AGENDA
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024 – 9:00 AM
ADMINISTRATION CENTER - ROOM A-200
121 W. MAIN STREET, PORT WASHINGTON, WI 53074

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Natural Resources Committee Live Stream

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PROPER NOTICE**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   a. September 5, 2024
5. **DISCUSSION ITEM**
   a. Natural Resources Committee 2025 Budget Review
6. **UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE**
   a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports
      1. UW-Madison Division of Extension Ozaukee County Reports
7. **REGISTER OF DEEDS/LAND INFORMATION**
   a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports
      1. Register of Deeds/Land Information Report
8. **LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**
   a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports
      1. LWM Monthly Reports
9. **PLANNING AND PARKS DEPARTMENT**
   a. Action Items:
      1. Resolution: Submittal and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Lake Monitoring Protection Network Grant to Support Aquatic Invasive Species Vegetation Monitoring and Education and Outreach Activities on Inland Lakes, Rivers and Streams in Ozaukee County
      2. Resolution: Submittal and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Management – Surface Water Restoration Grant to Support Resiliency and Habitat Restoration on Mineral Springs Creek
      3. Submittal and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant for Public Access at Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve
      4. Bid and Contract for Construction Related Services for a Golf Course Division Irrigation System at Hawthorne Hills Golf Course
      5. Resolution: Acceptance of a Donation of the Title to Properties Located at 2202 Stonecroft Drive (Parcel ID 160040900000) and Lot 3 of Certified Survey Map #2294 (Parcel ID 160041200100), Port Washington, WI for Addition to the Ozaukee County Park System per §§ 59.52(6)(a) and 27.065(1)(a) Wisconsin Statutes

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b. Discussion Items:

1. Update on Hawthorne Hills County Park Multipurpose Maintenance Building Construction and Change Orders
2. Update on the Sugar Maple Nature School Construction and Operations
3. Update of Planning and Parks Department Capital Projects and Planning and Parks Department Ecological Division Grant Projects

c. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Planning & Parks Department Management and Financial Reports

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

November 7, 2024

11. ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: **October 1, 2024**
DEPARTMENT: **County Clerk**
DIRECTOR: **Karen Niemuth**
PREPARER: **Lisa Henning**

Agenda Summary September 5, 2024

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NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Natural Resources Committee

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AGENDA DATE: **October 1, 2024**
DEPARTMENT: **Administrator**
DIRECTOR: **Jason Dzwinel**
PREPARER: **Jason Dzwinel**

Agenda Summary Natural Resources Committee 2025 Budget Review

The following are highlights from the 2025 Proposed Budget for the departments reporting to the Natural Resources Committee:

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	2024 Adopted	2025 Requested	2025 CA Recommended	Variance $	Variance %
Land & Water Management	$701,408	$788,637	$788,637	$87,229	12.44%
Land Information Office	$57,535	$77,640	$57,535	$0	0.00%
Planning & Parks	$1,141,622	$1,420,348	$1,236,448	$94,826	8.31%
Golf Courses	$0	$0	$0	$0	0.00%
Register of Deeds	($502,020)	($460,460)	($460,460)	$41,560	-8.28%
University Extension	$222,542	$232,162	$232,162	$9,620	4.32%
LEVY BY COMMITTEE	$1,621,087	$2,058,327	$1,854,322	$233,235	14.39%
County Administrator's Recommended Amendments Total:				*($204,005)*	

Budget Highlights Summary:

Land and Water Management:

- Tax levy increases by $87,229 (12.4%) over 2024.
- Expenditures rise by $41,513 (2.8%).
- Revenues decrease by $45,716 (6%).
- Ending of the Demonstration Farm Grant offsets revenue impact.
- Office Administrator position approved in 2024 increases levy by $47,000.

2025 Expansion Request:

- Office Administrator: Request for full-time status, costing $45,000 (0.5 FTE increase).

Planning & Parks

- The Planning and Parks Department tax levy increases $94,826 (8.31%).
- This increase is due to rising operating expenses and declining revenues.
- Operating new parklands and parks infrastructure will add over $50,000 in costs in 2025.

2025 Expansion Request:

- Expansion request for upgraded GIS Technician Position ($11,500), offset by grant revenues.

County Administrator Recommendations:

- *Assumption of full Sugar Maple School Revenue in 2025: $30,000*
- *Rental Revenues increase: $15,000*
- *Reduction of Parks Operating Expenses: $128,000*
- *Increase of Golf Revenue Transfer to Parks Operations: $50,000 to offset the operational costs on new parklands and parks infrastructure*

Register of Deeds

- Register of Deeds revenues reduce tax levy by $460,460.
- Revenues exceed expenditures, lowering General Fund levy.
- High interest rate markets slowing real estate transactions in 2024; revenues anticipated to increase with interest rate cuts in 2025 spurring mortgage refinancing

2025 Expansion Request:

- GIS Technician position, previously unfunded, requested to be refunded for 2025 at $70,000.

UW-Extension:

- Tax levy increases by $9,620 (4.3%).
- Small increases in salaries, benefits, and contracted expenses for staff.
- Flat revenues.

2025 Expansion Request:

- Marketing Position: Shared state employee for $17,077 (5 hours weekly for Ozaukee County).
- Human Development & Relationship Educator: Requested for $52,731, state employee to assist residents (e.g., aging population, incarcerated individuals

reentering society).

ATTACHMENTS:

- Natural Resources Committee Departmental Budget Reports (PDF)

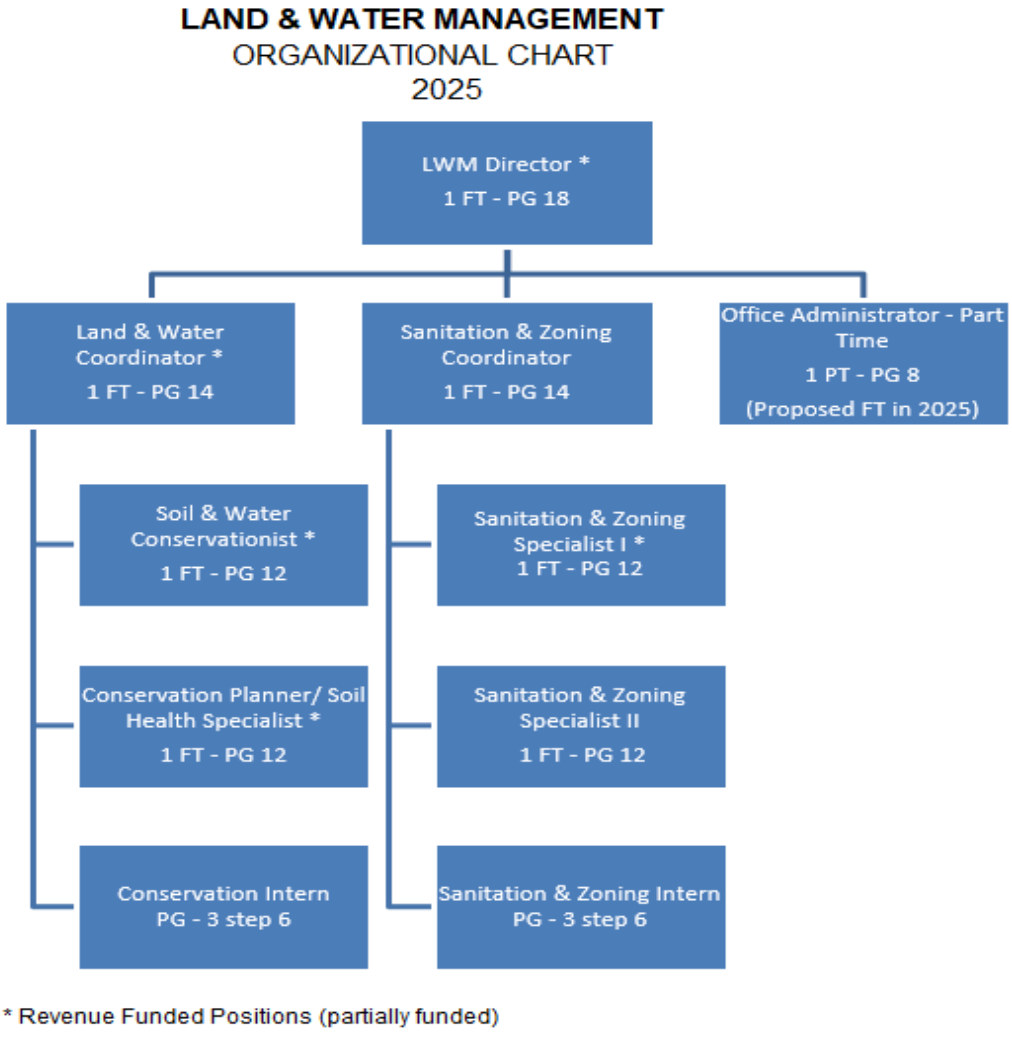
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Land & Water Management

Budget Report

Mission

It is our mission to work with our community to improve land and water management practices to improve and preserve Ozaukee County's natural resources for generations to come. We protect, preserve, and enhance natural resources, local ecology, and the quality of life in Ozaukee County. We strive to serve Ozaukee County taxpayers and other users of the department in a timely, efficient, and professional manner administering land and water resource management programs.



* Revenue Funded Positions (partially funded)

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Programs & Services

Land and Water Management Department administers the sanitary, shoreland zoning, manure storage, and nonmetallic mining ordinances for Ozaukee County.

Sanitary & Zoning Regulations

The sanitary regulations apply to all unsewered development within the county. The zoning regulations apply to the unincorporated areas of the county and only to development that occurs within 300 feet of a stream, 1,000 feet of a lake or flowage, or to the areas within the floodplain if it is greater than the previous distances. Along some rivers, particularly the Milwaukee River and Cedar Creek, areas of the floodplain extend greater than 300 feet. Please see Chapter NR 115 and Chapter NR 116 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code for further information.

Manure Storage

The manure storage regulations apply to all existing manure storage facilities and/or new construction within the county.

Nonmetallic Mining Regulations

All nonmetallic mining operations within the county [> 1 acre of disturbance] are also regulated by the county.

POWTS Plan Reviews - The LWM Department has agent status from the State of Wisconsin to review and approve Private Onsite Wastewater Treatments System (POWTS) designs.

Conservation Planning, BMP Design & Certification - Provide technical, planning and engineering assistance for Best Management Practices (BMP's) to conserve long-term soil productivity, the quality of related natural resources, and enhance water quality. Provide state cost-share funds to landowners for the installation of Best Management Practices (BMP's) to prevent non-point source runoff pollution improve water quality and maintain productive soils.

Nutrient Management - The goal of Nutrient Management Program is to ensure nutrient management plans are prepared that provides plants with the proper amount and timing of nutrients while minimizing the movement of nutrients to surface water and groundwater. Ozaukee County farmers are required to have a nutrient management plan as mandated by Administrative Code NR 151 (Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions).

Environmental Education - Provide environmental education programs, displays, brochures, newsletters and/or presentations on department programs, conservation, geology, soil erosion, water quality, invasive species, etc. To schools, local officials, civic groups etc.

NR151 Compliance Tracking - The purpose of this program is to track compliance of NR 151 Standards and Prohibitions intended to reduce non-point source pollution from agricultural and urban lands.

Animal Waste Storage Ordinance - Regulate the design, siting, construction, installation, alteration, closure and use of animal waste storage facilities, and the application of wastes from these facilities in order to prevent water pollution.

Stormwater Management & Construction Site Erosion Control- WPDES Permit - Responsible for administering the WPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit issued to Ozaukee County by the WIDNR and administering the County Construction Site Erosion Control and Post-Construction Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Buffer Initiative - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Fund for Lake Michigan - Provide incentive to landowners to voluntarily install vegetative buffers on agricultural lands adjacent to streams, rivers, lakes & wetlands to improve water quality and provide wildlife habitat.

Clean Sweep Program - Provide conservation planning assistance to Farmland Preservation Program participants to ensure they meet the soil and water conservation standards required of the program. The goal of the Clean Sweep program is to reduce the health and environmental risks posed by hazardous wastes and unwanted chemicals.

Gypsy Moth Suppression Program - Program goal is to locate gypsy moth infestations and suppress them before severe damage is done to the County's tree population.

Wildlife Administration & Abatement - Provide assistance to producers of agricultural crops that have crop damage from deer, geese, and turkeys, The program is funded by the State, and administered by the LWM Department.

T**ree, Prairie Seed Rain Barrel** - The Department sells trees, shrubs, and prairie seed which provide many environmental benefits.

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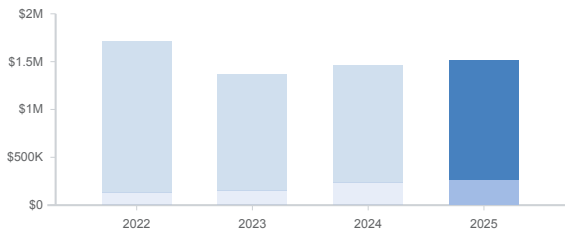
Land & Water - Expenses by Program



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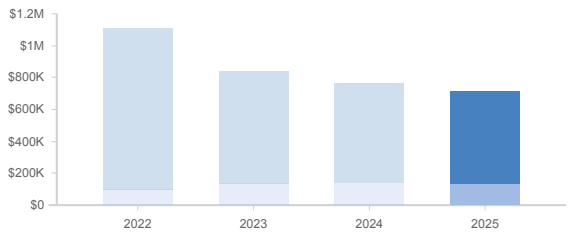
Expenses in 2025

Land & Water - Revenues by Program



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Revenues in 2025

Strategic Objective:	B. Improve our Water Quality		
Tactic	Owner	Target Timeline (mo/yr-mo/yr)	Status
1. Increase and provide long-term funding support for *County's Soil Health Initiative and Clean Farm Families program, including for National No-Tillage Conference (annually) and Soil Health Academy (biannually)* to enroll 10 farmers annually, which promotes healthy soils and nutrient management to reduce phosphorus and other sources of runoff from farmland	Land and Water	1/19 - 12/2024	In-Progress - 25%
2.Develop a pilot program to hasten the replacement of potentially failing septic systems (POWTS)	Land and Water	9/21-9/2023	Not Started
3. Assist farmers to work towards compliance with Wisconsin's Runoff Management Rules (NR151)	Land and Water	Ongoing - 12/2024	In-Progress - 50%
4. Prioritize projects that meet the target goal of the Milwaukee River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) per the recently completed/adopted 9-key Element Plans for the Fredonia, Newburg, Ulao, Mole, Pigeon, and Cedar Creek Watershed	Planning and Parks, Land and Water	1/2020 - 12/2024	In-Progress - 50%
5. Implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Innovative projects on County-owned lands to address TMDLs including stormwater management at Mee-Kwon County Park & Golf Course and monitor water quality	Planning and Parks	1/2019 - 12/2024	In-Progress - 50%
6.Restore and monitor streams, floodplains and wetlands in Ozaukee County through the Nationally recognized Ozaukee Fish Passage Program and implement priorities under the Milwaukee River Watershed Area of Concern (AOC) Program	Planning and Parks	1/2019 - 12/2024	In-Progress - 50%

Section III. B - Highlights:

1. Pursuing completion through the Soil Health Initiative. Clean Farm Families will be engaging the County Board in 2021, and also hosting a virtual conference in 2021.

April - 2022 Update - Budgeted $40,000 in 2022 for the Clean Farm Families Program, and purchasing Air Flow Seeder in 2022 and Tractor puchased in 2021, to be rented by farmers in Ozaukee County, for no-till and soil health initiatives.

June - 2024 Update - Clean Farm Families operated with a $107,000 budget in 2024, and sent 6 farmers to the No-till conference in 2023. Program is currently ongoing.

2. Anticipate starting in late 2021, as a high priority of the Land & Water Department.

April - 2022 Update - Need to research/benchmark a model for Septic Replacement Program.

June - 2024 Update - Soil and Water conservationist - Chase Brouillette has taken a grant program under his direction and will begin to water test in arteries.

3. Land & Water Department engaging in assisting in engineering agricultural methods. Farmers required to comply only if funds are available.

Sep - 2021 Update - Land & Water Department targeting DNR and Dept. of Ag Funds to assist farmers with compliance. Projects under construction.

June - 2024 Update - Ongoing - Farms that have NMP's aid in meeting compliance, farms without NMP's dont adopt soil health practices as easily making NR 151.

4. Planning & Parks engaging in stormwater design for Mee-Kwon County Park, developing TMDLs for Pigeon Creek and identifying projects. Land & Water Department targeting Department of Agriculture funds for farmers to utilize in the key areas identified in the nine key element plans.

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Sep - 2021 Update - Funding has been secured for the Mee-Kwon County Park Storwmater and Green Infrastructure project in the Pigeon Creek watershed. Planning and Parks Department is also working to identify projects under the Fredonia Newburg 9-key Element Plan. Ongoing stream restoration on Mole Creek with continued water quality sampling. Land & Water Department obtained TRM funds for 2022.

April - 2022 Update - Ongoing modeling, engineering and design for the Mee-Kwon County Park Stormwater and Green Infrastructure project in the Pigeon Creek Watershed (construction planned for fall 2022). Planning and Parks Department is also working to identify projects under the Fredonia Newburg 9-key Element Plan, including project planning for stream and wetland restoration at Tendick Nature Park. Significantly completed additional phase of stream restoration on Mole Creek in 2021 with continued water quality sampling. Land & Water Department targeting Department of Agriculture and DNR funds for farmers to utilize in the key areas identified in the nine key element plans. Obtained TRM Funds for 2022.

June - 2023 Update - Ongoing construction and restoration of the Mee-Kwon County Park Stormwater and Green Infrastructure project in the Pigeon Creek Watershed (to be complete in Summer 2023), funded by WDNR UNP & SWP ($45,000) and WCMP ($38,000) grants. Planning and Parks Department is also working to identify projects under the Fredonia Newburg 9-key Element Plan, including project planning for stream and wetland restoration at Tendick Nature Park. Significantly completed additional phase of stream restoration on Mole Creek in 2022 with continued water quality sampling. Land & Water Department targeting Department of Agriculture and DNR funds for farmers to utilize in the key areas identified in the nine key element plans. Obtained TRM Funds for 2022.

June - 2024 Update - Tendick Creek stream and wetland restoration plans finalized Spring 2024, with ongoing permitting and planned construction 2024/2025 (within 9 key element plan area). Ongoing water quality monitoring at Mole Creek and Ulao Creek (9 key element plan area), and also at Little Menomonee River.

5. Sep - 2021 Update - Funding has been secured for the Mee-Kwon County Park Storwmater and Green Infrastructure project in the Pigeon Creek watershed, with solicitation of design and engineering proposals from consulting firms. Ongoing water quality monitoring.

April - 2022 Update - Funding has been secured for the Mee-Kwon County Park Storwmater and Green Infrastructure project in the Pigeon Creek watershed, with ongoing modeling, engineering and design from a consulting firm (construction planned for fall 2022). Ongoing water quality monitoring. Planning and Parks Department is also working to identify projects under the Fredonia Newburg 9-key Element Plan, including project planning for stream and wetland restoration at Tendick Nature Park.

June - 2023 Update - Ongoing construction and restoration of the Mee-Kwon County Park Stormwater and Green Infrastructure project in the Pigeon Creek Watershed (to be complete in Summer 2023), funded by WDNR UNP & SWP ($45,000) and WCMP ($38,0000 grants. Completed surfacewater and groundwater study for Virmond Park, ongoing engineering engineering and design for stormwater wetland restoration funded by FFLM ($134,000) and WCMP ($96,000). Innovative stormwater management through wetland creation and stream restoration on ~25 acres at Little Menomonee Fish and Wildlife Area.

June - 2024 Update - Construction and restoration of the Mee-Kwon County Park Stormwater and Green Infrastructure project in the Pigeon Creek Watershed (funded by WDNR UNP & SWP ($45,000) and WCMP ($38,0000 grants) completed in Summer 2023. Surface water and groundwater studies and design and engineering RFP for stormwater wetland restoration at Virmond Park funded by FFLM ($134,000), WCMP ($96,000) NFWF ($200,000) and County Project Funding ($75,000), with planned construction 2024/2025.

6. Acquired and restoring Little Menomonee Park. Approximately, half-way through addressing the identified impediments in Ozaukee Fish Passage program.

Sep - 2021 Update - Acquired and restoring the Little Menomonee River Fish and Wildlife Preserve. Approximately half-way complete addressing identified fish and aquatic life passage impediments. Ongoing habitat restoration activities at Mole Creek, Ulao Creek, and Mineral Springs Creek. Ongoing fish passage impediment removal or remediation projects on Silver Beach Creek, Mole Creek, Tendick Creek, and Sucker Brook Creek. Ongoing habitat assessment for the Little Menomonee River. Ongoing reconstruction of the MT Fishway. Environmental monitoring at all active project locations.

April - 2022 Update - 5 grants received in 2021 ($837,121) for fish passage activities. Acquired and restoring the Little Menomonee River Fish and Wildlife Preserve. Approximately half-way complete addressing identified fish and aquatic life passage impediments. Ongoing habitat restoration activities at Mole Creek (significantly completed recent phase in 2021), Ulao Creek (additional phases planned), and Mineral Springs Creek (construction and restoration planned for summer 2022). Completed fish passage removal or impediment remediation projects on Buser Creek. Ongoing fish passage impediment removal or remediation projects on Silver Beach Creek (project planning), Mole Creek (construction planned for summer 2022), Tendick Creek (several impediments remediated in 2021, ongoing work planned for 2023), and Sucker Brook Creek (construction planned for spring/summer 2022). Ongoing habitat assessment for the AOC Little Menomonee River project. Ongoing reconstruction of the MT Fishway (final completion anticipated summer 2022). Environmental monitoring at all active project locations.

June - 2023 Update - 6 grants received in 2022/2023 ($1,321,500) for fish passage, habitat restoration, and water quality monitoring activities. Restoring the Little Menomonee River Fish and Wildlife Preserve. Approximately half-way complete addressing identified fish and aquatic life passage impediments. Ongoing habitat restoration activities at Mineral Springs Creek (significantly completed PH I in 2022) and Ulao Creek (additional phases planned). Completed fish passage removal or impediment remediation projects on Mole Creek (Center Road culvert replacement) and Sucker Creek (private farm crossing) in 2022. Ongoing fish passage impediment removal or remediation projects on Silver Beach Creek (project planning), Tendick Creek (design and engineering ongoing for fish passage removals and stream restoration), and Sucker Creek (fish passage construction planned for summer/fall 2023, ongoing design and engineering for large scale habitat and stream restoration). Ongoing habitat assessments and design and engineering for the AOC Little Menomonee River project. Reconstruction of the MT Fishway significantly completed in 2022. Ongoing design and engineering for the CTH W roadway reconstruction and Milwaukee River Oxbow / Floodplain reconnection project in the Village of Saukville. Ongoing environmental monitoring at all active project locations. Habitat analysis for Lake Sturgeon ongoing.

June - 2024 Update - 13 grants recieved in 2023/2024 ($1,106,246) for fish passage, habitat restoration, and water quality monitoring activities. Approximately half-way complete addressing identified fish and aquatic life passage impediments. Ongoing habitat restoration activities at Mineral Springs Creek (signficantly completed PH I in 2022) and Ulao Creek (additional phases planned). Completed a fish passage impediment remediation projects on Sucker Creek (private road crossing) in 2023. Ongoing fish passage impediment removal or remediation projects on Silver Beach Creek (project planning), Tendick Creek (design and engineering completed for passage removals and stream restoration with construction planned for fall 2024/2025), and Sucker Creek (design and engineering ongoing for fish passage and for large scale habitat and stream restoration). Completed habitat assessments and design and engineering for the AOC Little Menomonee River project. Ongoing design and engineering for the CTH W roadway reconstruction and Milwaukee River Oxbow / Floodplain reconnection project in the Village of Saukville. Environmental monitoring at all active project locations. Completed habitat analysis for Lake Sturgeon in the Milwaukee River and Cedar Creek. Wetland habitat restoration grants for CBCGNP awarded in 2023 / 2024 (WDNR Stewardship - $247,000 & WCMP ($166,700).

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Performance Metrics

Land & Water	OzMETRICS				
Performance Metrics	**FY 19**	**FY 20**	**FY 21**	**FY 22**	**FY 2023**
Land & Water					
Acres Enrolled in Farmland Preservation Program	10,375	10,447	10,488	10,580	10,300
New Acres Enrolled in Nutrient Management Plans	7,000	681		336	15,572
Cover Crop Acres from CFF & FFLM Funds	1,058	640	950	1,127	1,192
No-till Acres From CFF & FFLM Funds	480	1,441	650	1,197	494
Amount of SWRM & TRM Bonded Hard Practices	$70,000	$72,708	$87,665	$355,363	$379,363
Number of CFF Events	6	4	8	5	10
Number of Demo Farm Events	7	2	1	2	4
Conservation Plans Reviewed	10	12	2	2	15
Conservation Plans Out of Compliance	0	0	0	0	0
POWTS Plan Reviews	98	134	130	115	135
Sanitary Inspections (Final Inspections)	175	175	99	55	126
POWTS Maintenance Notices	3,152	2,873	3,400	3,498	3,748
Sanitation Permits	104	140	130	128	163
Sanitary Inspections (Field Inspections)	364	294	442	424	428
Zoning Permits	37	54	52	67	47
Number of FPP Certifications	95	95	20	0	36
Clean Sweep Program - Pounds Collected	52,409	56,624	42,441	17,593	15,860
Wildlife Damage Complaints	20	19	3	11	6

Budget Highlights

The Land & Water Management Current Service Level Budget increases tax levy by $87,229 or 12.4% over the 2024 Adopted Tax Levy. Expenditures increase by $41,513 or 2.8% over the 2024 Adopted Budget. Revenues in the 2025 budget decrease by $45,716 or 6%. The revenue decrease has a large impact on the increased need for tax levy, but this is deceiving since the revenue decrease corresponds with the Demonstration Farm Grant expenditures decreasing by an offsetting amount. Without this grant ending, expenditures would have been increasing by about $84,000 or 5.7%. Last year's approved expansion request for the part-time Office Administrator resulted in an additional $47,000 increase in tax levy in the 2024 Adopted Budget. Converting this position to full-time would lead to an additional $45,000 in tax levy in the 2025 budget.

2025 Expansion Requests

Office Administrator

The estimated cost of this request is $45,000. This position was established during the 2024 budget process to develop a permanent office administrator to handle clerical functions within the office. The benefit of this position allows technical staff to be able to focus on the primary purpose of their positions. This request in 2025 is to make the position full-time (an increase of 0.5 FTE).

