.m.

Grafton will compete Wednesday at 9 a.m. at a Div. 2 regional meet at Wanaki Golf Course. Sectional play will take place May 30.



# Business

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## Migratory Bird Day celebrated on May 20

World Migratory Bird Day will be celebrated with a full slate of free activities in Port Washington on Saturday, May 20.

The events, sponsored by the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory, begin at 8 a.m. and run through 3 p.m. in Veterans Park.

The day begins with an 8 a.m. guided walk along the Interurban Trail with staff members from the Ozaukee County Parks and Planning Department.

Those attending are asked to bring binoculars. Binoculars can also be borrowed from the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory.

A program on the importance of trees will be held at 9 a.m. Observatory staff members will introduce the subject before Jon Crain, Port Washington's superintendent of parks and forestry, leads a walk and talk about tree care and uses in communities and yards.

Jeannie Lord, executive director of Pine View Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center in Fredonia, will hold a program on raptors at 10 a.m.

Lord will show live birds, describe their habits and adaptations and recount the many threats they face.

A beginner bird walk will be led by Nick Gall, ecological restoration manager at the Mequon Nature Preserve, at 11:30 a.m.

Those attending are asked to bring binoculars. Binoculars can also be borrowed from the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory.

Observatory Executive Director Jenn Phillips-Vanderberg will lead a program on ways to support local waterways while sup-

porting birds at 1:30 p.m.

Throughout the day there will be a native plant sale in the park with hundreds of perennials, annuals and heirloom plants.

There will also be activities, crafts and displays that deal with birds throughout the day.

Participating groups include ARTservancy, City of Port Washington, International Crane Foundation, Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, Ozaukee County Parks and Planning Department, Ozaukee County Watershed Coalition, Pine View Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Riveredge Nature Center, Town of Grafton, Save Our Songbirds and the W.J. Niederkorn Library.



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# Wisconsin's Ozaukee Interurban Trail

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Wisconsin's Ozaukee Interurban Trail in Cedarburg | Photo courtesy Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department

## Trail of the Month: April 2023

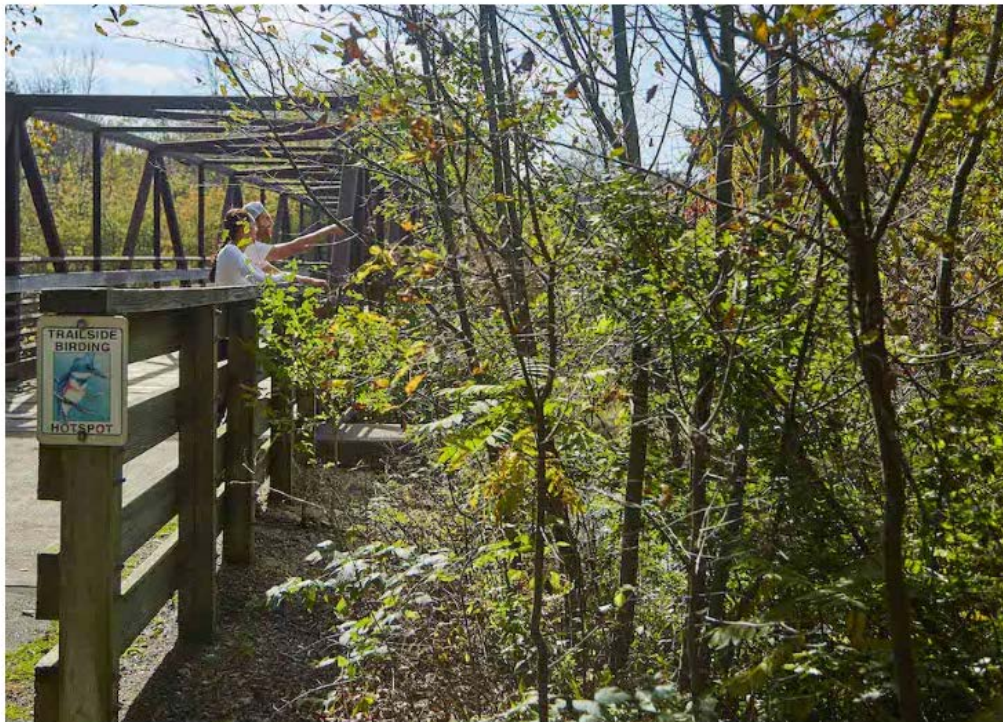


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—Andrew Struck, Director of the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department