Land & Water - Tax Levy

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Revenues	$1,110,690	$839,271	$766,127	$720,411
Expenses	$1,716,932	$1,373,746	$1,467,535	$1,509,048
REVENUES LESS EXPENSES	**-$606,242**	**-$534,475**	**-$701,408**	**-$788,637**

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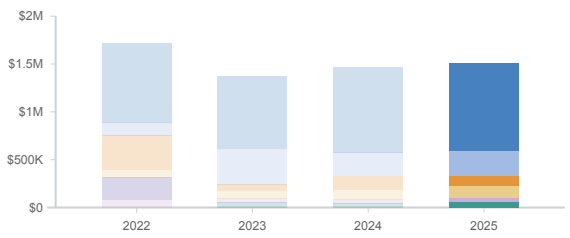

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Expenses in 2025

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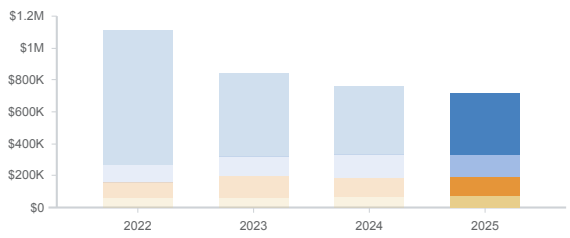

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Revenues in 2025

- Total **Salaries and Benefits** increase by $36,622 or 4.1% over the 2024 Adopted Budget. **Regular Salaries** increase by $23,332 or 3.6% over last year's budget, and this amount includes regular COLA and employee step increases. **Health Insurance** decreases by $13,127 or 9.8%.
- **Other Expenses** - Demonstration Farm Grant increases by $20,884 or 83% and partially offsets the decrease in Purchased Services.
- **Purchased Services - Demonstration Farm Grant** ends in 2025 and will reduce expenses by $42,500. An offsetting revenue reduction will occur on the revenue side of the budget.

- Decreased **Federal Aid** will reduce the amount of Intergovernmental Revenue the department receives. The department expects to receive $42,500 less next year for the Demonstration Farm Grant.
- Majority of other revenue changes have no impact on overall revenue.

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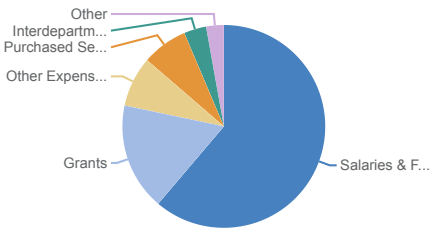

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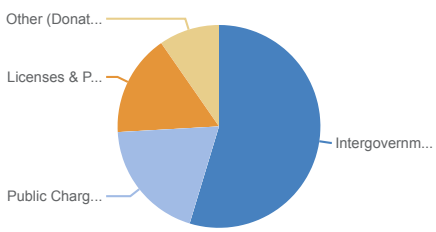

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Revenues in 2025

Land & Water - Expense by Type

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Grants	$143,125	$368,460	$251,100	$257,858
Interdepartmental Charges	$45,742	$49,301	$44,983	$53,790
Land Purchases	$241,000	$0	$0	$0
Other Expenses	$72,600	$82,173	$97,718	$121,099
Purchased Services	$362,934	$64,052	$144,124	$110,069
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	$822,304	$765,238	$887,057	$923,679
Supplies under $5,000	$21,005	$33,457	$25,828	$25,828
Travel/Mileage/Conference&Meetings	$8,223	$11,065	$16,725	$16,725
TOTAL	**$1,716,932**	**$1,373,746**	**$1,467,535**	**$1,509,048**

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Land & Water - Revenue by Type

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Intergovernmental Rev (State, Federal, Local)	$840,887	$520,049	$431,517	$393,901
Licenses & Permits	$95,458	$135,157	$113,000	$117,000
Other (Donations/One-time/Misc)	$59,813	$60,510	$67,600	$69,600
Public Charges for County Services	$114,533	$123,556	$154,010	$139,910
TOTAL	**$1,110,690**	**$839,271**	**$766,127**	**$720,411**

Land & Water CIP Requests

DEPARTMENT:	LWM

PROJECT NAME	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	PRIMARY SOURCE OF FUNDING	FUNDING COMMENT	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	TOTAL
Field Work Vehicle	perform inspections, site	Other (explain in comments	Enter into Lease Progr	60,000					60,000
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

LWM Department is made up of 8 annual staff members and up to 2 summer interns, currently operating with 2 vehicles (one vehicle is being used solely by 1 employee). We require a Pickup Truck with towing capabilities to allow for staff to complete further inspections, other responsibilities and rental equipment transportation. POWTS and Zoning inspections require multiple visits to confirm installation is to the approved design, and the rental equipment is rented thoughout the growing season. With these tasks, the 2 existing vehicles are almost always being used, making staff take their personal vehicles to job sites, which isn't always feasible. $60,000 is a cost estimate of a 1500 pickup truck with standard towing capacity, no special hitch required.

PRIORITY:	Urgent

PROJECT NAME	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	PRIMARY SOURCE OF FUNDING	FUNDING SOURCE COMMENT	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	TOTAL
Scanning Important Document	To eliminate the physical	Other (explain in commen	Budget Request		20,000				20,000
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

I have requested a quote and description of work with US IMAGING. Register of Deeds have used this business in the past. We are looking to scan Conservation Plans, POWTS Permits and attached documents into our POWTS Maintenance Program, Zoning Permits and attached documents, Non-Metallic Mine Permits/Plans and Documents. I will inquire with Legal and US IMAGING on the potential to add Board of Adjustment Minutes to this work.

PRIORITY:	Required

Position Changes

- 2025 Budget: Adjust 0.5 FTE Administrative Coordinator approved last year to a full-time position (1.0 FTE)
- 2024 Adopted Budget: Reclass one position and create 0.5 FTE administrative support position (APPROVED)
- 2023 Adopted Budget: No Changes
- 2022 Adopted Budget:
  1. 1 new Conservation Planner - Soil Health Specialist (1 new FTE)
  2. Convert 1 Administrative Assistant position to Technical Support Specialist (no change to FTE count)
- 2021 Adopted Budget: Position Upgrades (no change to FTE count)

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Planning & Parks

Budget Report

Mission

The mission of the Planning & Parks Department is 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."

PLANNING & PARKS
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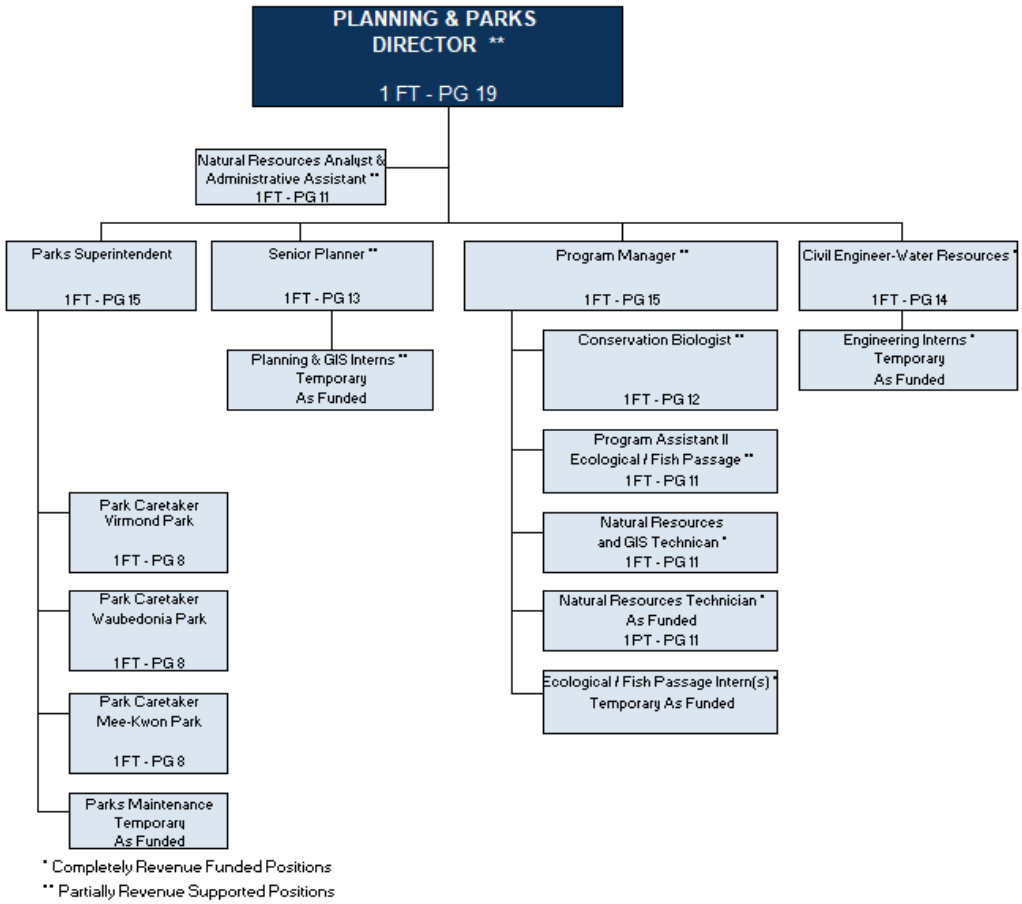

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Programs and Services

Parks, Recreation, Natural Areas, and Culture Division, Tourism Division and Trails Division:
This program area coordinates with other non-governmental organizations for the development of cultural, recreation and tourism opportunities. It focuses on development of Ozaukee County's tourism, cultural and historic resources and recreational opportunities through public private partnerships and collaborations such as the Ozaukee County Historical Society (OCHS) for the operation of Pioneer Village, Ozaukee Interurban Trail Advisory Council for the operations of the Ozaukee Interurban Trail and Ozaukee County Tourism Council for marketing the Ozaukee Interurban Trail and County Parks and Golf Courses.

Ecological Division:
The Fish Passage Program aims to remove or remediate fish passage impediments, restore lateral connections to and enhance associated wetland, riparian and floodplain habitat and monitor associated fisheries, wildlife, water quality and sediments in Ozaukee County; thereby, establishing a sustainable fisheries with associated high quality habitat. The program focuses on aquatic system reconnection in the Milwaukee River Watershed, Lake Michigan Basin and direct connection to Lake Michigan. This program focuses on the protection of priority parks, open space and natural area sites, particularly as identified in the Park and Open Space Plan, the Farmland Preservation Plan and the County Comprehensive Plan, through fee-simple acquisitions, land donations, and easement acquisitions and management. The program manages easements and fee-simple land acquisitions for intended purpose.

This program focuses on the identification, inventory and management of invasive species (vegetative, aquatic, insects, etc.) and native vegetation throughout the County Park System and County highway right of way. Specifically for Emerald Ash Borer, the goal of this program is to identify infestations and manage the native forest to diversify the County’s tree population.

This program identifies and implements restoration activities on historic natural wetlands and riparian areas in Ozaukee County through the development of a GIS fish and wildlife-based decision support Tool, which targets wetland, riparian and upland habitat for enhancement and restoration and the Ecological Prioritization Tool, which prioritizes areas for preservation and restoration.

The negotiation of conservation easements with local landowners for maintaining important environmental habitats, open spaces, or agricultural lands. These easements are voluntary contracts between property owners and the County or land trusts that limit the future development of parcels. The County participates in the monitoring of these easements. To provide environmental education programs, newsletter and/or presentations on Department programs, conservation, invasive species, natural resources, fish and wildlife habitat, and water quality to schools, local officials, civic groups etc. including educational displays for county fair, other environmental events, and at professional meetings, conferences, and field trips.

The Department provides educational resources, planning, monitoring and implementation with regard to bird conservation, invasive species management and fish and wildlife conservation activities. This program area is responsible for maintaining the Bird City Wisconsin recognition for Ozaukee County.

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Performance Metrics

Planning & Parks	OzMETRICS				
Performance Metrics	**FY 19**	**FY 20**	**FY 21**	**FY 22**	**FY 2023**
Ecological Division					
Number of Acres Under Active Restoration	28	31	30	37	18
Acres of Invasive Species Managed	86	129	119	89.5	248.8
Number of Planted Trees	5,702	7,725	4,083	6,339	2,612
Percent of Grant Expenditures Devoted to Labor	56%	37%	35%	39%	46%
Number of Hazardous Trees Removed	90	1,003	59	410	220
Number of Staff Hours Devoted To Environmental Monitoring	427	297	127	385	134
Grant Expenditures for Department Labor	$303,628	$321,597	$280,311	$276,273	$280,664
Annual Grant Expenditures to HWY Department	$164,525	$377,767	$388,829	$311,965	$76,690
Percent of Competitive Grant Funds Applied for & Awarded	63%	64%	64%	64%	66%
Conservation Corps Hours	6,281	3,316	2,285	2,335	2,904
Number of Educational and Outreach Events	17	22	7	8	54
Number of People Reached at Education & Outreach Events	1,667	488	3,389	3,550	9,212
Number of Volunteer Hours	306	17.5	52	138	339
Number of Grants Awarded	18	21	16	15	21
Grant Funds Awarded	$1,082,368	$2,168,660	$1,834,921	$786,069	$2,776,210
Cumulative Grants Awarded since 2008 (Eco + Parks)	140	161	177	198	220
Cumulative Grant Funds Awarded since 2008 (Eco + Parks)	$15,710,626	$17,884,284	$19,719,204	$20,751,273	$23,124,011
Percentage of Grants Applied for and Awarded Since 2008 (Eco + Parks)	66%	66%	65%	64%	66%

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Planning Division	FY 19	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Land Divisions Requiring Committee Review	1	1	5	1	4
Land Divisions Requiring Staff Review	6	9	12	12	19
Comp Plan Amendments Approved	0	0	0	0	0
County Owned Land Zoning Reviews	5	3	3	6	4
Stormwater Mgt/Erosion Control Plans Created	2	1	1	0	2
Parks Division	**FY 19**	**FY 2020**	**FY 2021**	**FY 2022**	**FY 2023**
Camping Revenue	$11,292	$13,041	$11,656	$25,907	$26,220
Park Event/Shelter Revenue	$12,079	$7,731	$19,416	$17,007	$21,347
Park Revenue Collected	$32,601	$31,464	$40,983	$5,066	$55,082
Park Maintenance - Avg. Cost Per Acre	$64.74	$64.73	$39.11	$36.71	$48.70
Community Service Projects Completed	2	1	4	4	0
Annual Volunteer Hours	430	820	545	1051	0
Community Service Project Benefit	$9,559	$7,950	$4,141	$3,506	0
Annual Expenditures to Hwy Dept	$70,122	$91,860	$105,887	$246,560	$350,190
Annual Grant Fund Revenue	$260,886	$642,100	$967,800	$773,569	$744,764
Annual Donations	$13,085	$17,123	$117,369	$13,495	$31,168
Disc Golf Revenue	$9,231	$12,315	$9,911	$7,751	$7,513

Budget Highlights

The Planning & Parks Current Service Level Budget increases tax levy by $278,726 or 24% over the 2024 Adopted Levy. The increase is spread throughout Salaries and Benefits and operating expenses for the various park properties. Expenditures increase by $210,226 or 18% over the 2024 Adopted Budget, and revenues decrease by $68,500 or 21%. There is one expansion request for an upgraded position at a cost of $11,500, and the department expects the position to be 100% offset by revenues.

A significant decrease in revenue also contributes to the increased request for tax levy support in the department. **Other Revenues** decrease by $68,500 or 56% from last year's budget. The SMNS payment to be received in 2025 will be $62,500 less than 2024. The 2026 amount will increase to the full amount.

Planning and Parks - Tax Levy

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Revenues	$209,945	$250,628	$320,165	$251,665
Expenses	$1,357,950	$1,343,174	$1,461,787	$1,672,013
REVENUES LESS EXPENSES	**-$1,148,006**	**-$1,092,546**	**-$1,141,622**	**-$1,420,348**

Planning and Parks - Salaries and Benefits (General Fund)

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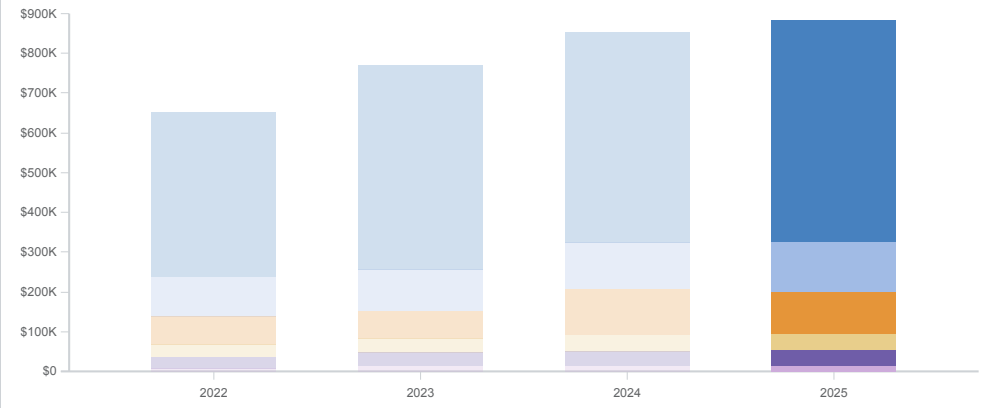

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Expenses in 2025

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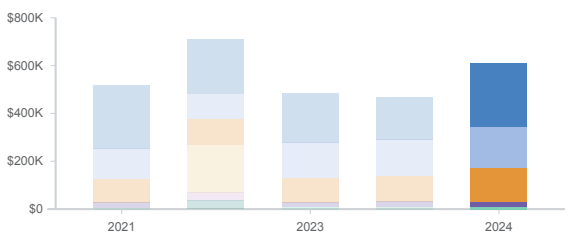
Planning & Parks - Operating Expenses



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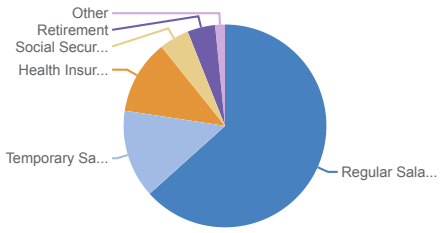
Planning and Parks - Salaries and Benefits (General Fund)



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Expenses in 2025

Operating Expenses in the 2025 department budget request would increase by $181,026 or 30% compared to the prior year budget. **Purchased Services** increases by $87,043 or 49% in the requested budget. **Supplies** increase by $32,575 or 30%. **Interdepartmental Charges** increase by $22,212 or 14%. The increases are mostly found within various individual park properties. The increases referenced above are broken down by specific parks as shown below.

Salaries and Benefits increase by $29,200 or 3.4% over the 2024 Adopted Budget. **Temporary Salaries** is up by about $1,700 from last year and is approaching $100,000. **Health Insurance** is down $11,200 or 10% from last year, but this budget amount is still well above the historical actuals. **Regular Salaries** increase by $29,798 or 5.6% compared to the 2024 Adopted Budget. The department receives significant grants that will offset some position costs. Those expenses are budgeted in the Parks Grants Funds (Fund 221 and Fund 222). A portion of some positions are also budgeted and paid for by the Golf Course Fund (Fund 503). There is one expansion request for a position upgrade that is not included in the budget.

Operating Expenses by Park Unit

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Administration	$98,078	$103,279	$88,039	$119,438
Harborview Park	$2,358	$1,498	$2,150	$2,450
Covered Bridge Park	$14,767	$18,755	$27,300	$37,150
Ehlers Park	$7,095	$7,299	$7,650	$7,950
Hawthorne Hills Park	$5,721	$31,849	$44,450	$92,000
HH Peters Youth Camp	$35,250	$30,311	$33,050	$38,800
Interurban Recreation Trail	$31,905	$44,475	$61,350	$63,900
Lions Den Park	$30,005	$24,858	$24,100	$40,050
Mee-Kwon Park	$16,213	$44,640	$33,800	$38,000
Shady Lane Park	$9,573	$11,043	$11,600	$15,600
Snowmobile Trails	$32,840	$30,207	$33,625	$34,140
Tendick Nature Park	$53,540	$18,506	$29,300	$30,650
Virmond Park	$53,880	$50,585	$49,300	$57,600
Waubedonia Park	$54,864	$52,339	$63,000	$74,950
Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge	$200,000	$242	$12,500	$27,650
River Oaks Park	$15,351	$8,904	$10,000	$15,550
Little Menomonee River Fish and Wildlife Preserve	$3,796	$9,032	$10,000	$20,750
Ulao Creek Nature Preserve	$0	$90	$8,500	$12,600
TOTAL	**$665,234**	**$487,912**	**$549,714**	**$729,228**

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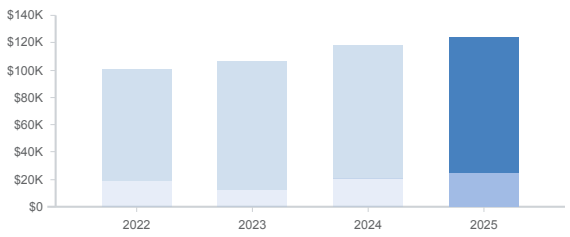
Planning and Parks - Temporary Salaries



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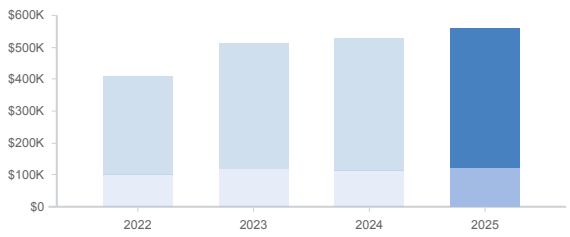
Expenses in 2025

Planning and Parks - Wages



$559,446.00
Expenses in 2025

Planning and Parks - Expenses by Type

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Buildings	$34,006	$0	$0	$0
Equipment & Software	$5,600	$0	$0	$0
Interdepartmental Charges	$106,369	$164,290	$176,944	$233,830
Land Improvements	$200,000	$0	$0	$0
Other Expenses	$25,105	$21,199	$18,942	$20,492
Purchased Services	$223,353	$255,160	$263,400	$342,615
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	$650,223	$770,754	$853,851	$883,051
Supplies under $5,000	$107,501	$123,064	$140,900	$180,425
Travel/Mileage/Conference&Meetings	$5,794	$8,706	$7,750	$11,600
TOTAL	**$1,357,950**	**$1,343,174**	**$1,461,787**	**$1,672,013**

Planning and Park - Revenues by Type

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Interest	$32	$180	$0	$0
Intergovernmental Rev (State, Federal, Local)	$34,410	$34,140	$34,140	$34,140
Licenses & Permits	$55	$0	$0	$0
Operating Transfers In	$80,000	$85,000	$85,000	$90,000
Other (Donations/One-time/Misc)	$44,436	$74,164	$125,900	$57,400
Public Charges for County Services	$51,012	$57,143	$75,125	$70,125
TOTAL	**$209,945**	**$250,628**	**$320,165**	**$251,665**

Planning & Parks CIP Requests

See attached document.

Position Changes

2025 Budget: 1 upgraded position requested due to educational attainment

2024 Adopted Budget: 1 upgraded position due to educational attainment

2023 Adopted Budget: No Changes

2022 Adopted Budget: Caretakers brought up to FT with benefits (Upgrade occurred in the middle of the fiscal year and was not included in the adopted budget)

2021 Adopted Budget: No Changes

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Register of Deeds & Land Information Services

Budget Report

Mission

Ozaukee County Register of Deeds Office offers access to the real estate records and birth, death and marriage records as well as land information and mapping.

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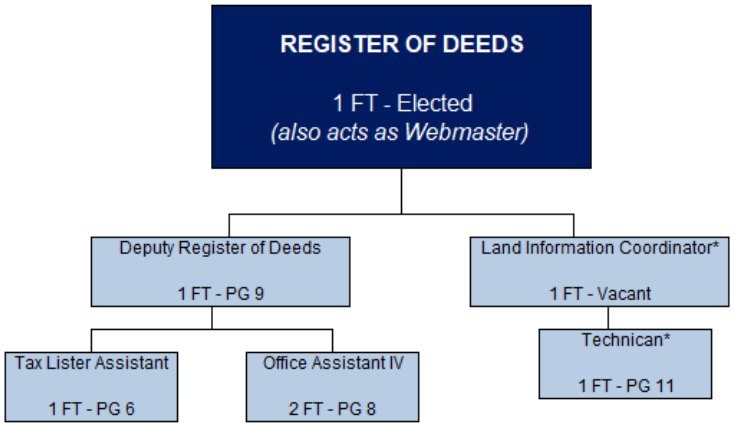

Programs and Services

We Provide all services required by law, this includes the following:

- Provide an official County Repository and storage for all real estate records, Vital Records, and Military discharges for Ozaukee County Veterans.
- Collect, disburse, and accurately account for fees imposed by Wisconsin Statutes and other local and state regulations.
- Provide parcel mapping for all Ozaukee County property
- Implement statutory changes, system modernization, program and procedure.
- Provide accurate assessment rolls to the counties and municipalities

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Performance Metrics

Register of Deeds	OzMETRICS				
Performance Metrics	**FY 19**	**FY 20**	**FY 21**	**FY 22**	**FY 2023**
Register of Deeds					
Number of Documents Recorded	14,992	34,483	21,736	13,808	10,482
Documents Recorded per FTE	2,998	6,897	4,347	2,761	2,096
Number of Vital Records Requests Processed	12,560	13,719	13,425	14,102	11,690
Vital Records Revenue	$92,369	$237,762	$88,637	$90,008	$77,575
Tax Parcels Maintained	39,991	39,646	39,905	40,153	40,373
Land Information Product Request Revenue	$7,591	$6,801	$1,688	$87,572	$70,080
Percentage of E-recordings	64%	70%	73%	76%	76%
Subscriber Cost Recovery	$128,536	$151,732	$163,290	$152,904	$126,896

Budget Highlights

The Register of Deeds (ROD) Current Service Level Budget reduces tax levy by $460,460 in the 2025 budget. The department takes in more revenues than its total expenditures and reduces the overall tax levy needed in the General Fund. This levy reduction amount is less than last year's budget, and it is due to increasing expenditures. Real estate transactions are slowing but the department experienced strong actual revenues compared to budgets in the last few years. The 2023 actual revenue was well below the budgeted amount, and we will need to monitor this revenue in our budget.

Land Information Serivces (LIS) is a separate fund from ROD and requires the use of tax levy for its services. The levy would have drastically increased over last year's budget due to significant decreases in revenue within the LIS budget based on customer usage. Therefore, the recommended budget unfunded one position in the 2024 budget. The total levy increase is $20,105 or 35%, and this is due to increased expenditures. The department is requesting that the unfunded position be reinstated.

Expansion Requests

The department is requesting that a GIS Technician position that was unfunded during the 2024 budget process be refunded for 2025. The position would be located in Land Information Services fund at a cost of around $70,000 (depends on the health insurance amount).

ROD - Tax Levy

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Revenues				
Public Charges for County Services				
Register of Deeds Fees	$1,075,202	$812,406	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
PUBLIC CHARGES FOR COUNTY SERVICES TOTAL	**$1,075,202**	**$812,406**	**$1,000,000**	**$1,000,000**
REVENUES TOTAL	**$1,075,202**	**$812,406**	**$1,000,000**	**$1,000,000**
Expenses	$400,068	$495,043	$497,980	$539,540
REVENUES LESS EXPENSES	**$675,134**	**$317,363**	**$502,020**	**$460,460**

LIS - Tax Levy

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Revenues	$196,878	$155,188	$111,000	$111,000
Expenses	$152,041	$133,454	$168,535	$188,640
REVENUES LESS EXPENSES	**$44,837**	**$21,734**	**-$57,535**	**-$77,640**

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ROD - Expenses by Type

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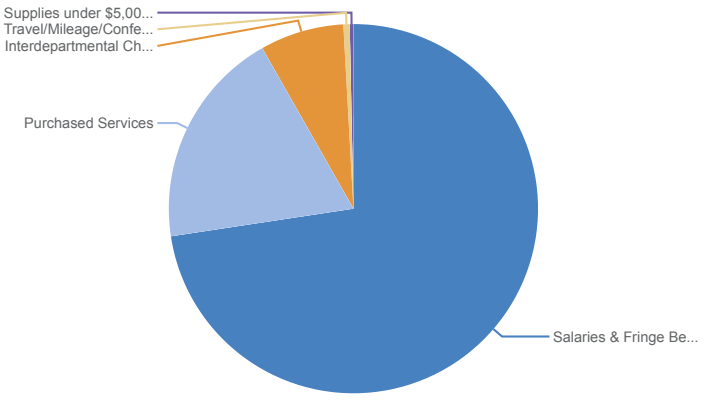

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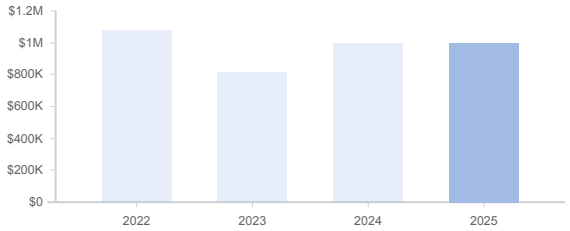
Expenses in 2025

ROD - Revenues by Type



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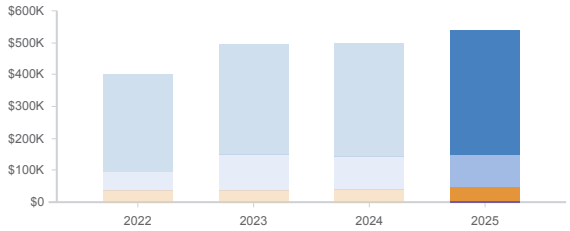
Revenues in 2025

ROD - Expenses by Type



$539,540.00
Expenses in 2025

ROD (not including LIS) Expenses increase by $41,560, or 8.3% over the 2024 Adopted Budget. **Salaries and Benefits** increase by $37,385 or 10%. **Regular Salaries** increase by $19,307 or 7.4% over last year's budget. **Health Insurance** increases by $15,088 or 27% from last year. Most other expenses in the ROD department are flat or have normal inflationary increases.

ROD - Expenses by Type

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Interdepartmental Charges	$34,531	$32,112	$36,437	$39,647
Other Expenses	$50	$0	$0	$0
Purchased Services	$58,265	$114,240	$103,150	$103,415
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	$304,996	$344,098	$354,368	$391,753
Supplies under $5,000	$1,076	$1,203	$1,325	$1,725
Travel/Mileage/Conference&Meetings	$1,151	$3,390	$2,700	$3,000
TOTAL	**$400,068**	**$495,043**	**$497,980**	**$539,540**

ROD - Revenues by Type

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Public Charges for County Services	$1,075,202	$812,406	$1,000,000	$1,000,000
TOTAL	**$1,075,202**	**$812,406**	**$1,000,000**	**$1,000,000**

LIS - Expenses by Type

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Interdepartmental Charges	$4,710	$4,384	$4,846	$5,094
Other Expenses	$537	$537	$537	$537
Purchased Services	$55,239	$34,418	$54,000	$67,000
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	$79,324	$80,830	$85,652	$92,509
Supplies under $5,000	$11,000	$12,400	$16,500	

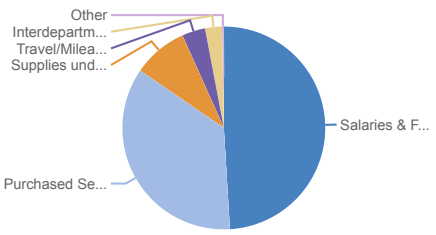
Attachment: Natural Resources Committee Departmental Budget Reports (Natural Resources Committee 2025 Budget Review)

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Travel/Mileage/Conference&Meetings	$1,230	$885	$7,000	$7,000
TOTAL	**$152,041**	**$133,454**	**$168,535**	**$188,640**

LIS - Revenues by Type

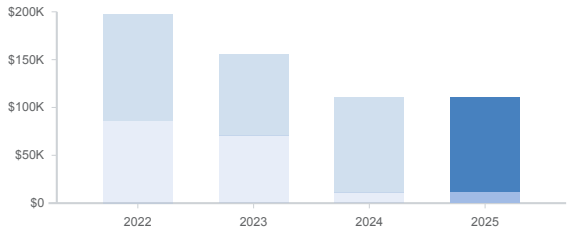
	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Intergovernmental Rev (State, Federal, Local)	$86,000	$71,000	$11,000	$11,000
Public Charges for County Services	$110,878	$84,188	$100,000	$100,000
TOTAL	**$196,878**	**$155,188**	**$111,000**	**$111,000**

LIS - Expenses by Type



$188,640.00
Expenses in 2025

LIS - Revenues by Type



$111,000.00
Revenues in 2025

LIS **Salaries and Benefits** represent about half of the fund's budget, and in 2024 these accounts decreased by $77,355. This represents the one position that was unfunded due to lower revenue estimates.

Purchased Services is the other major expenditure category at about 35% of the budget. Last year there was an additional $19,000 increase, or 54%, is included for next year's budget for regional planning purposes. This category has grown from about 17% to 35% in the last two years.

The 2024 budget includes a $46,706 reduction in **Public Charges for Services**. The requested budget included a reduction of $71,706 to these revenues, but the recommended budget restored $25,000 to this amount.

The department also receives about $52,000 from a **state grant** for Land Information Services, but this amount was reduced to $11,000 in 2024. Revenues are flat for 2025.

ROD CIP Requests

The department has not requested any CIP projects in the next five years.

Position Changes

2025 Budget: Refund 1.0 FTE in Land Information Services Fund

2024 Adopted Budget: Unfund 1.0 FTE in Land Information Services Fund

2023 Adopted Budget: Added more hours to a PT position in the middle of the year

2022 Adopted Budget: PT position changed to FT

2021 Adopted Budget: FT position changed to PT

Attachment: Natural Resources Committee Departmental Budget Reports (Natural Resources Committee 2025 Budget Review)

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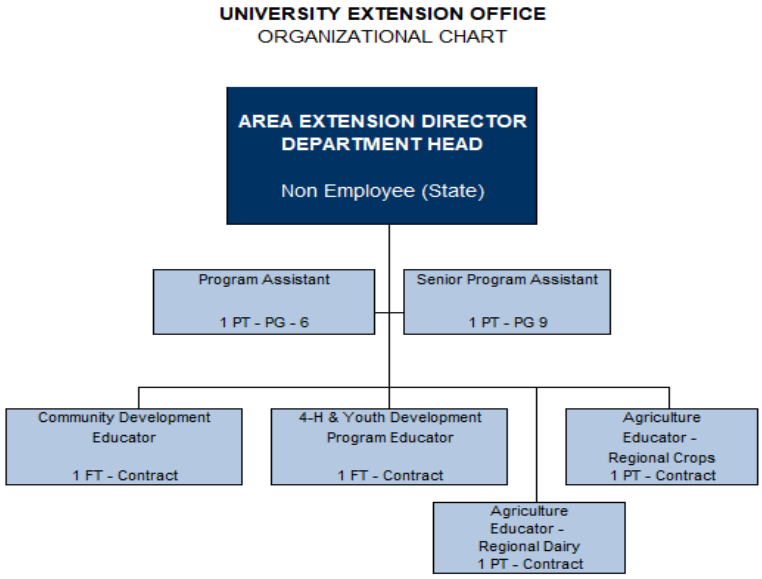
UW Extension

Budget Report

Mission

UW Extension represents a partnership between the University of Wisconsin system and Ozaukee County Extension faculty and staff members serve the people of Ozaukee County through practical application of research-based knowledge and information utilizing multiple delivery methods.



Programs and Services

UW Extension provides resources and education in three programming areas: Agriculture, Community Development, and 4-H & Youth Development. The local office provides services jointly for residents of Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Fond du Lac, and Washington Counties. Collectively, we:

- Bring University resources and research to the people of Ozaukee County
- Work with local governments, organizations, businesses and individuals
- Create partnerships, foster relationships, and strengthen communities

Strategic Objectives

Below are out objectives overall and per program area for UW Madison Division of Extension.

Extension's mission is to connect people with the University of Wisconsin. Thanks to joining forces with UW-Madison, we'll strengthen each other through exchanging experience and research statewide. No matter what you're trying to accomplish in Wisconsin, you'll find the support you need as we continue to bring our home state together, community by community.

Agriculture: Our innovative dairy management programs range from genetics to farm and business management. Extension researchers work hand-in-hand with row crop, forage and fresh produce growers to provide best practices for every aspect of the growing phase. We also advise communities on using sustainable practices to create inviting spaces free from invasive species. Our work supports people, communities and businesses.

Attachment: Natural Resources Committee Departmental Budget Reports (Natural Resources Committee 2025 Budget Review)

4-H: Positive Youth Development prepares the youth of today to become the effective, empathetic adults of tomorrow. Our research-based youth enrichment programs like teens in governance build youth and adult capacity and partnerships that help both sides grow. 4-H clubs, camps and afterschool programs give young people the hands-on experiences they need to develop an understanding of themselves and the world. Community Development: Community Development provides educational programming to assist leaders, communities, and organizations realize their fullest potential. We work with communities to build the vitality that enhances their quality of life and enriches the lives of their residents. We educate in leadership development, organizational development, food systems, community economic development, local government education and much more.

Performance Metrics

UW Extension OzMETRICS

Performance Metrics	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 2023
UW Extension					
Customer Contacts and Phone Calls to Support Staff	2,295	377	372	763	667
Number of Phone Calls and Customers Contact Educators	1,429	2,246	3,070	1,460	448
Number of Educational Events	70	144	135	92	34
Number of Event Participants	2,593	4,621	4,382	1,815	1,200
Number of Participants per Event	37	32	32	20	35
Percent of Adult Volunteers Reporting Greater Knowledge	100%	95%	99%	100%	100%
Percent of Participants Reporting Greater Knowledge - Youth Program	100%	96%	99%	100%	100%
Percent of Participants Reporting Greater Knowledge - Agriculture Program	100%	98%	98%	100%	100%

Budget Highlights

The UW - Extension (UWEXT) Current Service Level Budget increases tax levy by $9,620 or 4.3% over the 2024 Adopted levy. There is a slight increase in **Salaries and Benefits** for the two County employees and slight increases in **Contracted Expenses** for the cost of several State employees. **Revenues** are flat.

Expansion Request

The department has requested and expansion request for additional marketing purposes. The marketing position is a state employee that is shared by the five counties in the area. The estimated cost of this is $17,077. The position would provide about 5 hours of work each week on behalf of Ozaukee County.

A second request, for $52,731, is a Human Development and Relationship Educator position. This would be a state employee. The position would provide assistance to many different types of residents needing help with various life events. As an example, the position would provide assistance for an aging population and also incarcerated individuals trying to reenter society.

UWEX - Tax Levy

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Revenues	$9,355	$7,814	$11,870	$11,870
Expenses	$193,733	$161,408	$234,412	$244,032

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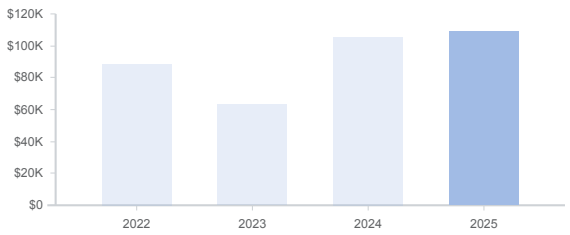
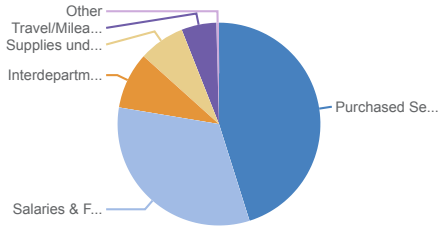
	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
REVENUES LESS EXPENSES	-$184,378	-$153,594	-$222,542	-$232,162

UWEX - Contracted Outside Employment



$109,086.00
Expenses in 2025

UWEX - Expenses by Type



$244,032.00
Expenses in 2025

UWEX - Expenses by Type

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Interdepartmental Charges	$19,945	$17,776	$20,619	$22,023
Other Expenses	$412	$499	$1,043	$1,043
Purchased Services	$89,574	$64,826	$106,664	$110,132
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	$68,450	$65,506	$74,558	$79,306
Supplies under $5,000	$11,425	$10,248	$17,940	$17,940
Travel/Mileage/Conference&Meetings	$3,928	$2,553	$13,588	$13,588
TOTAL	**$193,733**	**$161,408**	**$234,412**	**$244,032**

UWEX - Revenues by Type

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2025 Budget Request
Intergovernmental Rev (State, Federal, Local)	$1,945	$0	$3,890	$3,890
Public Charges for County Services	$7,410	$7,814	$7,980	$7,980
TOTAL	**$9,355**	**$7,814**	**$11,870**	**$11,870**

UW Extension CIP Requests

There are no CIP projects requested in the next five years.

Position Changes*

*This list of position changes references changes to a position employed by Ozaukee County and not the positions employed by the State. Ozaukee County provides funding to the State for those positions but does not actually employ people in those positions.

2025 Budget: No Changes

2024 Adopted Budget: No changes

2023 Adopted Budget: No changes

2022 Adopted Budget: There were no changes to the positions employed by the County. The department received funding from Ozaukee County for its share of a new State employee working with the agriculture program area.

Attachment: Natural Resources Committee Departmental Budget Reports (Natural Resources Committee 2025 Budget Review)

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: **October 1, 2024**
DEPARTMENT: **UW Extension**
DIRECTOR: **Cindy Sarkady**
PREPARER: **Claudia Breitengross**

Agenda Summary UW-Madison Division of Extension Ozaukee County Reports

ATTACHMENTS:

- September 2024 Report (PDF)
- CRD Committee Overview-2024-10-1 (PDF)
- 2024 Oversight Comm Recommended PnL Amended Bdgt9.2024 (PDF)

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
OZAUKEE COUNTY

September 2024 Report

AGRICULTURE

If it happens on a farm or in a field, the Extension Institute of Agriculture works with you to achieve better results. Our innovative dairy management programs range from genetics to farm and business management. Extension researchers work hand-in-hand with row crop, forage and fresh produce growers to provide best practices for every aspect of the growing phase. We also advise communities on using sustainable practices to create inviting spaces free from invasive species

Crops

Liz Gartman, Crops Educator Educator

An article for the Wisconsin State Farmer newspaper that discussed the importance of identifying precursors to mold growth and mycotoxin production in corn fields prior to harvest and ensiling. The goal is to empower producers to identify mycotoxin issues early in order to mitigate animal health challenges and allow them to better manage fields in season to minimize the damaging effects of molds and mycotoxins in their forages.

The challenging weather that affected spring corn planting along with the relatively cool, moist crop conditions created a prime situation for plant disease and mold growth in our corn fields. Molds can produce mycotoxins that are harmful to livestock when high levels of contaminated grains and forages are fed in the diet. This article was a means to help producers identify situations where molds and mycotoxins may be present in their crop and provided guidance to help minimize the effect on their animal health and performance. Additionally, the article shared some preventative measures that can be used during the growing season to prevent and minimize contamination in future growing seasons.

Planning to coordinate Extension educators statewide to ensure uniform data collection related to corn silage harvest management. The goal is to share whole plant moisture with forage growers in each region and aggregate additional silage data including planting date, relative maturity, corn hybrid, fungicide use, grain stage and previous crop. This data would be utilized to inform future corn silage harvest recommendations.

Corn silage dry down events are held across the state as means to determine when optimum corn silage harvest should occur due to whole plant moisture measurements. As we are already gathering some data regarding the samples collected, we determined there is additional information that would be beneficial to better understand the factors affecting when corn silage should be harvested. This prompted the forage team in the crops and soils program to look further to determine what data might be beneficial to informing harvest management decisions. A number of resources were prepared for educators and partners to utilize when gathering data at local corn silage dry down events. Partners will be provided a worksheet for producers to fill out and return with their stalk samples. Additionally, an Excel document is available to collect that data as well. Data will be collected and used to inform future management recommendations.

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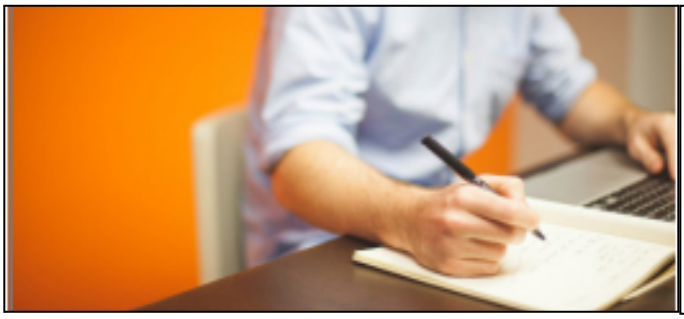
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Community Development provides educational programming to assist leaders, communities, and organizations realize their fullest potential. We work with communities to build the vitality that enhances their quality of life and enriches the lives of their residents. In short, the Community Development Institute plants an cultivates the seeds for thriving communities and organizations.

Paul Roback, Community Development Educator

Two strategic planning sessions for the board and staff of Portal, Inc., a local nonprofit, where we worked on updating the organization's mission and vision statements, discussed organizational strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges, and identified goals. The intent of the planning process is to clarify the organization's purpose and develop achievable steps to realize their vision.

The executive director of Portal, Inc., a local nonprofit, contacted Paul to facilitate a process that would create a strategic plan for the organization. Portal is "dedicated to supporting adults with disabilities" and is "committed to fostering independence and inclusion." To achieve the planning objectives, Paul first conducted an external feedback survey to gain insight into how well the organization is achieving its mission and the importance of each of Portal's programs at helping them achieve their vision. Then, he engaged the organization's staff and board with an online survey to solicit feedback on updating the organization's mission and vision statements, as well as identifying organizational strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges. Then, Paul facilitated two strategic planning sessions attended by eleven board and staff members where we worked on updating the organization's mission and vision statements and identified goals.

From evaluation (N=8), 100% of participants agreed that updating the mission statement helped clarify their role as an organization and updating their vision statement assisted them in understanding the general direction for their organization's future. 100% also agreed that the process of identifying goals increased our ability to identify issues and set priorities. Participants evaluated Paul's facilitation as a 4.6 on a 5-point Likert Scale (1=poor and 5=excellent). One participant commented that the process was "more interesting and relevant than previous strategic planning meetings in the past. Felt like we accomplished something." Moving forward, Paul will work with the board and staff to develop action plans to accomplish goals.

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Community Development Programming: October 2024

Extension Community Development Educator Paul Roback responds to requests for assistance from local communities and organizations who want to enhance local decision-making and respond to new challenges and opportunities. Programs are designed and delivered to meet these locally identified needs.

Needs Assessment

- 2017 Visioning Session for vacant Ozaukee Community Development position.
- Annually research and track US Census, local newspapers, nonprofit strategic planning, county board oversight committee input, county administrator, and additional data sources.
- Meetings with:
  - Cedarburg Cultural Center
  - Chambers of Commerce- 4 of 5
  - Ozaukee County HR
  - Ozaukee Economic Development
  - Ozaukee Nonprofit Center
  - United Way of Northern Ozaukee
  - Village of Fredonia
  - Village of Saukville

Current Projects

- Cedarburg Chamber of Commerce
  - Membership engagement survey and strategic planning with board and staff.
- Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership
  - Completed external stakeholder survey.
  - Strategic planning with board and staff
    -Facilitated three staff meetings.
    -Upcoming board development workshop and strategic planning session.
- Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy Center-
  - Completed external stakeholder survey.
  - Facilitated first strategic planning session with another scheduled.
- Ozaukee County
  - Facilitated visioning session.
  - Facilitating second session.
- Portal, Inc.
  - Completed external stakeholder survey and facilitated 2 strategic planning sessions.
  - Facilitating third planning session.
- Rotary Club of Cedarburg-Grafton
  - Completed membership engagement survey.
  - Facilitated membership engagement discussion during a club meeting.
  - Facilitating strategic planning session with board.
- SE WI Invasive Species Consortium- upcoming board development workshop.

Completed Projects

- Family Promise of Ozaukee County- Strategic planning.
  - Evaluated facilitation as a 4.8 on a 5-point Likert Scale (1=poor and 5=excellent).
  - "I think you got us as a whole board to focus in a way we have not done before."
- Cedarburg Education Foundation- Strategic planning.
  - Evaluated facilitation as a 4.8.
  - "Really great job driving the conversation, asking great questions, and pushing thoughtfulness."
- Ozaukee Master Gardeners- Membership engagement facilitated discussion.
  - Evaluated facilitation as a 4.9.

Combined evaluation results for Family Promise and the Cedarburg Education Foundation (N=22).

As a result of Paul's facilitation:	
Updating the mission statement helped clarify their organization's role.	100%
Creating a vision statement assisted their understanding the general direction for their organization's future.	100%
Identifying and prioritizing goals increased their ability to identify issues and set priorities.	95%
Creating action plans increased their ability to identify their next steps for future implementation.	96%

Attachment: CRD Committee Overview-2024-10-1 (UW-Madison Division of Extension Ozaukee County Reports)

Ozaukee County Committee Report

General Fund University of Wisconsin Extension

For the Eight Months Ending Saturday, August 31, 2024

Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

	Current Month Actual	2024 YTD Actual	2024 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	$1,546	$3,890	$2,344	39.74%
Public Charges for Services	$135	$6,796	$7,980	$1,184	85.16%
Total Revenues	**$135**	**$8,342**	**$11,870**	**$3,528**	**70.28%**
Expenditures					
Salaries	$7,452	$42,687	$66,305	$23,618	64.38%
Fringe Benefits	$935	$5,331	$8,253	$2,922	64.59%
Travel/Training	-	$1,036	$13,588	$12,552	7.62%
Supplies	$4,370	$7,983	$17,940	$9,957	44.50%
Purchased Services	$89	$43,254	$106,664	$63,410	40.55%
Interdepartment Charges	$1,352	$11,563	$20,619	$9,056	56.08%
Other Expenses	-	$88	$1,043	$955	8.44%
Total Operating Expenditures	**$14,198**	**$111,942**	**$234,412**	**$122,470**	**47.75%**
Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	**$14,198**	**$111,942**	**$234,412**	**$122,470**	**47.75%**
Net Increase (Decrease)	**($14,063)**	**($103,600)**	**($222,542)**	**($118,942)**	**46.55%**

Equity:

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Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: **October 1, 2024**
DEPARTMENT: **Register of Deeds**
DIRECTOR: **Jennifer Laurin**
PREPARER: **Jennifer Laurin**

Agenda Summary Register of Deeds/Land Information Report

ATTACHMENTS:

- September Department Report (DOCX)
- ROD August 2024 (PDF)
- Land Information August 2024 (PDF)

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Register of Deeds
&
Land Information

September 2024 Department Report

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

Register of Deeds Office:

We recorded 998 documents in August, compared to 979 for the same period the year before. 84.57% of the documents this month were recorded as a digital record versus 78.35% for this period in 2023. We had a profit of $38,959.00 for July, and $251,659.00 year-to-date.

In August we received $267,616.50 in Transfer Fees. Of that amount $214,093.20 was the portion that went to the State, and $53,523.30 was the portion that went to the County.

In early September, Patty and Jen attended the Fidlar User Group meeting. Some of the topics discussed included updates to various software used in the office, tagless scanning workflow tips, and necessary procedural changes for Judicial Officer Shielding legislation (Act 235) which goes into effect April 1, 2025. They had many opportunities to have discussion with others from Register of Deeds Offices throughout Wisconsin.

At the end of the month Patty and Jen will be attending the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) Local meeting. Here they will be focusing primarily on learning more about the upcoming Act 235. This is always a good opportunity to meet and have discussions with others in the property records industry.

Land Information Office:

This office had a profit of $5,683.00 year-to-date.