Sometimes there are trails that seemingly take visitors through every conceivable environment: vibrant urban locales to quaint small towns to nature at its very best with woodlands, wetlands and even the shores of a Great Lake. This is the [Ozaukee Interurban Trail](#), a paved, 30-mile route flanking the Milwaukee River and Lake Michigan through the northern suburbs of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Passing through the historic downtowns of Cedarburg, the Village of Grafton and City of Port Washington, it spans the entire length of Ozaukee County from north to south. Trail users can also take shorter excursions of five, 10 or 15 miles between smaller communities like Mequon, Thiensville and Belgium. All in all, the trail goes through eight of Ozaukee County’s 16 communities.



Wisconsin's Ozaukee Interurban Trail in Grafton | Photo courtesy Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department

“The trail not only accommodates all-season, nonmotorized vehicle recreational uses such as hiking, walking, running, biking, inline skating, wildlife viewing and skiing, but also is an integral feature in connecting Ozaukee County’s commuters to places of employment, business, industry, historic places and commerce,” explained Andrew Struck, director of the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department and chairman of the Ozaukee Interurban Trail Advisory Council. “In fact, the Ozaukee Interurban Trail is a key element in Ozaukee County’s overall transportation plan for the county.”



## Railway History With a Side of Blues



Wisconsin's Ozaukee Interurban Trail in Cedarburg | Photo courtesy Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department

The rail-trail follows the bygone railway bed of the Interurban Electric Railway, and nods to this history can be found in Cedarburg, home to one of the original railway bridges and the [Cedarburg Railroad Depot](#), which has been lovingly restored and features a museum and archive.

From 1908 to 1951, the railway operated a passenger line between Milwaukee and Sheboygan. Some of the most famous individuals who rode these rails were a bevy of blues singers who traveled north in the 1920s and '30s on their way to a recording studio located in the Grafton chair factory, which eventually became Paramount Records. Elizabeth Mueller, the tourism promotion coordinator at the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce, points out an attraction just a block off the route in Grafton that ties into this piece of music history.



Blind Lemon Jefferson | Photo courtesy Charlie Dahan

"Paramount Plaza, with its distinctive [Walk of Fame](#) sidewalk resembling a piano keyboard, recognizes the important role that the Paramount Records recording studio and record-pressing plant played in blues music history and the achievements of the mostly African American musicians who recorded for the label," she said. "These musicians traveled by train to Grafton to record their music. You'll find tributes to legendary blues artists like Ma Rainey, Louis Armstrong, Blind Lemon Jefferson and Charley Patton, who is often recognized as 'the father of the Delta Blues.'"

In 1975, Wisconsin Electric (now known as We Energies and the largest provider of electricity and natural gas in the state) was persuaded by a dedicated group of local citizens to begin converting portions of the rail corridor into bike paths. By 1998, Ozaukee County, along with many of its communities, received the state funding they needed to lease the land from the electric company and fill in the remaining gaps in the Ozaukee Interurban Trail. It was finished four years later and named Wisconsin's "Trail of the Year" in 2002.



## Impact in the Community



Wisconsin's Ozaukee Interurban Trail in Mequon | Photo courtesy Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department

Although many trails in Wisconsin require the purchase of a [state trails pass](#) to use them, the Ozaukee Interurban Trail is free, making it a popular choice. Between 2019 and 2022, the trail averaged 350,000 to 500,000 trail users annually, which may have helped buoy Ozaukee County's ranking as the [healthiest county in the state](#) in 2022.