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Ozaukee County Committee Report

General Fund Register of Deeds

For the Eight Months Ending Saturday, August 31, 2024

Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

	Current Month Actual	2024 YTD Actual	2024 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Public Charges for Services	$85,117	$566,598	$1,000,000	$433,402	56.66%
Total Revenues	**$85,117**	**$566,598**	**$1,000,000**	**$433,402**	**56.66%**
Expenditures					
Salaries	$30,301	$173,888	$260,054	$86,166	66.87%
Fringe Benefits	$9,951	$75,361	$94,314	$18,953	79.90%
Travel/Training	$196	$1,677	$2,700	$1,023	62.11%
Supplies	$100	$873	$1,325	$452	65.89%
Purchased Services	$3,066	$42,190	$103,150	$60,960	40.90%
Interdepartment Charges	$2,544	$20,900	$36,437	$15,537	57.36%
Other Expenses	-	$50	-	($50)	0.00%
Total Operating Expenditures	**$46,158**	**$314,939**	**$497,980**	**$183,041**	**63.24%**
Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	**$46,158**	**$314,939**	**$497,980**	**$183,041**	**63.24%**
Net Increase (Decrease)	**$38,959**	**$251,659**	**$502,020**	**$250,361**	**50.13%**

Equity:

Attachment: ROD August 2024 (Register of Deeds/Land Information Report)

Ozaukee County Committee Report

Special Revenue Fund Land Information

For the Eight Months Ending Saturday, August 31, 2024

Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

	Current Month Actual	2024 YTD Actual	2024 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Taxes	$4,795	$38,357	$57,535	$19,178	66.67%
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	$21,160	$11,000	($10,160)	192.36%
Public Charges for Services	$7,912	$57,598	$100,000	$42,402	57.60%
Total Revenues	**$12,707**	**$117,115**	**$168,535**	**$51,420**	**69.49%**
Expenditures					
Salaries	$8,714	$47,991	$64,722	$16,731	74.15%
Fringe Benefits	$2,208	$15,479	$20,930	$5,451	73.96%
Travel/Training	-	$1,061	$7,000	$5,939	15.16%
Supplies	$960	$14,460	$16,500	$2,040	87.64%
Purchased Services	$3,287	$28,856	$72,800	$43,944	39.64%
Interdepartment Charges	$396	$3,048	$4,846	$1,798	62.90%
Other Expenses	-	$537	$537	-	100.00%
Total Operating Expenditures	**$15,565**	**$111,432**	**$187,335**	**$75,903**	**59.48%**
Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	**$15,565**	**$111,432**	**$187,335**	**$75,903**	**59.48%**
Net Increase (Decrease)	**($2,858)**	**$5,683**	**($18,800)**	**($24,483)**	**-30.23%**
Equity:					
Governmental Fund Balance	-	($48,793)	-	$48,793	0.00%

Attachment: Land Information August 2024 (Register of Deeds/Land Information Report)

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: **October 1, 2024**
DEPARTMENT: **Land and Water Management**
DIRECTOR: **Katie Vogeler**
PREPARER: **Katie Vogeler**

Agenda Summary LWM Monthly Reports

ATTACHMENTS:

- LWM September Newsletter (PDF)
- LWM September Financials (PDF)
- Oct 9th Pollinator Day Flyer (PDF)

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Ozaukee County

September 2024

Land & Water Management

In August, Oz CO LWM and Oz Co Demo Farm Network hosted an Emergency Forage meeting at the Farm WI Discovery Center in Manitowoc, toured the center, and saw a heifer calf being born.

Land & Water Resources

- **Conservation Planning/Farmland Preservation (FPP)**
  - 64 farms/Landowners are currently participating in the Farmland Preservation Program; status reviews to be completed on 25% of the farms in 2024 to ensure compliance with the FPP soil and water performance standards.
  - FPP Audit was completed on Friday July 12—no issues were noted.
  - Inspections to the 25% of current participants are almost completed.
- **Best Management Practices Design and Certification**
  - Collaborating with NRCS on cost share projects.
  - 2024 projects include: Animal Waste Storage, 2 Storage Abandonments, 3 grassed waterways, and new Nutrient Management Plans implemented.
  - We have 15 additional projects on paper for 2025 / 2026
- **Administration of Cost-Share Agreements (grants)**
  - 2025 SWRM BOND = $56,200, SEG = $25,000, NMFE = $2,500, Innovation Grant = $11,998, STAFF = $157,222.
  - MDV balance of $34,257.95, 2025 estimated to be = $18,633.38.
  - TRM GRANT REIMBURSEMENT PAPERWORK IN THE WORKS TO CLOSE THIS GRANT.
- **Clean Sweep Household and Ag Hazardous Waste Collection**
  - May 3rd, 2025 date is set!

Mission Statement

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

Ozaukee County
Admin Center
Room 223

121 W. Main Street,
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Port Washington, WI 53074

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- **Nutrient Management**
  - Looking to host a manure popup day, or host a hobby farmer nutrient education meeting again
- **NR151 Compliance Tracking**
  - No activity
- **Manure Storage Ordinance**
  - Starting to organize information / standards to update ordinance. One storage successfully abandoned in 2024, another is set to be abandoned by end of year. Additional manure pit abandonments are in the works for 2025.
- **Stormwater Management & Construction Site Erosion Control-WPDES Permit**
  - Our MS4 permit is current
  - MS4 Audit was on Friday August 23, awaiting final report to report the results
- **Wildlife Damage and Abatement**
  - A landowner contacted us stating they had significant deer damage on their specialty crops. After following up with a site visit, we contacted the DNR and got them Act82 shooting permits as abatement. They may be interested in a permanent fence in 2025.
  - A landowner contacted us stating he had significant deer damage in his apple orchard, as well as notable damage to his pumpkins. After some discussion, we recommended permanent fencing , as it would be the most efficient abatement based on his long-term goals for the business. We will be following up with him this Fall to finalize plans for fence install in 2025.
  - A landowner (who received temporary fencing cost-share last year) contacted us stating he had a lone deer that was outsmarting the fence. After some discussion, we may alter/ add additional strands to the temporary fencing to aid in his abatement. We are waiting on a cost-estimate for the work to be done.
- **Tree, Shrub, Prairie Grass & Wildflower Seed Program/Pollinator Plant & Grass Sale**
  - Geoff and Team received a very nice email regarding how well this program is run! Nice job team!
  - We have started planning next years native plant sale with Johnson's Nursery. We will open the tree/shrub sale to accept orders in October/November.
  - We will be offering new species in both sales for increased diversity and offer more variety to residents of Ozaukee County.
- **Invasive Species**
  - Share information to the general public at education booths and online posts
- **Clean Farm Families and Demo Farm Network**
  - CFF Grants completed
  - DFN Dan Hagenow videos are now complete and we are awaiting final files!
  - DFN study and interviews by University of Illinois, results to be shared with us later this fall.

Monarch and Bee in one picture at Karrels winter seeded clover into Winter Wheat!

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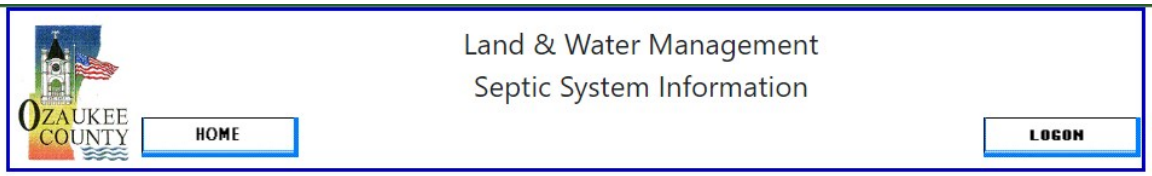

Did you know—if you have a POWTS, you can search your address to look up when it was pumped last, and who did the work? VISIT: https://powts.co.ozaukee.wi.us/

Sanitation

- **Sanitation Ordinance**
  - 2 significant ordinance violations
  - Maintenance: 489 notices were sent in September; the Office of Corporation Counsel continues action with non-compliant owners; 9565 reports filed to date in 2024
- **Wisconsin Fund**
  - No qualified applicants for fiscal year 2024 to date. 2025 budget availability very uncertain.
- **Miscellaneous**
  - Working with online sanitation permitting system along with LIO. Adam Ward.
  - Working on a map layer available to the public that maps out the components of their POWTS *New installs or replacements.
  - Our Part Time Office Assistant passed his POWTS Inspector license exam and can now help in the field on POWTS installation inspections.

	Last Month	This Month	YTD
Sanitary Permits	11	17	128

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Shoreland Protection & Floodplain Zoning Ordinances

- **Shoreland and Floodplain Zoning**
  - New applications have been created. FEMA Maps are in effect now, currently working on a letter to municipalities we have zoning coverage in to explain the changes
- **National Flood Insurance/Community Rating System (CRS)**
  - Provided floodplain information to numerous landowners. YTD there have been no claims with substantial damage to report.
- **Miscellaneous**
  - Still working with IT to go live with Online POWTS Permitting and Mead & Hunt for POWTS Maps
  - Ozaukee Geo Hub has been updated—looks a bit different, and toggling for information is a little different
  - FEMA Maps have been uploaded to the County Website Mapping.

	Last Month	This Month	YTD
Zoning Permits	7	6	42

Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation

- **Non-metallic Mining Reclamation**
  - 6 active mines in County
  - New Staff being trained in the program
  - Hartman Sand and Gravel showed some acreage of reclamation
- July 23rd Audit Findings:
  - Update our NMM Fees
  - A couple of ordinance amendments to make
  - Bond paperwork and value to be updated more frequently and without an expiration date, work with mines and their funders

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Other

GOALS 2024-2026

- Training the next zoning and sanitation specialist
- Research and update another Ordinance
- Complete the POWTS online Permitting System with IT

To honor the season, beginning of fall, here is a throwback to when the SE County Association Toured Appleland sorting facilities. Be sure to stop out at your local harvest markets this fall!

Upcoming Events

- Sep 25 Soil Health Workshop—Testing the Waters, at Ozaukee and Riveredge school presentation
- September 26th— presentation for targeted audience of school teachers at HWY 57 soil health demo plot
- Oct 2—County Board
- Oct 3—NRC
- Oct 8th—Ozaukee LWM Hosting Milw. River Watershed MMSD group meeting 9 am
- Oct 9t—DEMO FARM POLLINATOR DAY AT TENDICK PARK
- *End of Oct—Potential Manure Application Pop Up Field Day

Contact Us 262-284-8313

Land and Water Management Department

Katie Vogeler, Director
Nick Mikkelson, Office Administrator
Geoff Schramm, Land & Water Coordinator
Ed Pfister, Sanitation & Zoning Coordinator
Chase Brouillette, Soil & Water Conservationist
Sarah Kempen, Conservation Planner/Soil Health Specialist
Barry Sullivan, Sanitation & Zoning Specialist I
Tony Austin, Sanitation & Zoning Specialist II

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Ozaukee County Committee Report

General Fund Land and Water Management

For the Nine Months Ending Monday, September 30, 2024

Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

	Prior YTD Actual	Current Month Actual	2024 YTD Actual	2024 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues						
Intergovernmental Revenues	($129,489)	$1,172	($18,393)	$431,517	$449,910	-4.26%
Public Charges for Services	$93,491	-	$114,218	$154,010	$39,792	74.16%
Licenses & Permits	$98,190	-	$96,293	$113,000	$16,707	85.22%
Other Revenue	$38,110	-	$59,873	$67,600	$7,727	88.57%
Total Revenues	**$100,302**	**$1,172**	**$251,991**	**$766,127**	**$514,136**	**32.89%**
Expenditures						
Salaries	$412,928	$23,692	$412,769	$654,966	$242,197	63.02%
Fringe Benefits	$159,170	$8,868	$163,403	$232,091	$68,688	70.40%
Travel/Training	$9,359	$2,618	$8,865	$16,725	$7,860	53.00%
Supplies	$25,494	$491	$19,328	$25,828	$6,500	74.83%
Purchased Services	$54,273	$141	$19,700	$144,124	$124,424	13.67%
Interdepartment Charges	$32,122	-	$26,903	$44,983	$18,080	59.81%
Grants	$58,043	$7,593	$53,738	$251,100	$197,362	21.40%
Other Expenses	$69,169	$3,300	$71,880	$97,718	$25,838	73.56%
Total Operating Expenditures	**$820,558**	**$46,703**	**$776,586**	**$1,467,535**	**$690,949**	**52.92%**
Capital Outlay						
Total Expenditures	**$820,558**	**$46,703**	**$776,586**	**$1,467,535**	**$690,949**	**52.92%**
Net Increase (Decrease)	**($720,256)**	**($45,531)**	**($524,595)**	**($701,408)**	**($176,813)**	**74.79%**
Equity:						
Assigned	($146,145)	-	($154,496)	-	$154,496	0.00%
Due To / Due From	($704,785)	($45,530)	($474,383)	-	$474,383	0.00%

Attachment: LWM September Financials (LWM Monthly Reports)

RSVP for Lunch and Nature Walk to our

Ozaukee Demo Farm

Pollinator Day

OZAUKEE COUNTY
Demonstration Farms Network

Enjoy a nice walk through the native seedings and pollinators and enjoy a **Free lunch from Kyotes Food Truck**! Come learn about:

1) Bee hive mapping for Integrated Pest Management.
2) Establishing and Transplanting Pollinator Seedlings.
3) Learn how to harvest seeds.

Where: **Tendick Nature Park Pavilion**
3919 County Hwy O, Saukville WI 53080

When: **Wednesday, October 9th**

Time: **9:00 am – Noon**

9 am	Registration
9:30	Welcome Intro from Ozaukee Parks Staff
9:50	Bee Hive Mapping
10:15	Establishing and Transplanting Pollinator seedings
11 – Noon	Native Seed Harvesting

Noon Lunch and enjoy the park!

RSVP to Katie Vogeler – 262-483-9740 – kvogeler@ozaukeecounty.gov

OZAUKEE COUNTY
USDA NRCS United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service
RIVEREDGE
XERCES SOCIETY for Invertebrate Conservation
MILWAUKEE RIVER WATERSHED Clean Farm Families
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION WISCONSIN

Attachment: Oct 9th Pollinator Day Flyer (LWM Monthly Reports)

RESOLUTION NO. (ID # 10311)

SUBMITTAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAKE MONITORING PROTECTION NETWORK GRANT TO SUPPORT AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES VEGETATION MONITORING AND EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES ON INLAND LAKES, RIVERS AND STREAMS IN OZAUKEE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department is applying for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) non-competitive Lake Monitoring and Protection Network grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the project is to fund County and partner activities to monitor aquatic invasive species (AIS) of vegetation and participate in education and outreach activities on inland lakes, rivers and streams in Ozaukee County; and

WHEREAS, financial aid is required to carry out the project; and

WHEREAS, this project is consistent with the adopted *Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035*, the adopted *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County*, the *Land and Water Resource Management Plan for Ozaukee County 2021-2030*, the County Board endorsed *Regional Water Quality Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin 2000* prepared by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) and the adopted *Farmland Preservation Plan for Ozaukee County*; and

WHEREAS, the project is also complimentary and consistent with other grant funded projects being implemented within the Fish Passage Program and the overall Ecological Division; and

WHEREAS, the project will support education and outreach programming for landowners and other organizations and municipalities and training of volunteers to conduct monitoring efforts over the long term. In addition, the Department will partner (contract) with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to conduct AIS and selective water quality monitoring/surveys on inland lakes and streams/rivers; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Monitoring Protection Network provides annual support to network cooperators (counties) for lake monitoring and AIS prevention activities, with the projected 2025 Ozaukee County allocation of approximately $11,500 with no required matching funds, but leveraged match will be provided by in-kind Department staff time, travel, supplies, equipment and contractual funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors that the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application, requests a grant agreement to carry out the project, has budgeted a sum sufficient to fully and satisfactorily complete the project, and authorizes the Director of the Planning and Parks Department to act on behalf of Ozaukee County to sign and submit a WDNR Lake Monitoring Protection Network Grant application, accept and sign a grant agreement between Ozaukee County the WDNR, act as the primary contact on the project, submit interim and/or final reports to the WDNR to satisfy the grant agreement, submit grant reimbursement requests to the WDNR along with necessary supporting documentation, and sign and submit other required documentation and take necessary

actions to initiate, direct, and complete the approved project within the provided funding timeline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ozaukee County will comply with all local, state and/or federal rules, regulations and ordinances for the program/project and the cost share agreement; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting, and safe manner; and will maintain complete and accurate project accounting and records according to the WDNR project agreement for these funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Dated at Port Washington, Wisconsin, this 6th day of November 2024.

SUMMARY: Submittal and acceptance by the Planning and Parks Department of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Lake Monitoring Protection Network Grant to support aquatic invasive species vegetation monitoring and education and outreach and activities on inland lakes, rivers and streams in Ozaukee County.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: **October 1, 2024**
DEPARTMENT: **Planning and Parks**
DIRECTOR: **Andrew Struck**
PREPARER: **Andrew Struck**

Agenda Summary Submittal and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Lake Monitoring Protection Network Grant to Support Aquatic Invasive Species Vegetation Monitoring and Education and Outreach Activities on Inland Lakes, Rivers and Streams in Ozaukee County

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Ozaukee County - Planning and Parks Department (Department) proposes to submit a grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) non-competitive Lake Monitoring and Protection Network (LMPN) Grant Program. Specifically, this grant will fund County activities to survey and monitor aquatic invasive species (AIS) of vegetation and water quality conditions and conduct AIS education and outreach activities on inland lakes, rivers and streams in Ozaukee County. Primary activities would include providing education and outreach programming for landowners and other stakeholder organizations (e.g. homeowners associations) and municipalities (e.g. Village of Thiensville and Grafton) and training of volunteers to conduct monitoring and control efforts in the long term. In addition, the Department will partner (contract) with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) to conduct AIS and selective water quality monitoring/surveys on inland lakes and impoundments. The Department participated in the LMPN program in 2024 and this project is a continuation and expansion of Department efforts to monitor and control invasive species and provide education and outreach programming through the Fish Passage Program and overall Ecological Division. This project is also supported by the County Park and Open Space Plan <https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/645/Park-Open-Space> <https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/645/Park-Open-Space> within the standards set for the preservation and management of open spaces including natural areas, critical species habitats, primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas to maintain their natural value (pages 77 - 92, 111), the Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 <http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/CAPR/capr-285-comp-plan-for-ozaukee-co.pdf> <http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/CAPR/capr-285-comp-plan-for-ozaukee-co.pdf> "Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element" with the goals and objectives of the "General Natural Resource Issue" to preserve and enhance Ozaukee County's natural resources, including Lake Michigan, open space and agricultural land, "Surface and Groundwater Resources and Watersheds Issue" to protect and enhance water quality (page 271) and "Invasive Species Issue" to protect Ozaukee County's naturally occurring bio-diversity by controlling invasive species (pages 72, 271, 273, 276-277, 283, 287 - 288) the goals and objectives of the Land and Water Resource Management Plan for Ozaukee County: 2021-2030 <https://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Environment/LandWaterResourceManagementPla/capr

-338-OZ-County-Land-and-Water-Resource-Management-Draft.pdf>
<<https://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Environment/LandWaterResourceManagementPla/capr-338-OZ-County-Land-and-Water-Resource-Management-Draft.pdf>> to protect and preserve land and water resources, control invasive species and provide educational programming regarding land and water issues and engaging homeowners on best management practices, including education about invasive species (pages 189-191, 197-201), and recommendations of the SEWRPC Regional Water Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin 2000 <https://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/pr/pr-030_vol-03_regional_water_quality_management_plan_2000.pdf> <<https://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/pr/pr-030_vol-03_regional_water_quality_management_plan_2000.pdf>> to develop and implement water quality monitoring programs (pages 99 - 102). This grant opportunity is also identified as an agricultural, natural and cultural resource program available in Ozaukee County to advance the goals of the Farmland Preservation Plan for Ozaukee County <https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/871/Farmland-Preservation-Plan> <https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/871/Farmland-Preservation-Plan> which includes goals to address invasive species and protect and improve water quality (Appendix J-6, section VI-13 - VI-15).

ANALYSIS: Proposals to the WDNR LMPN grant program are due November 15, 2024. The projected Ozaukee County allocation is approximately $11,500, and no project match is required, but the Department will leverage in-kind Department staff time, travel, supplies, equipment and contractual funds (e.g., SEWRPC).

FISCAL IMPACT: Balance Current Year: NONE

Next Year's Estimated Cost: NONE (Additional Program Revenue of $11,500)

FUNDING SOURCE: County Levy: Non-County Levy: X

Indicate source: WDNR LMPN and in-kind Department staff time, travel, supplies, equipment and contractual funds.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve and recommend to the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors the resolution for submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - Lake Monitoring and Protection Network grant program for aquatic invasive species and water quality monitoring and education and outreach activities on inland lakes, rivers and streams in Ozaukee County.

ATTACHMENTS:

- P&P_Dept_WDNR LMPN_RFP (PDF)
- Grant Application Summary_WDNRLMPN_AIS_WQ_E&D_MEA Edits 9.17.24_FinalATS092324 (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_Ozaukee County Lakes Map (PDF)

Lake Monitoring and Protection Network **REV**

The Lake Monitoring & Protection Network (LMPN) provides annual support to Counties and tribes. Counties, tribes, and designated agents perform services and activities to assist in AIS prevention and lake monitoring activities.

ELIGIBLITY

Eligible Counties, tribes, and designated agents.

Tribal governing bodies wishing to participate in the network without a county partner should contact the department for an updated allocation plan on or before June 1 for the following grant cycle.

Designated agents must meet qualifications for eligibility, to be reviewed by the cooperating county:

1. Experience with successful grant or contract administration in the last 10 years.
2. History of satisfactory performance under prior grant agreements or contracts.
3. Able to provide evidence of their ability to competently perform network cooperative services.
4. Eligible to apply for a surface water grant (see Section 1: Overview, *Who is eligible?*).

PREREQUISITES

All applicants must notify the regional AIS Biologist of their intent to participate before Sept. 15 of each year and schedule a pre-application meeting.
New applicants must submit a pre-application with a draft scope of work by Sept. 15.
All final applications are due Nov. 15. This includes an application, scope of work, and an authorizing resolution or substantially similar document demonstrating the approval of the governing board.

FUNDING

Annual funding is allocated to each county based on a statistical model with variables that include resource quantity, resources condition, network activity, and people and economy.

If more than one county partners with the same designated agent, the combined funding allocation will be reflected in a single agreement to the designated agent. Allocations are intended to fund one year of work and may be pro-rated for shorter terms if necessary.

REIMBURSEMENTS

A 90% advance will be issued to the county or their designated agent upon receipt of a fully executed agreement; 10% of the grant award is retained for final payment.

The county or designated agent must submit for final reimbursement within 60 days of the agreement end date using the Grant Payment Request and Worksheet, Form 8700-001, available on the Surface Water Grants website. The completed form should be submitted to the DNRSurfaceWaterGrants@Wisconsin.gov inbox with supporting documentation further described in Section 8: Reimbursements & Closure.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Services and activities to be provided under an agreement created under this program include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following activities:

- Managing and distributing supplies and equipment necessary for network activities.

Attachment: P&P_Dept_WDNR LMPN_RFP (P&PDept_SubmitAccept_WDNR_LMPN_AquaticInvasives_InlandLakesStreams)

GRANT APPLICATION SUMMARY

Project Name: Aquatic Invasive Species and Water Quality Monitoring and Education and Outreach Activities on Inland Lakes, Rivers and Streams in Ozaukee County
Grant Name/Agency: WDNR Lake Monitoring Protection Network **CFDA/State ID:**
Department: Planning and Parks **Exp Acct.** **Preparer:** Tina Kroening
Total Project Amount: $14,600 **Grant Match Required:** 0% **Rev Acct.** **Approver:** Andrew Struck

Strategy: (Linkages to other planning efforts)

- Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 (P. 71, 271, 273, 276-277, 283, 287-288)
- POSP for Ozaukee County (P. 77-92, 111)
- Land and Water Resource Mgmt Plan for Ozaukee County: 2021-2030 (P. 189-191, 197-201)
- SEWRPC Regional Water Quality Mgmt Plan for SE WI 2000 (P. 99-102)
- Farmland Preservation Plan for Oz Co (Appendix J-6, section VI-14)

Project Scope and Expectations

- Aquatic invasive species and water quality monitoring on inland lakes, rivers and streams in Ozaukee Co.
- Education and outreach programming regarding aquatic invasive species and water resources

Other Grants Supporting Project	Status	Amount
		$0
		$0
		$0
		$0

Project Partners:

- SEWRPC
- Private Landowners within Ozaukee County
- WDNR
- Participating Municipalities

Project Landowner Upon Completion:

- Ozaukee County, Municipalities and Private Landowners in Ozaukee County

GRANT EXPENSE	
Operational Expense	**$**
Staff	$10,200
Travel	$500
Supplies	$500
Contractual	$300
Capital Expense	**$**
TOTAL	**$11,500**
% PROJECT	**79%**

GRANT/PROJECT MATCH	
Operational Match	**$**
Salaries & Benefits	$1,000
Contractual (SEWRPC)	$2,000
Travel	$100
Other Grants	**$**
TOTAL	**$3,100**
% MATCH	**21%**

GRANT SUPPORTED STAFF	
Position	**$**
Conservation Biologist	
Nat Res & GIS Tech	
Department Intern	
TOTAL	**$0**

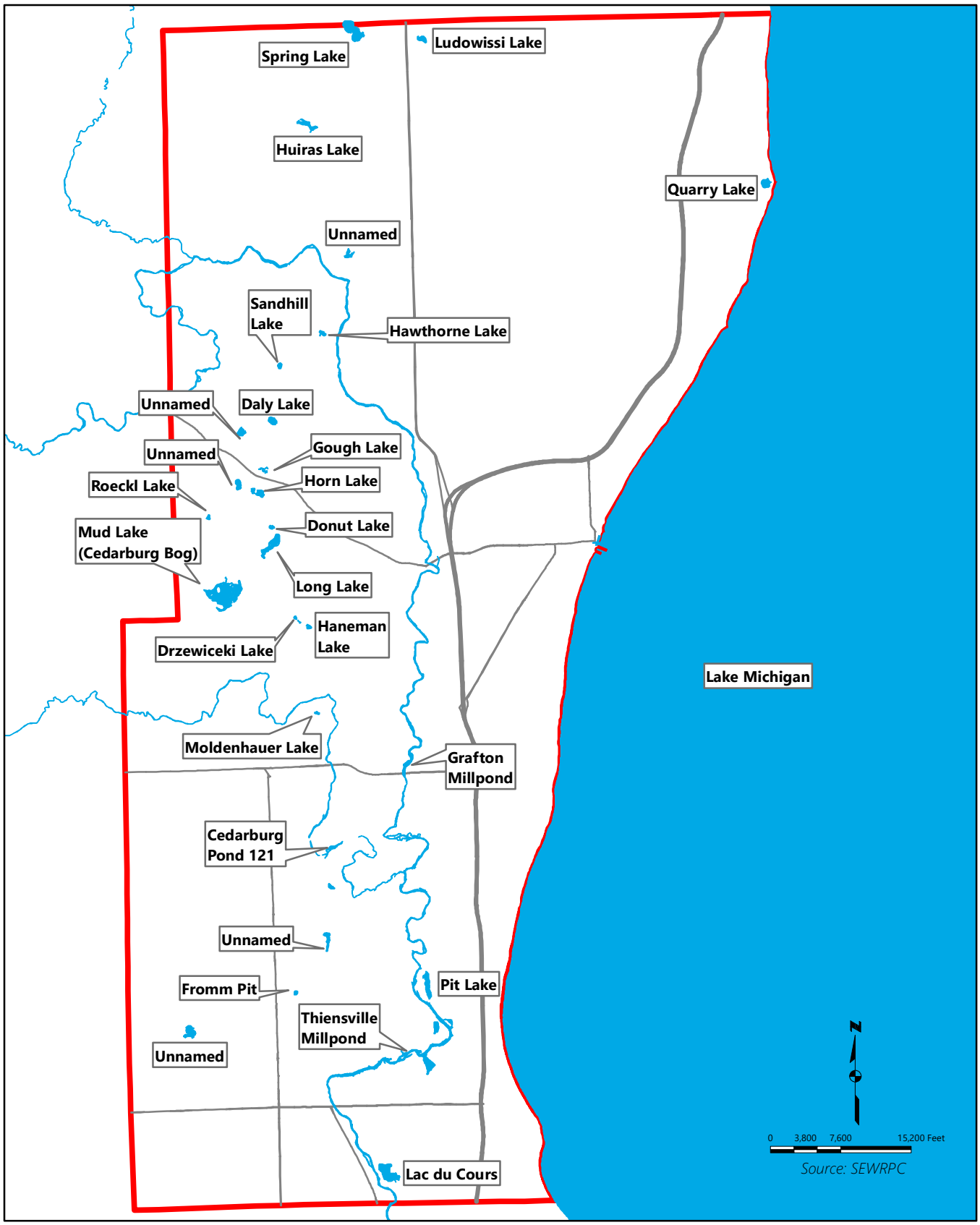
DEPARTMENT REVENUES	
Department	**$**
Staff	$10,200
Travel	$500
Supplies	$500
TOTAL	**$11,200**

Project Risks:	Comments
▪ Weather/site conditions	▪ Continuation of monitoring and education programming
▪ Timelines	▪ Non-federal match for other grants
▪ Permissions from Landowners	▪ $11,500 is estimated allocation for Ozaukee County
▪ Availability of SEWRPC	

Major Milestones			Date
Grant Acceptance			Jan-25
AIS and Water Quality Monitoring			Oct-25
Education and Outreach			Oct-25
End of Grant Period			Dec-25
Duration:	1 Year	**Extension:**	NA

Attachment: Grant Application Summary_WDNRLMPN_AIS_WQ_E&D_MEA Edits 9.17.24_FinalATS092324

Map 1
Ozaukee County Lakes Over Ten Acres and/or Named



Attachment: P&P_Dept_Ozaukee County Lakes Map (P&PDept_SubmitAccept_WDNR_LMPN_AquaticInvasives_InlandLakesStreams)

RESOLUTION NO. (ID # 10312)

SUBMITTAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT – SURFACE WATER RESTORATION GRANT TO SUPPORT RESILIENCY AND HABITAT RESTORATION ON MINERAL SPRINGS CREEK

WHEREAS, the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department is applying for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources cost share Surface Water Management - Surface Water Restoration Grant funding under a competitive request for proposals; and

WHEREAS, Ozaukee County, through the Planning and Parks Department, is implementing a comprehensive resiliency and ecological restoration project on Mineral Springs Creek in the City of Port Washington; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the project is to fund County activities to conduct streambank and in-stream grading and stabilization, wetland restoration and native vegetation restoration to improve in-stream and riparian fish, avian and wildlife habitat and protect critical infrastructure on Mineral Springs Creek near Oakland Green Park; and

WHEREAS, financial aid is required to carry out the project; and

WHEREAS, this project is consistent with the adopted *Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035,* the adopted *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035,* the *Ozaukee County Land and Water Resource Management Plan* and the *Ozaukee County Strategic Plan 2020 - 2024;* and

WHEREAS, this project will continue the Planning and Parks Department Ecological Division's goal to reestablish ecological and biological connections in conjunction with protecting and restoring habitat throughout the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Management - Surface Water Restoration grant will provide up to 75% of the total project cost and required matching funds will be provided by a secured National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Coastal Resilience Fund grant funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors that the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application, requests a grant agreement to carry out the project, has budgeted a sum sufficient to fully and satisfactorily complete the project, and authorizes the Director of the Planning and Parks Department to act on behalf of Ozaukee County to sign and submit a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Management - Surface Water Restoration grant application, accept and sign a grant agreement between Ozaukee County the WDNR, act as the primary contact on the project, submit interim and/or final reports to the WDNR to satisfy the grant agreement, submit grant reimbursement requests to the WDNR along with necessary supporting documentation, and sign and submit other required documentation and take necessary actions to initiate, direct, and complete the approved project within the provided funding timeline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ozaukee County will comply with all local, state and/or federal rules, regulations and ordinances for the program/project and the cost share

agreement; may perform force account work; will maintain the completed project in an attractive, inviting, and safe manner; and will maintain complete and accurate project accounting and records according to the WDNR project agreement for these funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Dated at Port Washington, Wisconsin, this 6th day of November 2024.

SUMMARY: *Application and acceptance by the Planning and Parks Department of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Management - Surface Water Restoration grant to support resiliency and habitat restoration on Mineral Springs Creek.*

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: **October 1, 2024**
DEPARTMENT: **Planning and Parks**
DIRECTOR: **Andrew Struck**
PREPARER: **Andrew Struck**

Agenda Summary Submittal and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Management – Surface Water Restoration Grant to Support Resiliency and Habitat Restoration on Mineral Springs Creek

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Ozaukee County - Planning and Parks Department (Department) proposes to submit an application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Surface Water Management (SWM) Surface Water Restoration (SWR) grant program. Specifically, this grant will fund County activities to continue to improve coastal resiliency, corridor habitat restoration, fish passage and in-stream habitat on Mineral Springs Creek (MSC) in the City of Port Washington. Between 2013 and 2017, the Department, City of Port Washington (City), and We Energies worked on several fish passage projects to improve aquatic connectivity on MSC. In late August, 2018, the MSC watershed experienced an intense rainstorm that dropped over 9 inches of rain in portions of the watershed in less than 24 hours, which exceeded the estimated "500-year storm event", and resulted in a formal disaster declaration from FEMA. The resulting high flow rates in the creek scoured the stream bed causing the bed elevation to drop 2-3 feet downstream of the Ravine Street. This downcutting exposed a sanitary sewer line upstream of Ravine Street. In response, the City installed emergency protection of the utility corridor that consists of sheet pile and concrete that effectively created a dam with more than 2.5 feet vertical drop from the top of the concrete to the downstream water surface during typical flow conditions. This new structure created a major barrier for fish passage and undermined much of the work and investment that was completed to restore fish passage, particularly upstream. Additionally, erosion from that event caused loss of vegetation and bank stability throughout the MSC corridor. To address these problems, the Department secured WDNR Office of Great Waters (OGW) and National Fish and Wildlife (NFWF) National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF) grants that supported restoration in an approximately 400 foot reach of channel downstream of Ravine Street including re-grading and vegetation restoration of the steep ravine slopes and instream restoration including placement of stone that can resist movement and improve resiliency during extreme events in a configuration that allowed fish passage past the Ravine Street crossing and emergency utility protection structure. In 2023, the Department also restored portions of Oakland Green Park to native prairie as a buffer to the creek and ravine slopes as part of these initial restoration efforts. However, downstream reaches of MSC continue to actively erode with nearby high-tension power poles, power lines, a sanitary sewer line, and a storm sewer outlet in and near Oakland Green Park that are all at risk from future erosion events as the frequency and magnitude of precipitation runoff increases due to climate change impacts. WDNR SWM SWR, Fund For Lake Michigan (FFLM)

and NFWF NCRF funding will support similar work (e.g., streambank and in-stream grading and stabilization, wetland restoration and native vegetation restoration) adjacent to and within Oakland Green Park and the Mineral Springs Creek environmental corridor (wetland areas), immediately downstream of the restored reach. The WDNR SWM SWR grant will also provide critical match for the NFWF NCRF grant. Project activities align with the Oakland Green Park Master Plan (pending park deed transfer to Ozaukee County) and this project is supported by the County Park and Open Space Plan <https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/645/Park-Open-Space> https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/645/Park-Open-Space within the standards set for the preservation and management of open spaces including natural areas, critical species habitats, wetlands, primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas to maintain their natural value (pages 12, 15, 18, 38, 60, 175), the Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 <http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/CAPR/capr-285-comp-plan-for-ozaukee-co.pdf> <http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/CAPR/capr-285-comp-plan-for-ozaukee-co.pdf> related to the importance of aquatic connectivity projects, wetland protection, restoration and enhancement, and natural communities identified as ecological priorities for Ozaukee County (100, 103-104, 107, 282, 563), the Land and Water Resource Management Plan for Ozaukee County 2021-2030 <https://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Environment/LandWaterResourceManagementPla/capr-338-OZ-County-Land-and-Water-Resource-Management-Draft.pdf> related to the protection and preservation of land and water resources including protecting and enhancing wetlands and stream corridors (pages 23, 109, 136-137, 144, 189-190, 197, 219, 243-247), and the County Strategic Plan 2020-2024 <https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/14493/Ozaukee-County-Strategic-Plan-2020-24> (pages 10, 11, 13) related to the enhance quality of life assets strategic goal.

ANALYSIS: Full proposals for the WDNR SWM SWR grant are due November 15, 2024. The WDNR SWM SWR grants cover up to 75% of project costs with a funding cap of $25,000. Project match ($8,333) will be provided by the secured NFWF NCRF grant for a total project cost of $33,333.

FISCAL IMPACT: Balance Current Year: NONE

Next Year's Estimated Cost: NONE (Additional Revenue $25,000)

FUNDING SOURCE: County Levy: Non-County Levy: X

Indicate source: Pending WDNR SWM SWR and a secured NFWF NCRF grant.

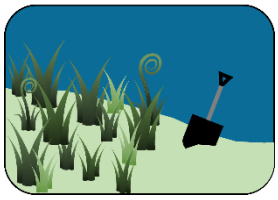
RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve and recommend to the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors the resolution for submittal and acceptance of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Management - Surface Water Restoration grant program for resiliency, fish passage and habitat restoration activities on Mineral Springs Creek in the City of Port Washington.

ATTACHMENTS:

- P&P_Dept_WDNR SWM Surface Water Restoration_Guidance (PDF)
- AS2024_NRC10012024_Grant Application Summary_WDNRSWMSWR_MSC_FinalATS092324 (PDF)

- P&P_Dept_WDNR SWM Project Map (PDF)

Surface Water Restoration



Surface water restoration grants help implement protection and restoration actions. Unlike plan implementation grants, these projects *don't* require a management plan, however, projects shall follow the appropriate NRCS standards published in Appendix E: Surface Water Restoration. Applications shall be submitted with a project design plan.

PREREQUISITES

Eligible organization; see exceptions pertaining to Wetland Incentives below.
Applicants must submit their pre-application by Sept. 15, applications are due Nov. 15.
Restoration projects shall be submitted with a project design plan.
Ordinance development projects require a letter of support from the adopting unit of government
A recorded land use agreement or property manager's letter of intent, if the property is state-owned
Public access is required for projects that enhance in-water habitat.

FUNDING

Grants cover up to 75% of total project costs, $50,000 for lakes, $25,000 for rivers.
Wetland incentives are also available: these are not cost-shared; each incentive grant is $10,000.

REIMBURSEMENTS

One grant advance is available for up to 25% of the total grant award.
A grantee may request up to 4 partial payments overall, no more frequently than one per year.
10% of the grant award is retained until approval of deliverables and reimbursement.

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE SURFACE WATER RESTORATION PROJECTS

Shoreland protection projects must follow applicable standards of s. ATCP 50 and published in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide for Wisconsin, Section IV. We included direct links for each practice in Appendix E: Surface Water Restoration Practice Standards.

- Critical area stabilization
- Diversions
- Filter strips
- Grade stabilization structures on artificial or non-navigable watercourses
- Riparian buffers
- Water bar diversion
- Sediment and water basins
- Pervious pavement
- Rain gardens
- Vegetation planting
- Urban pollution and runoff control
- Streambank or shoreline protection
- Impervious area removal within 35 feet of the ordinary high-water mark

In-Water Management projects protect or improve in-water conditions. Eligible activities include the installation of department-approved habitat structures, culvert or road crossing removal or modification and aquatic re-vegetation. For connectivity projects, see Appendix F: Surface Water Connectivity. Other projects are subject to department approval.
Wetland Restoration projects will help restore or enhance a prior converted or existing wetland. Projects must occur on hydric soils and implement the best practices for wetland restoration or enhancement. Projects must follow the NRCS standards for either Wetland Restoration (657) or Wetland Enhancement (659). Eligible activities included drainage tile disablement, ditch plugs and fills, water level manipulation or vegetation enhancement, but these activities cannot be necessary to achieve mitigation standards. Projects that enhance a lake ecosystem are capped at $50,000, while projects to benefit rivers are capped at $25,000.
Wetland Incentives amounting to up to $10,000 each, with no cost-share required, are available for grantees who have completed a comprehensive land use plan that includes a recommendation for

Attachment: P&P_Dept_WDNR SWM Surface Water Restoration_Guidance

wetland enhancement or restoration. Activities are the same as those for Wetland Restoration projects, above. **Note:** Comprehensive land use plans are defined by Wisconsin state statute, s. 66.1001 (1) (a). Qualified Surface Water Management Organizations and Nonprofit Conservation Organizations are not eligible for Wetland Incentives.

Ordinance Development projects create local regulations to benefit surface waters. They relate to topics like boating, AIS prevention, wetlands, shorelands, erosion control and others. Eligible activities include development, legal work, facility rental, training for compliance and enforcement, outreach, and assessment of administrative and enforcement capacity. Applications must include a letter of support from the unit of government most likely to implement the ordinance.

CONDITIONS

Locations limited to within 1,000 ft of a lake ordinary high-water mark, a wetland that is part of an aquatic ecosystem, or the greater distance of 300 ft to a river or the landward side of a floodplain.

The grantee shall have control of the property through ownership, easements, deed restrictions, or contracts such that the sites being restored with grant funds remain in conservation use for 20 years. If the project has an operation and maintanence period of more than 10 years and is on land not owned by the grantee, the grantee must enter into a land use agreement with the landowner and record the cost-share agreement at the register of deeds office in the county where the property is located. If property is state-owned, the applicant must have a recorded land use agreement or a letter of intent from the property manager at the time of application.

Streambank or shoreline protection projects may contain structural practices (e.g. rip rap) where the site assessment determines bioengineering and vegetation management will not control erosion. Structural practices must include shoreland habitat restoration following the NRCS shoreland habitat standard 643A. Planting dimensions shall be a minimum of 35 feet deep with an exception for principal structures, extending the entire length of the project or property, save an optional viewing and access corridor, and shall include structurally diverse plantings.

****NEW**** For multi-phased implementation projects that will require activities or funding beyond the scope of the current grant proposal to meet the objectives, in order to maximize ranking points, it is recommended that you provide a financial plan with your application.

PROJECT DESIGN PLAN

Surface water restoration projects do not require a comprehensive management plan, but they must be appropriate and designed for the site**.** Be sure to reference relevant NRCS standards in your application. With your application, you must also submit a **project design plan that includes the following elements:**

Project implementation timeline
Establish goals and objectives for the project and outline tasks to accomplish them. Organize the tasks on a schedule, include a timeline indicating start, end, and who will accomplish the task.

Maintenance plan
Describe how the project will be managed to maintain conservation value for a period of 20 years.

Site map
Indicate the location and bounds of the project. “Before” photos of the site are strongly encouraged.

Additional supporting documents (if applicable)
Many of the projects fundable under this section require design; some of them require engineering. You may include additional materials that will help biologists understand what the project will accomplish. Consider including schematics, site plans, a monitoring plan and schedule, landscape designs or vegetation planting lists as appropriate for the project.

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GRANT APPLICATION SUMMARY

Project Name: Mineral Springs Creek Resilence and Habitat Restoration
Grant Name/Agency: WDNR Surface Water Management - SWR **CFDA/State ID:**
Department: Planning and Parks **Exp Acct.** **Preparer:** Matt Aho
Total Project Amount: $33,333 **Grant Match Required:** 25% **Rev Acct.** **Approver:** Andrew Struck

Strategy: (Linkages to other planning efforts)

- Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 (P. 100, 103, 104, 107, 282, 563)
- Ozaukee County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (P. 23, 109, 136, 137, 144, 189, 190, 197, 219, 243)
- Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County (P. 12, 15, 18, 38, 60, 175)
- Ozaukee County Strategic Plan 2020-2024 (P. 10, 11, 13)

Project Scope and Expectations

- Riparian and in-stream grading and habitat restoration
- Native vegetation restoration
- Protection of infrastructure/improved resilience
- Address ongoing erosion

Other Grants Supporting Project	Status	Amount
NFWF NCRF	Secured	$8,333

Project Partners:

- WDNR, City of Port Washington, We Energies
- FFLM, NFWF NCRF
- Ozaukee County Highway Department
- Design and Engineering Consultants

Project Landowner Upon Completion:

- Ozaukee County

GRANT EXPENSE	
Operational Expense	**$**
Capital Expense	**$**
Contractual (HWY)	$25,000
TOTAL	**$25,000**
% PROJECT	**75%**

GRANT/PROJECT MATCH	
Operational Match	**$**
Other Grants	**$**
NFWF NCRF	$8,333
TOTAL	**$8,333**
% MATCH	**25%**

GRANT SUPPORTED STAFF	
Position	**$**
TOTAL	

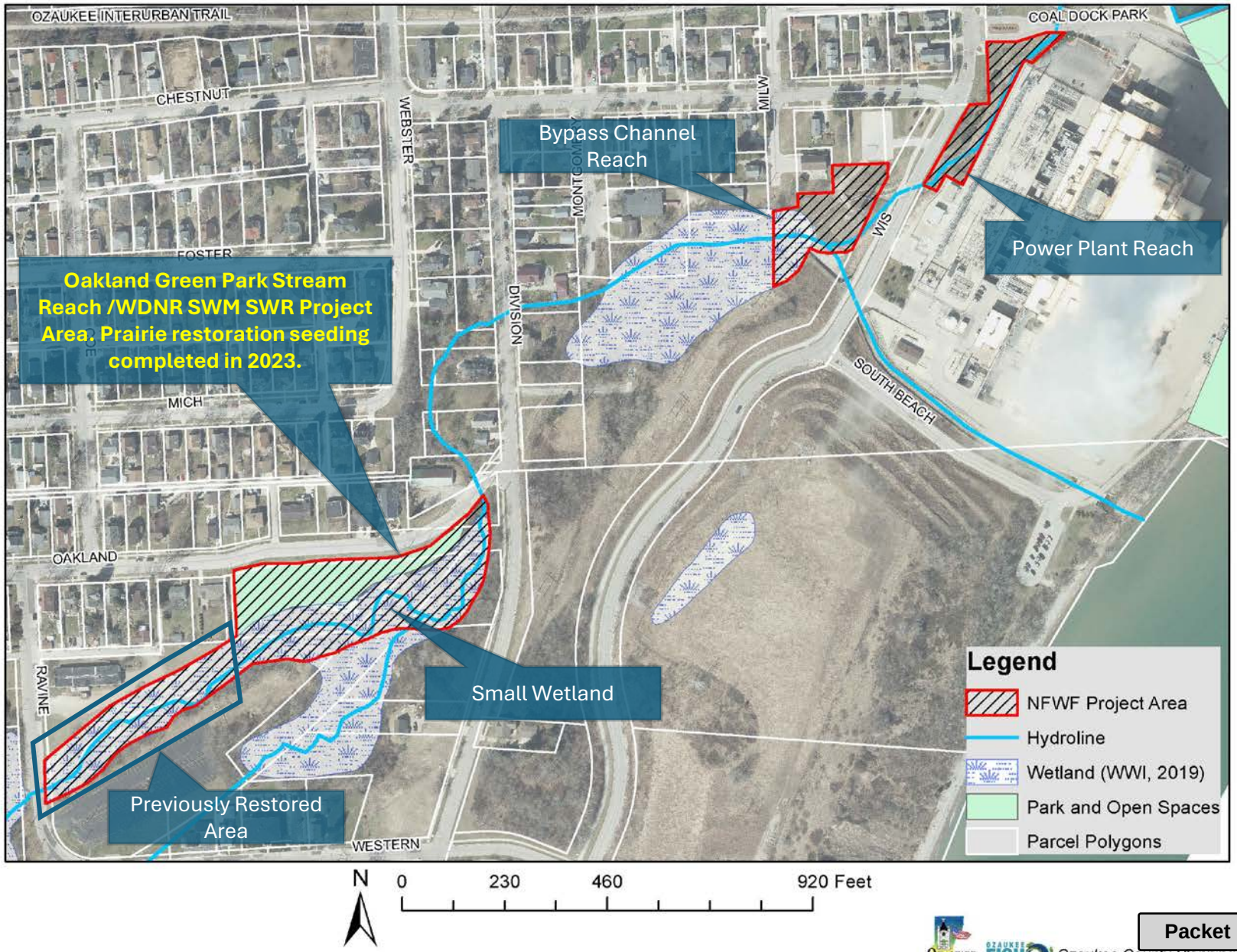
DEPARTMENT REVENUES	
Department	**$**
TOTAL	**$0**

Project Risks:	Comments
▪ Weather/site conditions	▪ Completed in conjunction with stream restoration
▪ Contractor (HWY) availibility	▪ Serve as match for other grants
▪ Timelines	▪ Overall project costs ~ $33,000
▪ Permitting	

Major Milestones	Date
Award Notification	Jan-25
Construction and Restoration	Nov-26
Final Reporting	Dec-26
Duration: 2 years	**Extension:** NA

Attachment: AS2024_NRC10012024_Grant Application Summary_WDNRSWMSWR_MSC_FinalATS092324

Mineral Springs Creek Corridor Resiliency Project Area



Attachment: P&P_Dept_WDNR SWM Project Map

Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Dept.
Februrary, 2022

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: October 1, 2024
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Parks
DIRECTOR: Andrew Struck
PREPARER: Andrew Struck

Agenda Summary Submittal and Acceptance of a Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant for Public Access at Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve

BACKGROUND: The Ozaukee County - Planning and Parks Department (Department) proposes to submit a grant application to the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) to fund County activities to continue to improve public access at Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve County Park (Nature Preserve). The Department in conjunction with the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust recently acquired the 134-acre Clay Bluffs Nature Preserve in fall 2022 with the support of Ozaukee County, multiple direct federal and state grants and contributions from local partners and private donors. The Nature Preserve, located on the Lake Michigan shoreline, is undeveloped and there is significant public interest in restoration and improving public access both throughout the new park and to Lake Michigan. In addition, public access is part of the goals and requirements of several of the acquisition grants inclusive of the Park Master Plan and OWLT conservation easement. A Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) grant was awarded in 2020 to support development of a Master Plan for the Nature Preserve. The Master Plan includes public access throughout the Nature Preserve and Lake Michigan through a trail network connecting to a bridge over the Cedar Gorge and also a public access stairway to Lake Michigan. WCMP and associated matching grant funding would support local force design, engineering and construction of an approximately 65' long wooden bridge over the upper portion of the Cedar Gorge and design, engineering, and publicly bid construction of a public access stairway (similar to the public access stairway at Virmond County Park) and boardwalk from the base of the stairway to Lake Michigan in the lower section of the Cedar Gorge (see attached Master Plan map). The grant and matching funding will also support associated vegetation restoration. The Department received WCMP and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Stewardship grants in 2023 and 2024 for similar public access and habitat restoration activities in the southern and middle third acreage of the Nature Preserve and this project represents a continuation of these efforts. This project is supported by the following plans: the County Park and Open Space Plan <https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/729/Park-and-Open-Space-Plan-for-Ozaukee-County-3rd-Edition?bidId=> related to the importance of wetlands and restoration projects (p. 12, 18, 108), the Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 <http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/CAPR/capr-285-comp-plan-for-ozaukee-co.pdf> related to stormwater management, wetlands and surface water quality, public access to rivers, streams and lakes, and invasive species management (p. 101, 176, 269, 277-284, 287, 452, 456, 558, 559), the County Strategic Plan 2020-2024 <https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/14493/Ozaukee-County-Strategic-Plan-2020-24> (p. 13) related to the enhance quality of life assets strategic goal, the Land and Water Resource Management Plan for Ozaukee County 2021-2030

https://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Environment/LandWaterResourceManagementPlan/capr-338-OZ-County-Land-and-Water-Resource-Management-Draft.pdf (pages 11, 103, 143, 195), to promote and implement habitat preservation and restoration practices and the final draft of the Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve County Park Master Plan.

ANALYSIS: The WCMP grant request is $250,000. A 60% non-federal match ($375,000) is required, which will be provided by pending WDNR Stewardship ($249,999) and County Project Reserve (Capital) funding ($87,749) and in-kind County staff time, mileage and supplies ($37,251) for a total project cost of $624,999.

FISCAL IMPACT: Balance Current Year: NONE

Next Year's Estimated Cost: NONE (Additional Program Revenue $250,000)

FUNDING SOURCE: County Levy: X Non-County Levy: X

Indicate source: Pending WCMP and County Project Reserve grants and in-kind County staff time, mileage and supplies costs.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve the submittal, acceptance, and implementation of a grant by the Planning and Parks Department to the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program to fund public access at Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve County Park.

ATTACHMENTS:

- P&P_Dept_WCMP_RFP Cover Memo 2025-26 (PDF)
- NRC10012024_WCMP_CBCGNPPublicAccess_Grant Summary Spreadsheet_Rev_FinalATS092324(PDF)
- P&P_Dept_CBCGNP ConceptualSitePlan_8.7.2024_WCMP Public Access (PDF)

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
Tony Evers, Governor
Kathy Blumenfeld, Secretary
Dawn Vick, Division Administrator

DATE: August 22, 2024

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Kate Angel, Manager
Wisconsin Coastal Management Program

SUBJECT: 2025-26 Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grants Available

The Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) is seeking proposals to enhance, preserve, protect and restore resources within the state's coastal zone – all counties adjacent to Lakes Superior and Michigan, with their nearly 1000 miles of shoreline. We anticipate awarding up to $1.6 million in grant funding.

WCMP Grants are available for coastal wetland protection and habitat restoration, nonpoint source pollution control, coastal resource and community planning, Great Lakes education, public access and historic preservation. **Applications are due November 1, 2024**.

Applicants are encouraged to contact WCMP staff early to discuss ideas for project proposals and application requirements. Staff are available to answer questions about eligibility, application details, review process, etc., as well as discuss the substantive aspects of a proposal.