"The trail is a large factor for health and wellness in the county and has been supported by many healthcare agencies," Struck said. "Ozaukee County encourages its employees to use the trail for health and wellness. On any given day, there are hundreds of people using the trail for recreation, health and well-being."

One of its draws is the opportunity for people to get out in nature and see wildlife. Since the trail runs adjacent to many bodies of water, including the Milwaukee River, Cedar Creek and the Lake Michigan shoreline, animals abound. People frequently spot deer, foxes, frogs, salamanders, snakes and turtles. But the trail's real claim to fame when it comes to wildlife is that it's a bird watcher's paradise. You can download a [birding guide](#) to find the trail's best locations for spotting them and look for the "trailside birding hotspots" signs along the path.

"The trail has been designated as a 'Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail' by the State of Wisconsin, the first trail in the state to carry this designation," Struck said.

"There are also several lakeside parks in the City of Port Washington and also the historic Port Washington lighthouse and station, as well as the new [Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary](#), where you can learn about Lake Michigan's historic shipwrecks and efforts to preserve them and Lake Michigan," he continued.



Deer along Wisconsin's Ozaukee Interurban Trail | Photo courtesy Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce



Wisconsin's Ozaukee Interurban Trail | Photo by Cori Rice, courtesy Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce



With so many notable attractions along the way, the county can count on tourism dollars from trail users, and trailside communities have seen a positive economic impact from these visitors patronizing local businesses. A 2016 report by the University of Wisconsin-Extension Ozaukee County analyzing trail user surveys from 2009 and 2013–2014 found that about a third of the respondents spent money on restaurants and taverns while using the trail. And in both surveys, 99% of respondents said that they planned to visit the Ozaukee Interurban Trail again.

“The community of Grafton has made a conscious effort to be biker friendly,” noted Mueller. “For example, part of the development of new businesses is to incorporate bike racks into their plans. The warmer months bring lots of pedestrians and cyclists out into our communities, but there are several mornings even in the winter months that I see rows of fat bikes lined up outside one of the many coffee shops in downtown Grafton.”

## Making Connections



Wisconsin's Ozaukee Interurban Trail was created in part through a partnership with WE Energies | Photo courtesy Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department

To continue positive experiences on the two-decades-old trail, work to repave its northern half is slated for 2024–2025 and was supported by nearly \$1 million from the [Transportation Alternatives](#) program, the nation's largest dedicated source of funding for trail and active transportation projects. Additional support for the region's trails may come from Wisconsin Gov. Evers' [2023-2025 budget](#), which calls for spending more on the state's active transportation network.

With multiple connections to other trails, the Ozaukee Interurban Trail expands the options of the destinations and communities that people can reach without a car. On its southern end, the trail is seamlessly connected to the milelong [Brown Deer Recreational Trail](#), which in turn provides a link to the [Oak Leaf Trail](#) spanning 125 miles throughout the Milwaukee metro area. And on its northern end, the connecting [Sheboygan Interurban Trail](#) continues 14 miles north to Sheboygan.

Adding to its value is the trail's role in the regional [Route of the Badger](#) trail network, a TrailNation™ project being spearheaded by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy with support from local partners that's connecting communities across more than 700 miles of trail in the southeastern corner of the state. Willie Karidis, RTC's project manager for the Route of the Badger project, explained that the Ozaukee Interurban Trail currently has three potential new connections to the Route of the Badger trail network. This includes trails along the Milwaukee River north to Saukville; west along Highway 60 to a future southern extension of the [Eisenbahn State Trail](#); and south along the Little Menomonee River.



Wisconsin's Ozaukee Interurban Trail | Photo by Kate Redmond, courtesy Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce

"While all three of these trails are not imminently planned, the importance of the Ozaukee Interurban as a signature trail in Southeast Wisconsin makes all three of these projects more plausible and important to the communities they run through," Karidis remarked.

The Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department has been involved with this coalition of partners since its inception, Struck noted. "We are extremely supportive of the Route of the Badger initiative because the connectivity of a regional trail system is just as important as the connectivity of the road system. The Ozaukee Interurban Trail becomes so much more valuable in terms of tourism, economic development, quality of life and health benefits when it's connected to the region and beyond."



## Community Rivers Program



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Connecting rural and suburban communities with their Upper Milwaukee River watershed to inspire appreciation, educate, and enable positive land management changes.

## Splashing around into Summer with the Community Rivers Program!

### Free upcoming programs for Community Rivers Program Villages!

All upcoming program details and registration links can be found on the [CRP webpage](#).

### *The Village of Newburg*

#### ***Fishing Derby at the Firemen's Picnic!***

CRP is hosting a free fishing clinic for children ages 3-16 during the Firemen's Picnic from 2:00 - 4:00 PM on Saturday, June 3th!

#### ***Kayaking the Milwaukee River***

***Saturday, June 24th from 1:00 - 5:00 PM starting at Fireman's Park & ending near Highway A***

Paddling takes a mix of knowledge and skills! Village of Newburg residents are invited to join a Riveredge Adventure Guide starting at Firemen's Park for an unforgettable evening paddling experience that will begin with safety and end with a splash! Kayaking will end near Highway A. The best part? Newburg residents will have the chance to learn about their river and do it for free! We will use 1 person kayaks. Ages 10+. Space is limited to 12 people.

[Pre-registration is required and can be found here.](#)



## *The Village of Saukville*

### ***Kayaking the Milwaukee River***

***Wednesday, June 7th from 5:00-8:00 PM at Ehlers County Park***

Paddling takes a mix of knowledge and skills! Village of Saukville residents are invited to join a Riveredge Adventure Guide starting at Waubedonia Park for an unforgettable evening paddling experience that will begin with safety and end with a splash! Kayaking will end near Ehlers County Park. The best part? Saukville residents will have the chance to learn about their river and do it for free! We will use 1 person kayaks. Ages 10+. Space is limited to 12 people.

**[Pre-registration is required and can be found here.](#)**

### ***Family Fishing Fun***

***Thursday, July 6th from 4:30 - 6:30 PM at Ehlers County Park***

Spend the afternoon on the banks of the Milwaukee River at Ehlers County Park with a pole in your hand and hopefully a few bites on your line! Learn how to tie a hook on your line, bait your hook, and safely cast your line into the water. With the assistance of a CRP team member, we will try to catch and identify the fish before releasing them back into their home: The Milwaukee River. Bait and poles provided on a first come, first serve basis or feel free to bring your own. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Children 16 and under do not require a fishing license. **Pre-registration is not required.**

## *The Village of Grafton*

### ***Kayaking the Milwaukee River***

***Wednesday, June 28th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Veterans Memorial Park***

Paddling takes a mix of knowledge and skills! Village of Grafton residents are invited to join a Riveredge Adventure Guide at Veterans Memorial Park for an unforgettable evening paddling experience that will begin with safety and end with a splash! The best part? Grafton residents will have the chance to learn about their river and do it for free! We will use 1 person kayaks. Ages 10+. Space is limited to 12 people.

**Pre-registration is required through the Grafton Parks & Recreation Activity Guide.**

### ***Family Fishing Fun***

***Thursday, July 20th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at Veterans Memorial Park***

Spend the afternoon on the banks of the Milwaukee River at Veterans Memorial Park with a pole in your hand and hopefully a few bites on your line! Learn how to tie a hook on your line, bait your hook, and safely cast your line into the water. With the assistance of a CRP team member, we will try to catch and identify the fish before releasing them back into their home: The Milwaukee River. Bait and poles provided on a first come, first serve basis or feel free to bring your own. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Children 16 and under do not require a fishing license.