When developing proposals, please pay close attention to the following items:

- Application materials and the Request for Proposals are available on the WCMP website (http://coastal.wisconsin.gov).
- There is a cost-share requirement for all projects. Matching funds must be from non-federal sources, and may be in the form of in-kind contributions.
- For habitat restoration and construction projects, be sure to include copies of all required permits or permit applications and title documentation with the application materials.
- For all projects, be sure to include copies of required documentation and letters of support.

WCMP staff will host a live webinar on September 25, 2024. A recorded presentation will be made available and posted at http://coastal.wisconsin.gov. For more information please contact staff at coastal@wisconsin.gov.

Attachment: P&P_Dept_WCMP_RFP Cover Memo 2025-26 (P&PDept_SubmitAccept_WCMPGrant_CBCGNP_PublicAccess)

GRANT APPLICATION SUMMARY

Project Name: Public Access at CBCGNP
Grant Name/Agency: Wisconsin Coastal Management Program **CFDA/State ID:**
Department: Planning & Parks **Exp Acct.** **Preparer:** Matt Aho
Total Project Amount: $624,999 **Grant Match Required:** 60% **Rev Acct.** **Approver:** Andrew Struck

Strategy: (Linkages to other planning efforts)
- Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 (P.101, 176, 269, 277-284, 452, 456, 558, 559)
- Ozaukee County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (P. 11, 103, 143, 195)
- Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County (P. 12, 18, 108)
- Ozaukee County Strategic Plan 2020-2024 (P. 13)
- Draft Master Plan for Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve County Park

Project Scope and Expectations
- Public access throughout Nature Preserve
- Public access to Lake Michigan
- Cedar Gorge bridge E&D and construction
- Stairway and boardwalk E&D and construction
- Native vegetation restoration

Other Grants Supporting Project	Status	Amount
▪ WDNR Stewardship	Pending	$249,999
▪ County Reserve Funds	Pending	$87,749
		$0
		$0

Project Partners:
- NOAA/WCMP
- WDNR Stewardship

Project Landowner Upon Completion:
- Ozaukee County

GRANT EXPENSE	
Operational Expense	**$**
Personnel & FB	$62,500
Travel	$1,000
Supplies	$5,000
Capital Expense	**$**
Contractual (HWY)	$30,000
Contractual (Contractor)	$141,500
Contractual (E&D)	$10,000
TOTAL	**$250,000**
% PROJECT	**40%**

GRANT/PROJECT MATCH	
Operational Match	**$**
Salaries/Fringe Benefits	$31,250
Travel/Mileage	$1,001
Supplies	$5,000
Other Grants	**$**
WDNR Stewardship	$249,999
County Reserve Funds	$87,749
TOTAL	**$374,999**
% MATCH	**60%**

GRANT SUPPORTED STAFF	
Position	**$**
Director	
Program Manager	
Senior Planner	
Conservation Biologists	
Nat Res & GIS Tech	
TOTAL	

DEPARTMENT REVENUES	
Department	**$**
Personnel & FB	$62,500
Travel	$1,000
Supplies	$5,000
Contractual (HWY)	$30,000
TOTAL	**$98,500**

Project Risks:	Comments
▪ Weather/site conditions	▪ Overall estimated costs without final E&D
▪ Contractor (HWY) availibility	▪ Serve as match for other grants
▪ Timelines	▪ Overall project costs ~ $624,999
▪ Pending grant match funding	

Major Milestones	Date
Grant Award	Jul-25
Engineering and Design Plans	Dec-25
Construction and Restoration	Dec-26

Duration:	18 months	Extension:	NA

Attachment: NRC10012024_WCMP_CBCGNPPublicAccess_Grant Summary

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Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve

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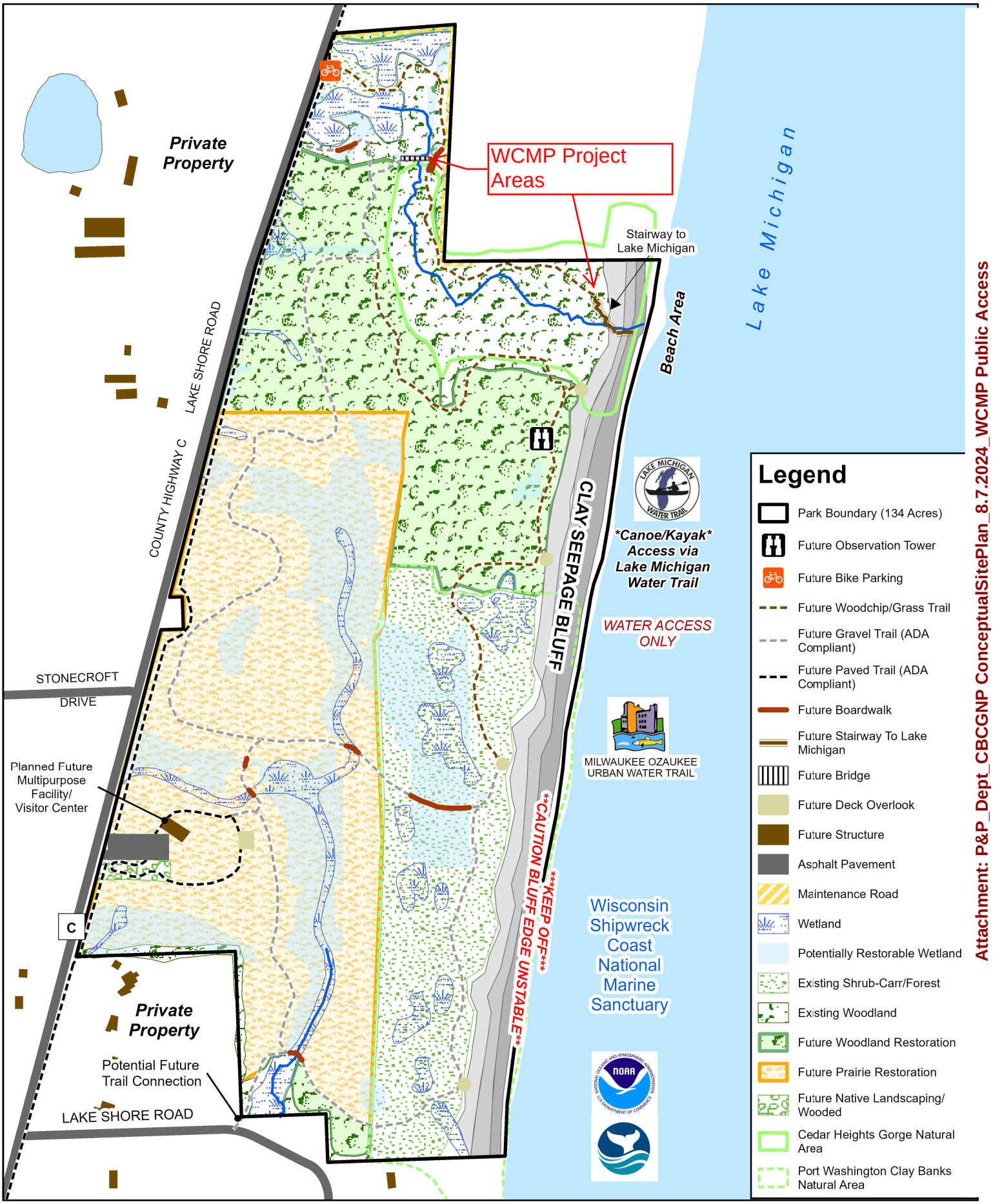

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Ozaukee County Parks Reservations:

Map Produced by Ozaukee County Planning

Attachment: P&P_Dept_CBCGNP ConceptualSitePlan_8.7.2024_WCMP Public Access

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: **October 1, 2024**
DEPARTMENT: **Planning and Parks**
DIRECTOR: **Andrew Struck**
PREPARER: **Andrew Struck**

Agenda Summary Bid and Contract for Construction Related Services for a Golf Course Division Irrigation System at Hawthorne Hills Golf Course

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On January 4, 2024, the Ozaukee County Natural Resources Committee approved a contract with EC Design Group, LLC (EC Design) as the irrigation design consultant to address the failing irrigation system at Hawthorne Hills golf course. The irrigation system at Hawthorne Hills golf course needs full replacement. The system consists of approximately 9 miles of pipe and 35 miles of wiring that ranges from 40 to 60 years old. The system has become increasingly unreliable, and it is failing. In addition to mechanical failures, the wear on the irrigation heads has caused a drop in efficiency estimated at over 25% loss. These losses include water and electricity. EC Design has worked with the Golf Course Division throughout the design and bidding process. Bids were sought on a national level with interest from companies as far away as Texas.

ANALYSIS: An advertisement for bids was published August 29 and September 5, 2025, shared directly with contractors, and the full bid documents were located on the Ozaukee County bid postings page (<https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/Bids.aspx>) (see attached plan holders list). Four bids were received from Halloran & Yaunch, Inc., Mid-America Golf and Landscape, OHG Construction, LLC and Midwest Irrigation, LLC and publicly opened and read aloud on September 18, 2024. Bid results are shown in the attached Bid Tabulation Summary and Bid Tabulation documents. Bidders were required to list costs for one of 3 approved manufacturers for the irrigation system base bid and could provide an alternate bid for removal of existing irrigation equipment. EC Design has provided a formal letter of professional recommendation for Midwest Irrigation, LLC with Toro as the supplier of the irrigation heads and control system. Midwest Irrigation, LLC was the second lowest base bid and second lowest combine bid coming in at $1,057,400 for the main bid and the alternate bid combine. Midwest Irrigation, LLC has the most experience for complete irrigation system renovations of any of the contractors that submitted a bid. In addition, Toro Irrigation has both product parts and service technicians based out of Reinders, Inc. located in Sussex, WI. Golf Division staff contacted references for Midwest Irrigation, LLC and the Toro Irrigation products and the references were very favorable, including positive references from the Milwaukee County Parks Department. Milwaukee County has used Midwest Irrigation, LLC and Toro for three irrigation replacements in the last three years including one in 2024 at Noyes Park Golf Course. Midwest Irrigation, LLC was professional and accommodating to the specific needs of each project. They have also provided great customer service in post installation training, warranty, and maintenance. Thus, Midwest Irrigation, LLC is the staff recommendation based on a review of qualifications, prior work, complete bid submittal, and per the engineer's recommendation. Staff recommends a 10% contingency ($105,740) to cover any potential change orders and associated expenses for a not to exceed sum of $1,163,140.

FISCAL IMPACT: Balance Current Year: $350,000

Next Year's Estimated Cost: $813,140

FUNDING SOURCE: County Levy: Non-County Levy: X

Indicate source: Golf Division Cost Center - Enterprise Fund 503 (Reserves)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Accept the bid from Midwest Irrigation, LLC and approve a contractual services contract, contingent upon Corporation Counsel approval, with Midwest Irrigation, LLC for a not to exceed sum of $1,163,140, which includes a 10% contingency to cover any potential change orders and associated expenses, for an irrigation system replacement at Hawthorne Hills Golf Course.

ATTACHMENTS:

- P&P_Dept_HHGC Irrigation Planholders List 9.18.24 (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_HHGC Irrigation Bid Tab Summary 9.18.24 (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_HHGC Irrigation Bid Tab Detail 9.18.24 (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_EC Design HHGC Contractor Recommendation (PDF)

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Hawthorne Hills Golf Course Irrigation Project Planholder List (9/18/24)			
Company Name (optional)	**Contact Name**	**Phone Number**	**Email Address**
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Trees on the MOve	Gerard Rewolinski	(262) 679-5200	gerard@treesonthemove.com
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Clesens	Kevin West	(708) 341-1687	kwest@clesens.com
SiteOne Landscape Supply	Alexander Panzenhagen	(262) 409-8952	apanzenhagen@siteone.com
Clesens	Eric Styck	(414) 719-6753	estyck@clesens.com
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Visual Infomedia	Siva Kumar N Siva Kumar N	(347) 480-1475	techzone@visualinfomedia.com
Halloran & Yauch, Inc.	Rod Betterly	(847) 878-6540	rbetterly@hyirrigation.com
PWXPress	Gio Saravini	(408) 676-8941	quotes@gtechresearch.com
THWilson Bonds	Sheila a smith	(559) 876-2610	jtanner@bidprime.com
La Crosse Builders Exchange	Data Specialist	(608) 781-1819	Planroom@laxbx.com
The Toro Company	Tom Rasmussen	(608) 371-4967	tom.rasmussen@toro.com
PWXPress	Mary Miller	(408) 676-8941	bids@pwxpress.com
Dodge	Dodge Dodge	(877) 784-9556	Dodge.docs@construction.com
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K Rhoades Co	Kenton Rhoades	(608) 220-9439	kenton@krhoadescompany.com
Dodge Data & Analytics	Jaya Lakshmi	(413) 376-7032	jayalakshmil@construction.com
Wausau Builders Exchange	Cindy Baumann	(715) 843-4919	planroom@wausaubex.com
Landscapes Unlimited	Shawn Westacott	(469) 516-1198	swestacott@landscapesunlimited.com
Builders Exchange of Wisconsin	Amy Harper	(920) 687-8782	editor@bxwi.com
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ConstructConnect	Morgan Stinson	(800) 364-2059	content@constructconnect.com
	Jim Boyer	(563) 213-0810	jboyer@li-inc.com
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Builders Exchange of Wisconsin	Amy Harper	(920) 687-8782	editor@bxwi.com
BUBLITZ PLUMBING	Ryan	(262) 692-2086	ryan@bublitzph.com
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Midwest Irrigation LLC	Jim Beaves	(815) 747-3359	midwest@midwestirrigation.com

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Hawthorne Hills Golf Course - Irrigation System Replacement Bid Tab Summary (9/18/2024)				
	Supplier			
Contractor	**Rainbird**	**Toro**	**Hunter**	**Alternate Bid**
OHG Construction, LLC	$1,574,000	$1,515,000	$1,515,000	$67,000
Halloran & Yaunch, Inc.	$1,025,000	$1,009,500	$1,015,900	$8,000
Midwest Irrigation, LLC*	$1,058,800	***$1,041,200***	-	***$16,200***
Mid-America Golf and Landscape	$1,050,547	$1,110,547	$1,040,547	$15,000

Staff and Engineers Recommendation

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EC Design Bid Tabulation Sheets

Date: 9/19/2024

Job Name - Hawthorne Hills Golf Course

			H&Y	Midwest	MidAm	OHG
Section 1	Lump sum bid - Toro	$	**1,015,900.00**	**1,041,200.00**	**1,110,547.36**	**1,515,000.00**
	Lump sum bid - Hunter	$	**1,015,900.00**	**No Bid**	**1,040,547.36**	**1,515,000.00**
	Lump sum bid - Rain Bird	$	**1,025,000.00**	**1,058,800.00**	**1,050,547.36**	**1,574,000.00**
Section 2						
	Alternate add #1-Removal of existing equipment	$	8,000.00	16,200.00	15,000.00	67,000.00
Section 3	Mobilization	$	10,000.00	30,000.00	117,932.47	20,000.00
	ECD Construction Observation	$	**16,750.00**	**16,750.00**	**16,750.00**	**16,750.00**
	ECD GPS/GIS Mapping & Programming	$	**18,000.00**	**18,000.00**	**18,000.00**	**18,000.00**
	Distributor start up programming	$	**5,500.00**	**5,500.00**	**5,500.00**	**5,500.00**
	RB A-702 IC Full Circle Sprinkler 1" body & 1 1/4" swing joint	$	1,210.00	900.00	757.14	2,810.00
	RB A-752 IC Part Circle Sprinkler 1" body & 1 1/4" swing joint	$	1,250.00	920.00	751.69	2,860.00
	RB A-902 IC Full Circle Sprinkler 1 1/2" body & 1 1/2" swing joint	$	1,275.00	920.00	752.10	2,810.00
	RB A-952 IC Part Circle Sprinkler 1 1/2" body & 1 1/2" swing joint	$	1,275.00	920.00	687.01	2,860.00
	RB 5004+ Turf Rotor PC Stainless Steel w/MPR nozzle	$	120.00	100.00	410.82	700.00
	RB 5-RC 1" Quick coupler valve w/swing joint & stabilizer	$	350.00	175.00	249.54	1,600.00
	RB 100-PEB-IVM-PR 1" electric valve w/ICM	$	375.00	510.00	1,303.90	400.00
	Toro FLX 34 LSM Full Circle Sprinkler - 1" body & 1 1/4" swing joint	$	1,210.00	940.00	763.15	2,800.00
	Toro FLX 35 Part Circle Sprinkler - 1" body & 1 1/4" swing joint	$	1,250.00	955.00	772.48	2,850.00
	Toro FLX 54 LSM Full Circle Sprinkler - 1 1/2" body & 1 1/2" swing joint	$	1,235.00	950.00	750.50	2,800.00
	Toro FLX 35 Part Circle Sprinkler - 1 1/2" body & 1 1/2" swing joint	$	1,275.00	965.00	766.19	2,850.00
	Toro T5-PC-SS Turf Rotor w/4.0 standard nozzle	$	120.00	100.00	401.30	640.00
	Toro 474-00 1" Quick coupler valve w/swing joint & stabilizer	$	350.00	165.00	254.87	1,000.00
	Toro P220G-27-04-DL 1" electric valve w/LSM	$	375.00	450.00	1,338.61	350.00
	Hunter GT884-D-23-P8 Full Circle Sprinkler - 1" body & 1 1/4" swing joint	$	1,275.00	-	757.14	2,800.00
	Hunter GT885-D-23-P8 Part Circle Sprinkler - 1" body & 1 1/4" swing joint	$	1,275.00	-	751.69	2,850.00
	Hunter GT884-D-38-P8 Full Circle Sprinkler - 1 1/2" body & 1 1/2" swing joint	$	1,275.00	-	752.10	2,850.00
	Hunter GT885-D-38-P8 Part Circle Sprinkler - 1 1/2" body & 1 1/2" swing joint	$	1,275.00	-	687.01	2,800.00
	Hunter I-20-04-SS Turf Rotor w/standard nozzle	$	120.00	-	410.82	688.00
	Hunter HQ-5-RC 1" Quick coupler valve w/swing joint & stabilizer	$	350.00	-	249.54	1,588.00
	Hunter ICV-101G-DC 1" electric valve w/DC solenoid	$	375.00	-	1,303.90	350.00
	2" AquaFuse PE Lateral Isolation Assy	$	425.00	480.00	350.44	1,311.00
	3" AquaFuse PE Lateral Isolation Assy	$	500.00	650.00	667.79	2,601.00
	Clow/AquaFuse HDPE Isolation Valve 3"	$	1,025.00	760.00	1,880.52	611.00
	Clow/AquaFuse HDPE Isolation Valve 4"	$	1,350.00	890.00	1,495.58	1,290.00
	Clow/AquaFuse HDPE Isolation Valve 6"	$	1,900.00	1,280.00	1,943.04	1,690.00
	Clow/AquaFuse HDPE Isolation Valve 8"	$	2,850.00	1,750.00	3,031.95	2,773.00
	Clow/AquaFuse HDPE Isolation Valve 10"	$	4,350.00	2,800.00	4,976.62	3,374.00
	2" HDPE DR13.5 4710 Pipe	$	7.75	4.40	3.21	12.00
	3" HDPE DR13.5 4710 Pipe	$	11.25	6.20	9.76	17.00
	4" HDPE DR13.5 4710 Pipe	$	20.75	8.10	13.17	23.00
	6" HDPE DR13.5 4710 Pipe	$	34.75	12.20	16.63	33.00
	8" HDPE DR13.5 4710 Pipe	$	53.00	17.80	20.88	44.00
	10" HDPE DR13.5 4710 Pipe	$	69.50	34.00	1,983.12	55.00
	#12/2 Paige Electric PE Decoder Wire	$	1.55	0.99	2,828.57	0.64
	#14/2 Paige Electric PE Decoder Wire	$	1.05	0.70	1.10	0.43
	Paige Electric ground rod assembly	$	175.00	150.00	97.40	134.00
	Paige Electric 36" ground plate assembly	$	325.00	550.00	2,733.77	323.00
	Paige Electric 96" ground plate assembly	$	425.00	800.00	3,205.19	431.00
	Toro DEC-RSP-1000 Lynx Smart hub	$	5,500.00	4,500.00	9,900.00	8,561.00
	Hunter PILOT-DH750-UHFA Hub	$	7,500.00	-	20,000.00	8,561.00
	Apple iPad - (2) included in base bid - Toro/Rain Bird	$	1,500.00	1,400.00	1,540.26	1,235.00
	Wireless/Solar Weather Station	$	4,500.00	4,250.00	5,000.00	4,277.00
	Bermad ARV (10) on base bid	$	500.00	200.00	96.36	436.00
Section 4	PC Large turf head contingency (25 in lump sum)	$	24,375.00	13,750.00	36,319.48	70,000.00
	QCV contingency (10 in lump sum)	$	2,750.00	1,750.00	2,495.46	16,000.00

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To: Jon Stahl
Ozaukee County Parks Department
121 West Main Street
Port Washington, WI 53074

From: Larry Collins
EC Design Group, Ltd.
400 - 5th Street
West Des Moines, IA 50265

Re: Hawthorne Hills Golf Course Irrigation Renovation Bid

Jon,

Based on the resume, availability and bids received Wednesday September 18, 2024, our professional recommendation is as follows:

- Verify when irrigation contractor intends to begin installation, and that final completion of irrigation installation will be on or before June 30, 2025.
  - Contractor will be responsible for removal of all existing irrigation equipment per Alternate Add #1.

Therefore, EC Design Group, Ltd. makes the recommendation to the County that they retain Midwest Irrigation for the lump sum of $1,041,200.00 utilizing the Toro specified products.

Please contact us if the team has any further concerns/comments as it relates to the above recommendation, and we look forward to a quality irrigation project.

Sincerely,

Larry Collins
EC Design Group Ltd. - VP Operations

Attachment: P&P_Dept_EC Design HHGC Contractor Recommendation (P&PDept_BidContract_Construction_GolfCourseIrrigation_HHGC)

RESOLUTION NO. (ID # 10316)

ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF THE TITLE TO PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 2202 STONECROFT DRIVE (PARCEL ID 160040900000) AND LOT 3 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP #2294 (PARCEL ID 160041200100), PORT WASHINGTON, WI FOR ADDITION TO THE OZAUKEE COUNTY PARK SYSTEM PER §§ 59.52(6)(A) AND 27.065(1)(A) WISCONSIN STATUTES

WHEREAS, the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department was contacted by Belgium Farms LLC (Ansay Family), the owner of the approximately 61.05 acre parcel at 2200 Stonecroft Drive (Parcel ID 160040900000) and the approximately 34.93 acre parcel identified as Lot 3 of Certified Survey Map #2294 (Parcel ID 160041200100), both (totaling approximately 95.98 acres) located west and north of Stonecroft Drive in the City of Port Washington, for donation of the title to both properties to Ozaukee County be incorporated into the Ozaukee County Park System; and

WHEREAS, the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted the *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* on June 1, 2011 (Resolution 11-14); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 59.69 and 66.1001(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted the County comprehensive plan embodied in SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 285, *A Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* on April 2, 2008 and subsequent Amendment 2009-01 on May 6, 2009 and Amendment 2013-01 on May 1, 2013, which included incorporation and adoption of the *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County*; and

WHEREAS, the park and open space plan was to be prepared within the framework of the *Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* and is based upon the recommended development pattern set forth in the County comprehensive plan and will refine and detail the park and open space-related recommendations of the County comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance, acquisition, insurance and development of lands for public outdoor recreation including park and trail acquisition and development is consistent with the adopted *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* and *A Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035;* and

WHEREAS, the adopted *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* recommends County acquisition of lands along Ulao Creek and within the watershed to provide for unmet outdoor recreational needs in the Ozaukee County Park System, namely passive, non-motorized recreational opportunities including: limited hunting, fishing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, wildlife viewing and bird watching, restoration and management of the native landscape / natural area / critical species habitat, scientific research, nature-based education, appreciation of coastal resources, enjoyment of Ozaukee County's unique cultural and natural resources and other passive non-motorized outdoor recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, the final draft *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County (4th Edition)* specifically recommends the acquisition of these parcels for incorporation into the Ozaukee County Park System as part of the Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve Project Area: and

WHEREAS, the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted the Natural Areas and

Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, SEWRPC Planning Report No. 42, on June 3, 1998 (Resolution 98-10) and adopted the subsequent Amendment (December 1, 2010) on December 7, 2011 (Resolution 11-48); and

WHEREAS, these properties are located at the headwaters of Ulao Creek with a portion of the Ulao Lowland Forest natural area of local significance (NA-3), are within a critical east/west ecological corridor between the Ulao Lowland Forest and Port Washington Clay Banks and Cedar Heights Gorge Natural Areas on Lake Michigan, contain approximately 95.98 total acres including approximately 35.5 acres of wetlands, 20.2 acres of Natural Area (NA-3), 3.8 acres of 100 Year Floodplain, 6.2 acres of Isolated Natural Resource Area and 29.1 acres of Primary Environmental Corridor, where conservation of these areas is consistent and a priority within the adopted *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* and final draft *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County (4th Edition)*, the adopted *Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035*, the *Land and Water Management Plan for Ozaukee County: 2021 - 2030* and the *Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region* and subsequent Amendment to this plan (December 1, 2010); and

WHEREAS, the *Ozaukee County Strategic Plan 2020-2024* Chapter III Enhance Quality of Life Assets recommends strategies to "Continue to Preserve Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Natural Areas", "Improve Our Water Quality" and "Develop Recreational and Cultural Destinations for Tourism, Residents and Businesses"; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of lands in the Ulao Creek Watershed is consistent with the County Board endorsed *Regional Water Quality Management Plan Update*, which recommends the protection of these areas, particularly for water quality benefits and improved public access to rivers, streams and lakes; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of these parcels is consistent with other protected lands within the Ulao Creek Watershed, direct Lake Michigan drainage and the Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve Project Area including existing Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Ozaukee Washington Land Trust and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District conservation easements, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Waterfowl Production Area properties and Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve and Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve County Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department and its partners have developed a nationally recognized and awarded ecological prioritization GIS tool and a GIS-based fish and wildlife habitat decision support tool (GIS Tools) to prioritize preservation and restoration as well as habitat improvement activities for maximum diversity and species benefit; and

WHEREAS, the nationally awarded Ecological Prioritization GIS Tool identified the parcels as medium to high priority for preservation and restoration; and

WHEREAS, these parcels, along with multiple additional downstream parcels, were identified by the fish and wildlife habitat GIS Tool as a high priority for habitat restoration and downstream parcels were the focus of a large scale, comprehensive ecosystem restoration project along the Ulao Creek corridor supported by federal, state, and local non-profit organization funding that has included stream remeandering, channel restoration, construction of riffles and pools, wetland creation and enhancements, floodplain reconnection through grading along stream banks and floodplain corridors, invasive plant removal, overall native plant restoration (e.g. native tree planting, native seeding, etc.), installation of fish and wildlife structures, and long

term environmental monitoring including fish, avian, wildlife, and water quality monitoring; and

WHEREAS, the properties are part of two Important Bird Areas, namely, the Ozaukee Bight Lakeshore Migration Corridor and the Harrington Beach-Kohler Andrae Lakeshore Migration Corridor, are part of the National Great Lakes / Lake Michigan Migratory Bird Flyway and are also identified in the *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* as within one of only five Ozaukee County Project Acquisition Areas to be added to the Ozaukee County Park System; and

WHEREAS, there was significant public input and support for adding the properties as part of the Lion's Den Gorge Acquisition Project Area to the Ozaukee County Park System during the development of the *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 and subsequent update*, as the 2020 Public Opinion Survey by UW River Falls shows a majority of Ozaukee County residents (85%) believe preserving open space, protecting natural resources and wildlife habitat should be a high future funding priority for the County; and

WHEREAS, the Ansay Family has been a long-time partner, generous benefactor and has expressed interest and support in donating the two parcels to Ozaukee County for formal addition to the Ozaukee County Park System along with funding to initiate passive recreational use development; and

WHEREAS, the properties will be accessible from Stonecroft Drive and would represent the second publicly accessible parcel on Ulao Creek and the first with access to the Ulao Lowland Forest (Swamp) in the Ulao Creek Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the properties will be managed as part of the Ozaukee County Park System under the Ozaukee County Park System ordinance as a Nature Preserve and also under a permanent conservation easement with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, except for a six-acre exclusion area (for future recreational support infrastructure such as parking); whereby, only passive recreational uses will be allowed such as hiking, birding, fishing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, wildlife viewing, nature study and limited hunting, and the development of supporting recreational amenities will consist of signage at the property entrance(s), hiking/walking trails, boardwalks, piers, picnic shelter(s), indoor bathrooms/visitor center, a park road and adequate parking within a six-acre Conservation Easement Exclusion Area to support passive recreational public use; and

WHEREAS, inclusion into the Ozaukee County Park System will allow for continued long-term environmental monitoring and study as well as partnerships with local schools, universities and environmental organizations; and

WHEREAS, inclusion of the properties into the Ozaukee County Park System will recognize the important natural, ecological, scenic, and recreational values as relatively natural habitat for plants and animals on the property, to assure that these values will be protected in perpetuity, to protect, enhance and restore fish and wildlife habitat and natural communities on the property, to enhance opportunities for wildlife-based outdoor recreation, allow for limited hunting and to confine the use of the property to activities that are consistent with these goals and objectives in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the property also offers high potential for public visitation and ongoing public education and outreach activities due to its location within the Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve Project area which includes Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve and Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve and on the newly designated Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors, that Ozaukee County accepts the donation of the title to the properties located at 2202 Stonecroft Drive (Parcel ID 160040900000) and Lot 3 of Certified Survey Map #2294 (Parcel ID 160041200100), Port Washington, WI for addition to the Ozaukee County Park System Per §§ 59.52(6)(A) and 27.065(1)(A) Wisconsin Statutes via warranty deed with title policy; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property will be added to and managed within the Ozaukee County Park System as a Nature Preserve entitled "Ansay Nature Preserve" County Park.

SUMMARY: Acceptance of a donation of the title to the properties located at 2202 Stonecroft Drive (Parcel ID 160040900000) and Lot 3 of Certified Survey Map #2294 (Parcel ID 160041200100), Port Washington, WI for addition to the Ozaukee County Park System per §§ 59.52(6)(A) and 27.065(1)(A) Wisconsin Statutes.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: **October 1, 2024**
DEPARTMENT: **Planning and Parks**
DIRECTOR: **Andrew Struck**
PREPARER: **Andrew Struck**

Agenda Summary Acceptance of a Donation of the Title to Properties Located at 2202 Stonecroft Drive (Parcel ID 160040900000) and Lot 3 of Certified Survey Map #2294 (Parcel ID 160041200100), Port Washington, WI for Addition to the Ozaukee County Park System per §§ 59.52(6)(a) and 27.065(1)(a) Wisconsin Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department (Department) was contacted by Belgium Farms LLC (Ansay Family), the owner of the approximately 61.05 acre parcel at 2200 Stonecroft Drive (Parcel ID 160040900000) and the approximately 34.93 acre parcel identified as Lot 3 of Certified Survey Map #2294 (Parcel ID 160041200100), both (totaling approximately 95.98 acres) located west and north of Stonecroft Drive in the City of Port Washington, for donation of the title on the properties to Ozaukee County to be incorporated into the Ozaukee County Park System. The Ansay Family has been a long-time partner, generous benefactor and strong supporter of the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department programs, projects and activities as well as the Ozaukee County Park System.

The preservation of these parcels is consistent with other protected lands within the Ulao Creek Watershed, direct Lake Michigan drainage and the Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve Project Area including existing Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Ozaukee Washington Land Trust and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District conservation easements, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Waterfowl Production Area properties and Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve and Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve County Parks. The Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department and its partners have developed a nationally recognized and awarded ecological prioritization GIS tool and a GIS-based fish and wildlife habitat decision support tool (GIS Tools) to prioritize preservation and restoration as well as habitat improvement activities for maximum diversity and species benefit. The nationally awarded Ecological Prioritization GIS Tool identified the parcels as medium to high priority for preservation and restoration (<https://www.ozaukeecounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10849/Coastal-Resources-Ecological-Prioritization-Master-Plan---Updated-March-2017pdf>). These parcels, along with multiple additional downstream parcels, were also identified by the fish and wildlife habitat GIS Tool (<https://www.ozaukeecounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9800/Fish-and-Wildlife-Habitat-Decision-Support-Tool-Reportpdf>) as a high priority for habitat restoration and downstream parcels were the focus of a large scale, comprehensive ecosystem restoration project along the Ulao Creek corridor supported by federal, state, and local non-profit organization funding that has included stream remeandering, channel restoration, construction of riffles and pools, wetland creation and enhancements, floodplain reconnection through grading along stream banks and

floodplain corridors, invasive plant removal, overall native plant restoration (e.g. native tree planting, native seeding, etc.), installation of fish and wildlife structures, and long term environmental monitoring including fish, avian, wildlife, and water quality monitoring.

The properties are also part of two Important Bird Areas, namely, the Ozaukee Bight Lakeshore Migration Corridor and the Harrington Beach-Kohler Andrae Lakeshore Migration Corridor, are part of the National Great Lakes / Lake Michigan Migratory Bird Flyway, are on the coast of the newly designated Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary and also identified in the Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 as within one of only five Ozaukee County Project Acquisition Areas to be added to the Ozaukee County Park System.

There was also significant public input and support for adding the properties as part of the Lion's Den Gorge Acquisition Project Area to the Ozaukee County Park System during the development of the *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 and subsequent update* (https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/729/Park-and-Open-Space-Plan-for-Ozaukee-County-3rd-Edition?bidId), as the 2020 Public Opinion Survey by UW River Falls shows a majority of Ozaukee County residents (85%) believe preserving open space, protecting natural resources and wildlife habitat should be a high future funding priority for the County. The adopted *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* recommends County acquisition of lands along Ulao Creek and within the watershed to provide for unmet outdoor recreational needs in the Ozaukee County Park System, namely passive, non-motorized recreational opportunities including: limited hunting, fishing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, wildlife viewing and bird watching, restoration and management of the native landscape / natural area / critical species habitat, scientific research, nature-based education, appreciation of coastal resources, enjoyment of Ozaukee County's unique cultural and natural resources and other passive non-motorized outdoor recreational uses (pages 47, 48, 81 - 87). The final draft *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County (4th Edition)* specifically recommends the acquisition of these parcels for incorporation into the Ozaukee County Park System as part of the Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve Project Area.

The Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted the *Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, SEWRPC Planning Report No. 42* (<https://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/pr/pr-042_nat_areas_critical_species_habitat_protection_management_plan.pdf>) on June 3, 1998 (Resolution 98-10) and adopted the subsequent Amendment (December 1, 2010) on December 7, 2011 (Resolution 11-48). These properties are located at the headwaters of Ulao Creek with a portion of the Ulao Lowland Forest natural area of local significance (NA-3), are within a critical east/west ecological corridor between the Ulao Lowland Forest and Port Washington Clay Banks and Cedar Heights Gorge Natural Areas on Lake Michigan, contain approximately 95.98 total acres including approximately 35.5 acres of wetlands, 20.2 acres of Natural Area (NA-3), 3.8 acres of 100 Year Floodplain, 6.2 acres of Isolated Natural Resource Area and 29.1 acres of Primary Environmental Corridor, where conservation of these areas is consistent and a priority within the adopted *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* and final draft *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County (4th Edition)*, the adopted *Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* (http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/CAPR/capr-285-comp-plan-for-ozaukee-co.pdf) (pages 77, 92, 95, 110, 112), the *Land and Water Management Plan for Ozaukee County: 2021 - 2030* (<https://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Environment/LandWaterResourceManagementPlan/ca

pr-338-OZ-County-Land-and-Water-Resource-Management-Draft.pdf>) (pages 50, 110, 136, 138) and the *Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for the Southeastern Wisconsin Region* and subsequent Amendment to this plan (pages 113, 114, 203, 206). In addition, the *Ozaukee County Strategic Plan 2020-2024* Chapter III Enhance Quality of Life Assets (<https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/DocumentCenter/View/14493/Ozaukee-County-Strategic-Plan-2020-24>) recommends strategies to "Continue to Preserve Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Natural Areas", "Improve Our Water Quality" and "Develop Recreational and Cultural Destinations for Tourism, Residents and Businesses" (pages 13, 14). Acquisition of lands in the Ulao Creek Watershed is also consistent with the County Board endorsed *Regional Water Quality Management Plan Update* (<https://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/pr/pr-050_part-1_water_quality_plan_for_greater_mke_watersheds.pdf>), which recommends the protection of these areas, particularly for water quality benefits and improved public access to rivers, streams and lakes (pages 91, 92, 93, 95, 427).

ANALYSIS: Ozaukee County would accept the donation of the title to both properties via warranty deed with title policy. The property will be managed within the Ozaukee County Park System, under the County Park System ordinance as a Nature Preserve entitled "Ansay Nature Preserve" County Park and also under permanent conservation easement with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) (per Ansay Family request); whereby, only passive recreational uses will be allowed such as hiking, birding, fishing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, wildlife viewing, nature study and limited hunting. Supporting recreational amenities would include signage at the property entrance(s), hiking/walking trails, boardwalks, piers (fishing), picnic shelter(s), bathrooms/visitor center, a park road and adequate parking on a six-acre Conservation Easement Exclusion Area (see maps). The properties will be accessible from Stonecroft Drive and would represent the second publicly accessible parcel on Ulao Creek and the first with access to the Ulao Lowland Forest (Swamp) natural area in the Ulao Creek Watershed. Inclusion into the Ozaukee County Park System will allow for continued long-term environmental monitoring and study and will recognize the important natural, ecological, scenic, and recreational values as relatively natural habitat for plants and animals on the property, will assure that these values will be protected in perpetuity, will protect, enhance and restore wildlife habitat and natural communities on the property, will enhance opportunities for wildlife-based outdoor recreation, and will confine the use of the property to activities that are consistent with these goals and objectives. The property also offers high potential for public visitation and ongoing public education and outreach activities including with schools due to its location within the Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve Project area, which includes Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve and Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve and being on the coast of the new Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary.

See also Ansay Family Vision Document.

FISCAL IMPACT: $100,000 donation (cash) in addition to the donated properties for development of approved passive recreational public infrastructure.

FUNDING SOURCE: Ansay Family Donation and MMSD Conservation Easement

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Approve and recommend to the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors the Resolution for acceptance of a donation of the title of the properties located at 2202 Stonecroft Drive (Parcel ID 160040900000) and Lot 3 of Certified Survey Map #2294

(Parcel ID 160041200100), Port Washington, WI for addition to the Ozaukee County Park System Per §§ 59.52(6)(A) and 27.065(1)(A) Wisconsin Statutes as the "Ansay Nature Preserve" County Park.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ansay Properties Port Washington Map, general location (PDF)
- Ansay Properties Port Washington Map, wetlands, floodplain, environmental corridors, natural areas (PDF)
- Ansay Properties Port Washington Map, topo (PDF)
- LDGNP and CBCGNP, 9.24.24 update (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_Ansay Vision For Future 9.24.24 (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_PreservationElement_Raster_Ansay Parcels (PDF)
- P&P_Dept_PreservationScore_ParcelsWeightedScore_Ansay Parcels (PDF)
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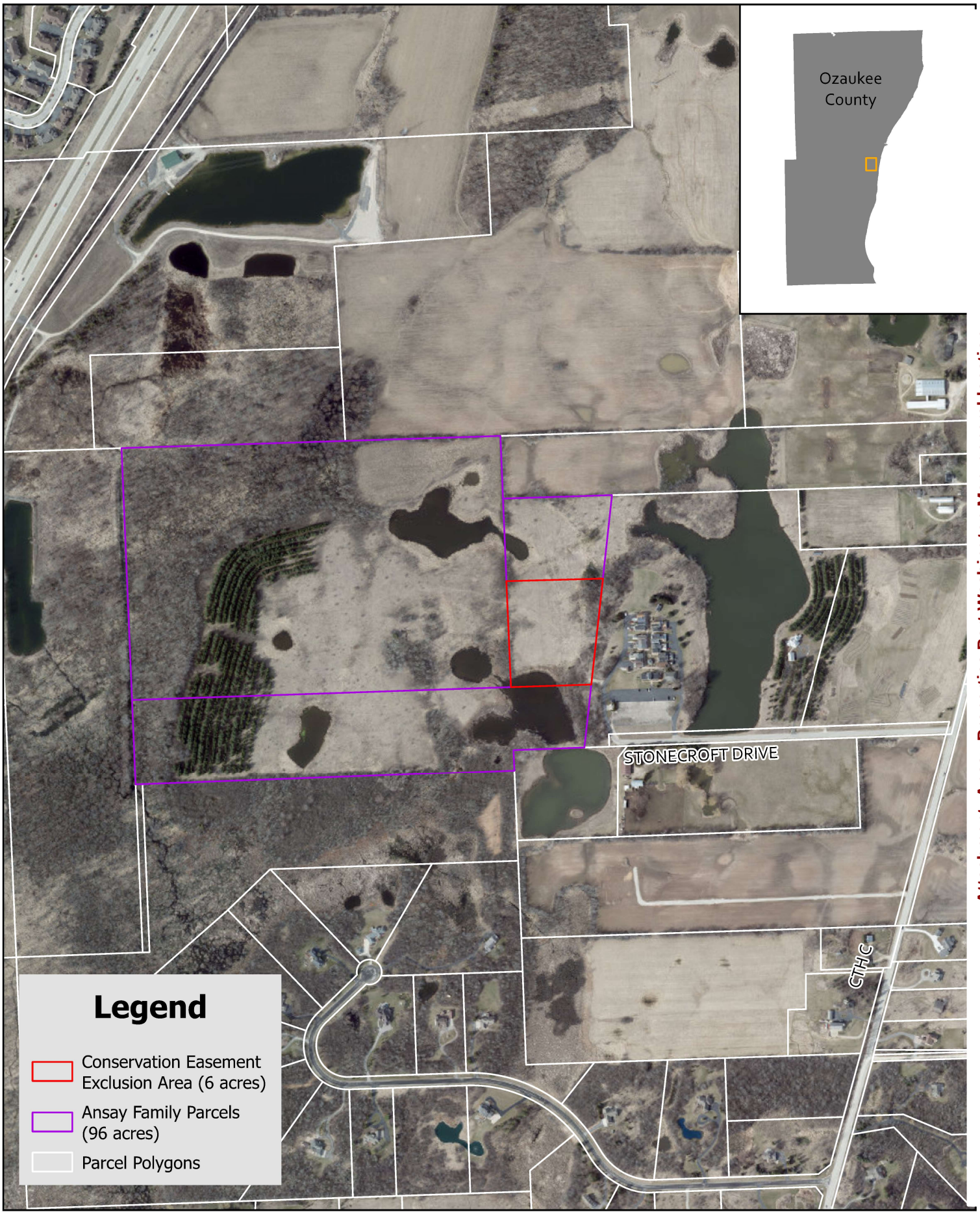

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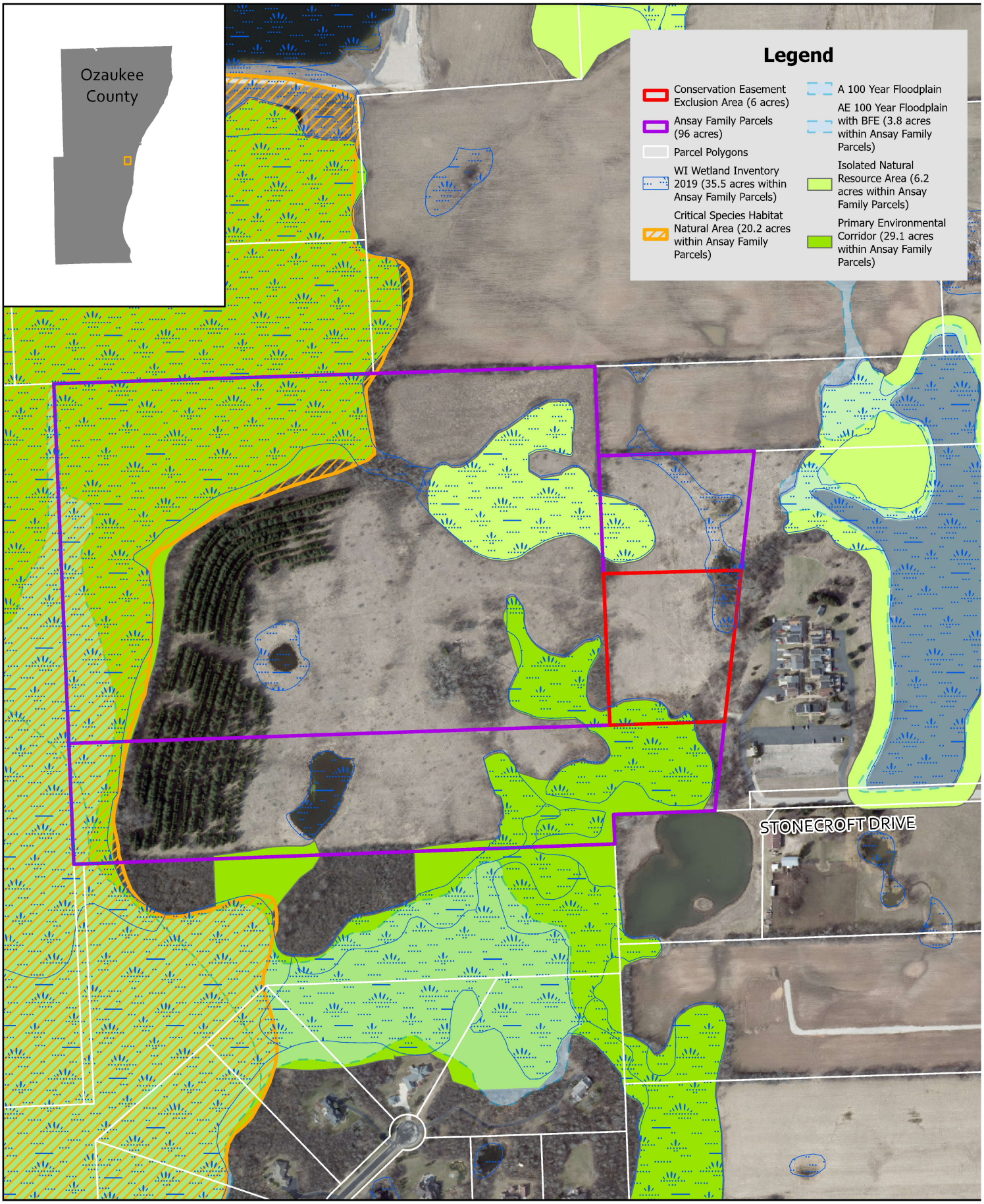

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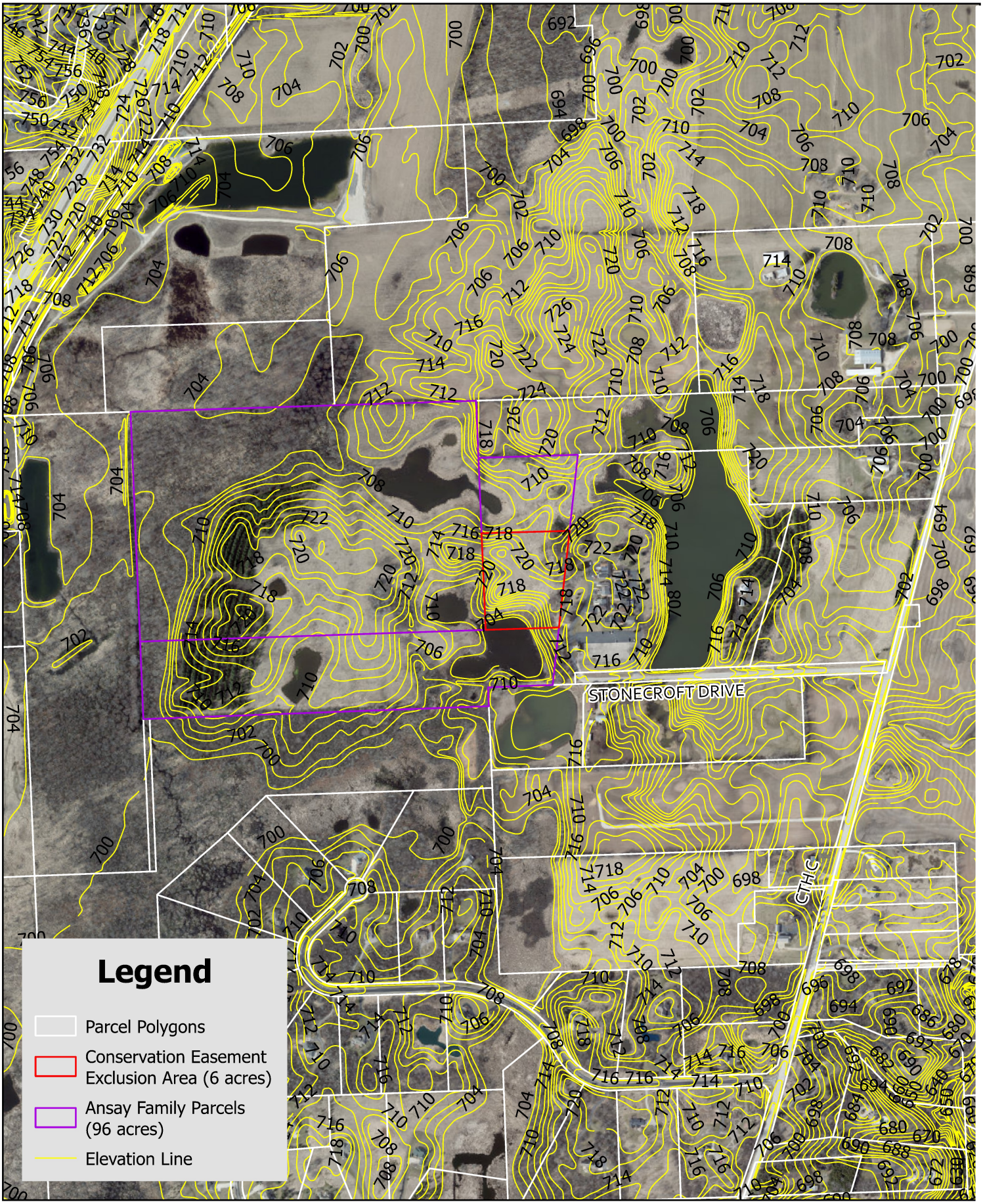

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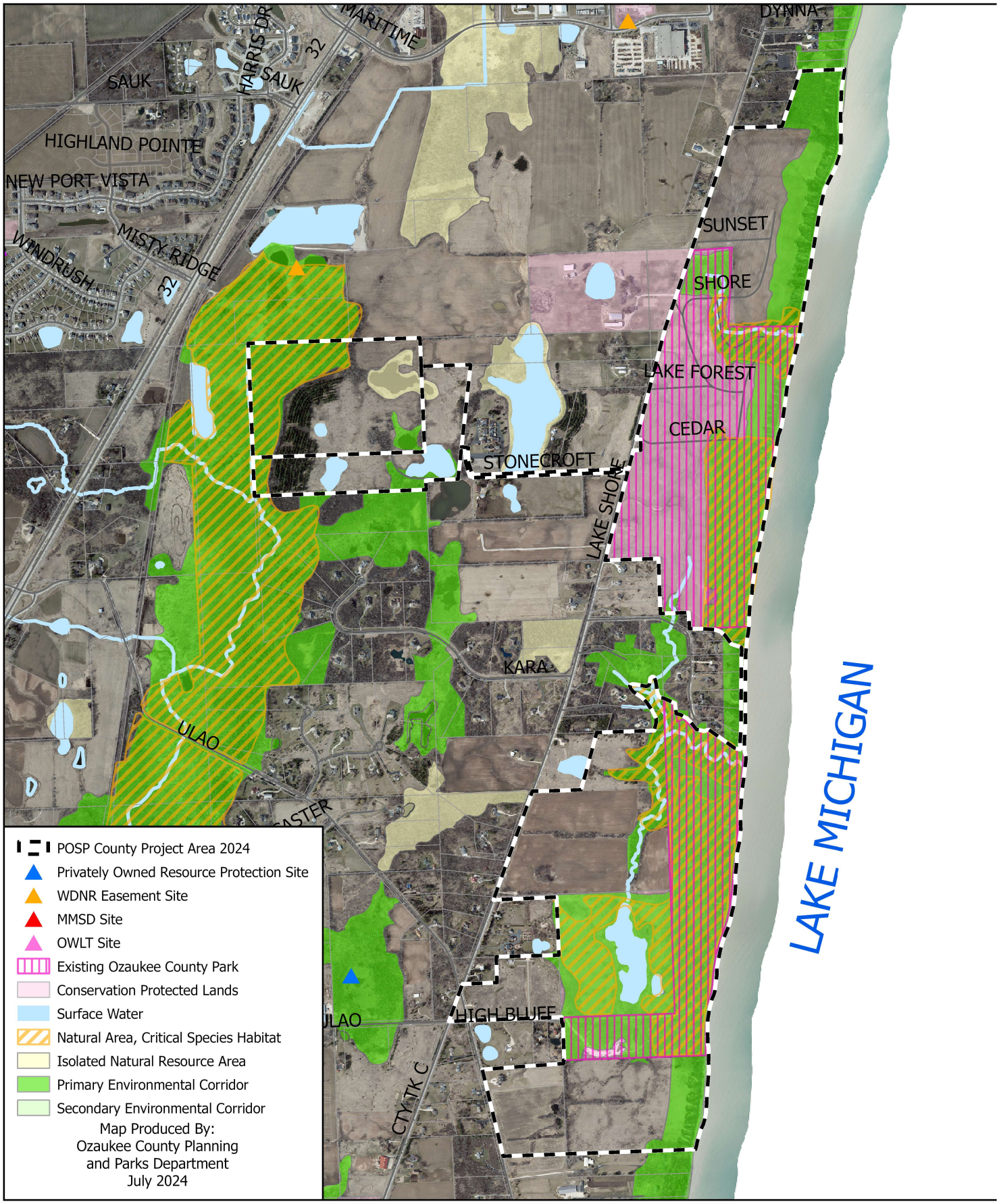
LDGNP and CBCGNP Project Area



Attachment: LDGNP and CBCGNP, 9.24.24 update (P&PDept_Acceptance_LandDonation_StonecroftDriveAnsay_NewOzaukeeCountyPark)

ANSAY VISION FOR STONECROFT PROPERTY DONATION/ANSAY NATURE PRESERVE

Intent of land donation:

1. Facilitate a new and fresh people place, encouraging all people to enjoy and respect the environment.
2. Special interest in providing a safe and fun place for young families to go.
3. Property adjoins headwaters of Ulao Creek, and the land donation will be new component of Treasures of Oz | Ozaukee County WI including natural sanctuary areas to recreate and study the environment, helping to secure and protect sensitive natural areas (e.g., Ulao Swamp Natural Area) for future generations.