**Pre-registration is required through the Grafton Parks & Recreation Activity Guide.**

***Kayaking the Milwaukee River******Wednesday, August 23rd from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Veterans Memorial Park***

Paddling takes a mix of knowledge and skills! Village of Grafton residents are invited to join a Riveredge Adventure Guide at Veterans Memorial Park for an unforgettable evening paddling experience that will begin with safety and end with a splash! The best part? Grafton residents will have the chance to learn about their river and do it for free! We will use 1 person kayaks. Ages 10+. Space is limited to 12 people.

**Pre-registration is required through the Grafton Parks & Recreation Activity Guide.**

## *The Village of Fredonia*

***Kayaking the Milwaukee River******Wednesday, June 14th from 5:00 - 8:00 PM starting at the Waubedonia Park Boat Launch and ending at Ehlers County Park***

Paddling takes a mix of knowledge and skills! Village of Fredonia residents are invited to join a Riveredge Adventure Guide starting at Waubedonia Park for an unforgettable evening paddling experience that will begin with safety and end with a splash! Kayaking will end at Ehlers County Park. The best part? Fredonia residents will have the chance to learn about their river and do it for free! We will use 1 person kayaks. Ages 10+. Space is limited to 12 people.

**[Pre-registration is required and can be found here.](#)**

***Family Fishing Fun******Thursday, July 13th from 4:30 - 6:30 PM at Waubedonia Park near the boat launch***

Spend the afternoon on the banks of the Milwaukee River at Waubedonia Park with a pole in your hand and hopefully a few bites on your line! Learn how to tie a hook on your line, bait your hook, and safely cast your line into the water. With the assistance of a CRP team member, we will try to catch and identify the fish before releasing them back into their home: The Milwaukee River. Bait and poles provided on a first come, first serve basis or feel free to bring your own. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Children 16 and under do not require a fishing license. **Pre-registration is not required.**

## *The Village of Kewaskum*

***Kayaking the Milwaukee River******Wednesday, July 5th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at River Hill Park meeting near Kewaskum Dam***

Paddling takes a mix of knowledge and skills! Village of Kewaskum residents are invited to join a Riveredge Adventure Guide at Lower River Hill park for an unforgettable evening paddling experience that will begin with safety and end with a splash! The best part? Kewaskum residents will have the chance to learn about their river and do it for free! We will use 1 person kayaks. Ages 10+. Space is limited to 12 people.

**[Pre-registration is required and can be found here.](#)**

### *All CRP Villages:*

Be on the lookout for the Community Rivers Program hosting some outreach tables at community events such as farmers markets, music nights, and library storytimes!

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**Contact [kkroening@ozaukeecounty.gov](mailto:kkroening@ozaukeecounty.gov) or 262-236-2006  
to RSVP and get more details!**

## Scheduled Events:

- ⇒ **Thursday, May 4th 5pm - 7pm** at Hawthorne Hills County Park  
(4880 County Road I, Saukville, WI 53080)
- ⇒ **Sunday, May 7th 11am - 1pm** at Hawthorne Hills County Park  
(4880 County Road I, Saukville, WI 53080)
- ⇒ **Tuesday, May 9th 10am - 12pm** at Ulao Creek Nature Preserve  
(1251 Gateway Dr., Grafton, WI 53024)
- ⇒ **Tuesday, May 16 10am - 12pm** at Ulao Creek Nature Preserve  
(1251 Gateway Dr., Grafton, WI 53024)
- ⇒ **Friday, May 19th 10am - 12pm** at Covered Bridge County Park  
(1700 Covered Bridge Rd, Cedarburg, WI 53012)
- ⇒ **Tuesday, May 23rd 4pm - 6pm** at Covered Bridge County Park  
(1700 Covered Bridge Rd, Cedarburg, WI 53012)



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