Encouraged and allowable activities:

1. Ansay family vision is to provide a peaceful nature area designed for passive recreational use.
2. Natural area for hiking, birding, fishing, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, etc.
3. Limited hunting (as allowable).

Amenities:

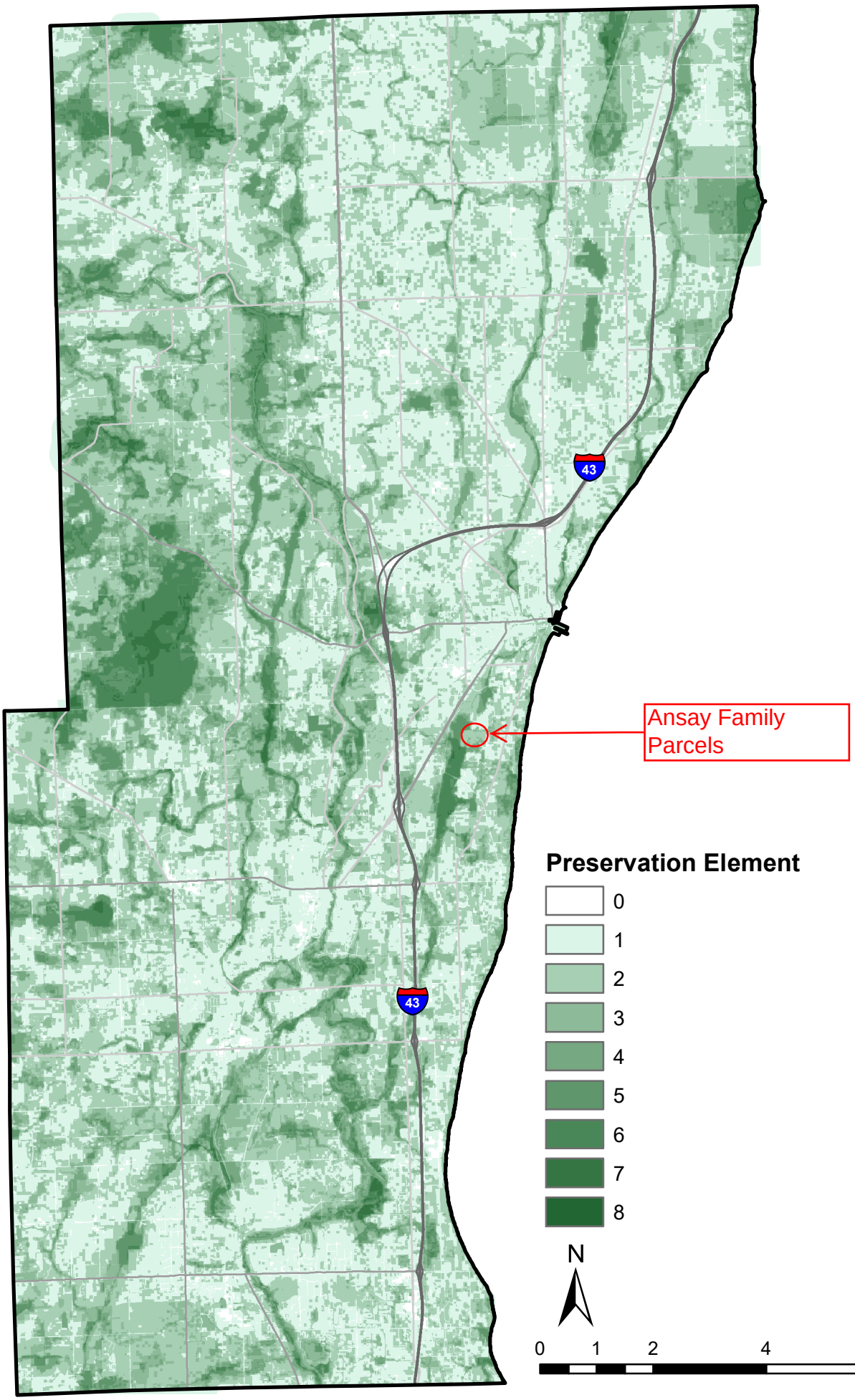
1. Signage at property entrance, walking/hiking trails, and additions as needed when future subdivisions connect to the trails.
2. Picnic Shelter(s)/Bathrooms/Visitor Center.
3. Park road and adequate parking.

Requirements of land holder / owner:

1. Conservation Easement in perpetuity to be held by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD).
2. $100,000 administrative fee upon transfer of property and granting of conservation easement.
3. Commitment to deliver on schedule of agreed upon list of land improvements.
4. Maintenance plan including commitment to keep the property in pristine condition.
5. Educational component with potential connection to local school groups.
6. Ansay family approval for naming, development plan, fundraising, and sponsorships.
7. Land holder / Owner to receive $100,000 towards the development of the land improvements.

Attachment: P&P_Dept_Ansay Vision For Future 9.24.24

Preservation Element - Ecological Prioritization GIS Tool



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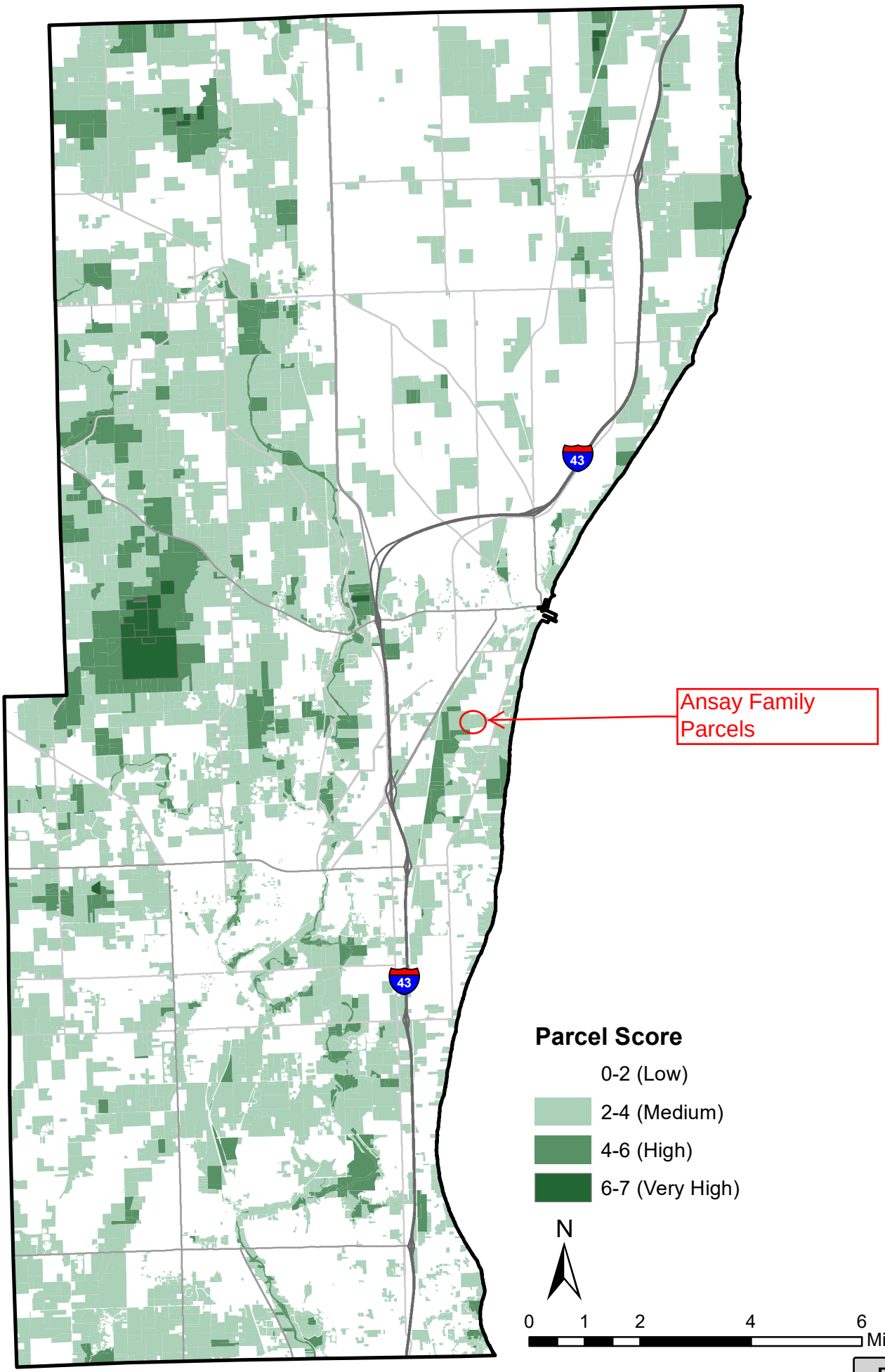
Preservation Score - Parcels



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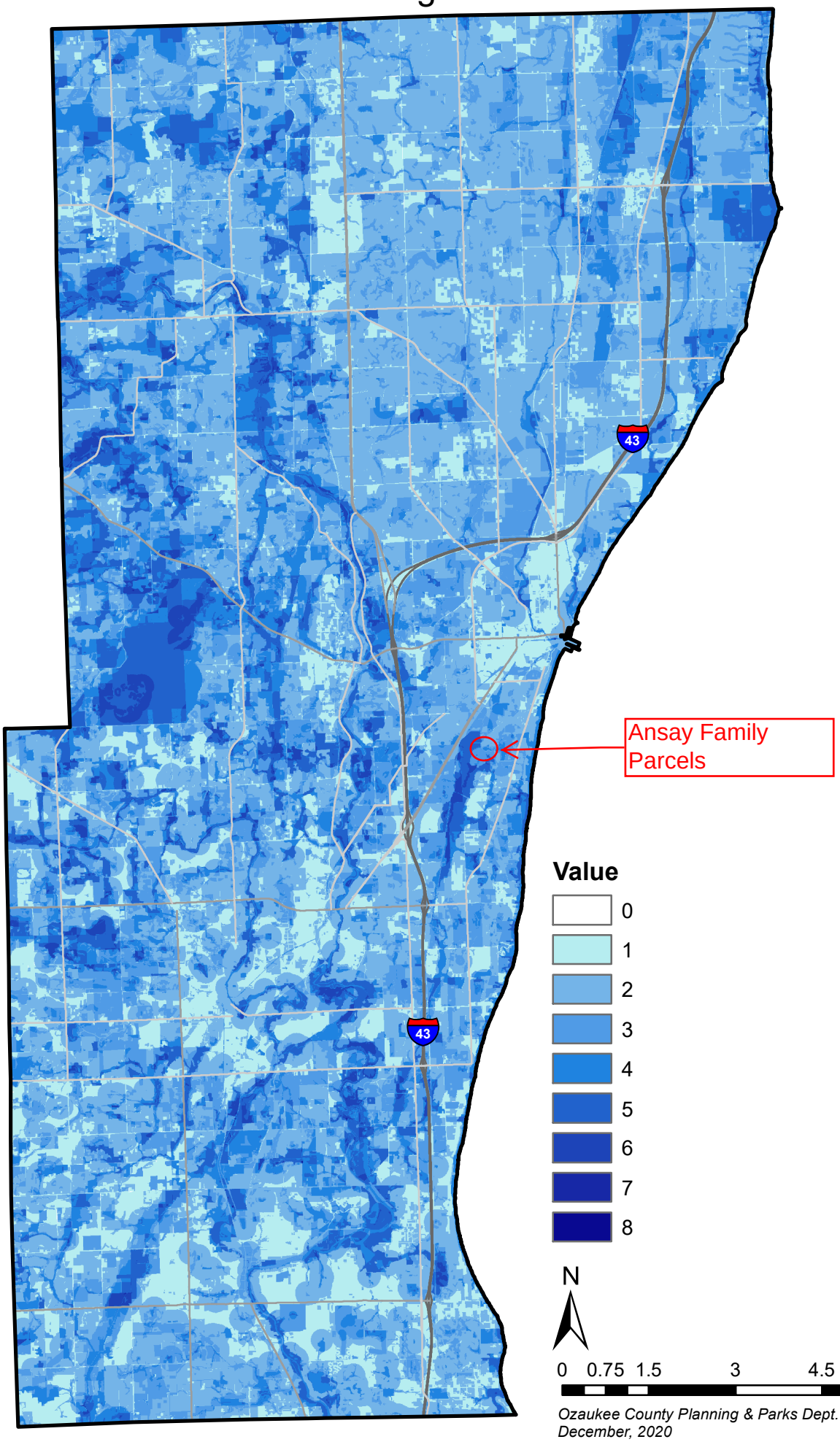
Restoration Element -
Refinement Including Preservation Element as Factor



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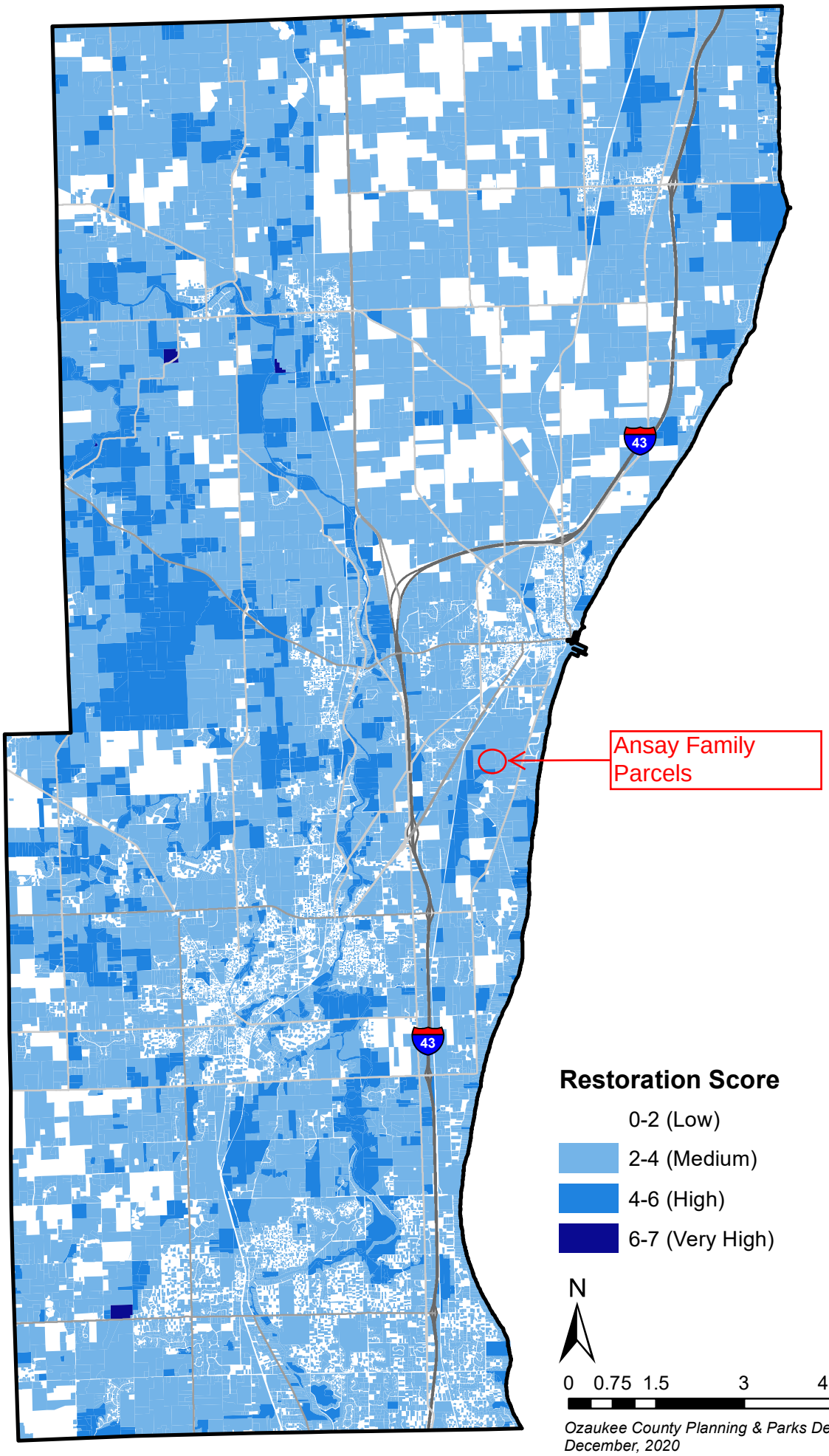

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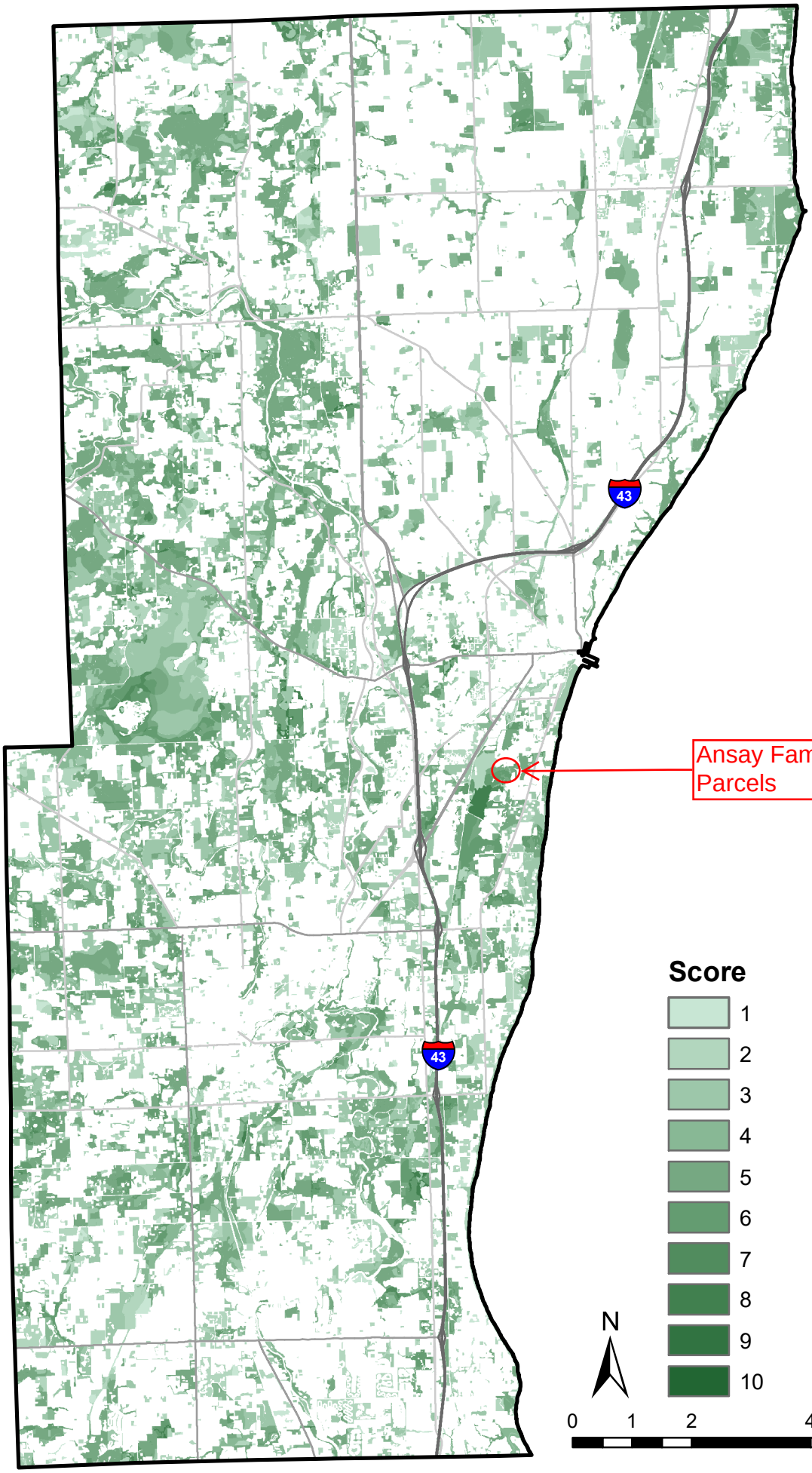
Fish and Wildlife Habitat (Habitat Quality Index Model)



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PLANNING & PARKS DEPARTMENT

Andrew T. Struck, Director
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September 24, 2024

To Our Stonecroft Area Neighbors:

The Ansay family is delighted to announce the donation of two contiguous vacant parcels of land containing approximately ninety-six (96) acres located west of the current Stonecroft development to Ozaukee County to be held in perpetuity as a nature preserve. The intent is to provide a peaceful natural area designed for passive recreational use with activities such as hiking, birding, fishing, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, etc. Property improvements contemplated include items such as walking/hiking trails, boardwalks, piers, picnic shelter(s), visitor center/bathrooms, a park road and adequate parking.

Following County Board approval of the transfer, the property will be incorporated into the Ozaukee County Park System, ensuring it is available as a safe and fun location for young and old alike, especially for families. The property adjoins the headwaters of Ulao Creek including natural sanctuary areas (e.g. Ulao Swamp Natural Area), providing an opportunity to study the environment and helping secure and protect these sensitive lands for future generations. The donation agreement will include a permanent conservation easement recorded on the deed to ensure that only the conditions and improvements specified in the transfer can occur.

The County's Natural Resources Committee will consider the transfer agreement and enabling resolution in the near term, details of which can be found on the County's website at: https://www.ozaukeecounty.gov/743/Natural-Resources-Committee. The Committee will forward a recommendation to the full County Board for their review and consideration, in November or December 2024. https://www.ozaukeecounty.gov/701/County-Board

Feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any questions about the transfer. We are excited to move forward with this donation to preserve the property for future generations.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew Struck
Director
Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department

Thomas W Meaux
Senior Advisor Ansay Family
Past President Ansay Holdings LLC

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Natural Resources Committee

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: **October 1, 2024**
DEPARTMENT: **Planning and Parks**
DIRECTOR: **Andrew Struck**
PREPARER: **Andrew Struck**

Agenda Summary Planning & Parks Department Management and Financial Reports

ATTACHMENTS:

- P&PDEPT_MGMTREPORT_NRC100124_SEPT2024_FINAL_ATS092424 (PDF)
- CommRpt2024, downloaded 9.24.2024 (PDF)
- Summary of Parks Reservations August 2024 (PDF)
- Golf Courses Daily Revenue 2024 August Report (PDF)
- Article Packet AUG_SEPT (PDF)

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

GOLF COURSES

GOLF COURSES — MEE-KWON PARK AND HAWTHORNE HILLS

- Sept (thru Sept 18th) revenue and rounds: $273,483.68 and 7,152 rounds (2024) and $253,336.14 and 6,802 rounds (2023) for both MKGC & HHGC. Summary of 2024 total revenue (YTD) $2,508,290.45 and 68,037 rounds ($36.87/ person) & 2023 total revenue (YTD) $2,536,418.91 and 70,340 rounds ($36.06/person). September 2024 had an increase in rounds and revenue through the 18th. Up 350 rounds and $20,147.54 and YTD down 2,303 rounds and $28,128.46.
- GC Maintenance staff have continued work on ash tree/invasive species removals and tree planting under the USFS grants, particularly at MKGC near the Clubhouse and HHGC near the Clubhouse & Maintenance Building. Tree planting & ash tree removals will continue in 2024. GC Maintenance has been busy working on irrigation leaks at HHGC and MKGC.

ECOLOGICAL DIVISION

BIRD CONSERVATION / BIRD CITY WISCONSIN

Ozaukee County was awarded "High Flyer" status for its Bird City Wisconsin (BCW) renewal in 2024. 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 34 communities to accomplish this highest level out of 80 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 LMBO for installation at the LMRFWP. Coordinated on Kestrel Box research/monitoring and w/ LMBO for Oakland Green.

FISH PASSAGE PROGRAM / ECOLGOICAL

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 and Federal, State and local permitting. Contract management and site visits for finalizing engineering and design work for culvert replacements or remediation work on Tendick Creek in the T Saukville, Sucker Brook Creek in T Port Washington, and Silver Beach Creek in the T Belgium.

Habitat Improvement Projects: Project closeout w/ WDNR & Milwaukee County for aquatic habitat inventories, assessments, & engineering and design support (including an RFP for E&D) for aquatic habitat restoration activities on the Little Menomonee River in Milwaukee County. Continued restoration (e.g. Prairie planting and management at Oakland Green Park) and ongoing permitting for stream and wetland restoration work on Tendick Creek/Park. Coordinated with HWY, the Village of Saukville, engineers, funding partners and landowners for land acquisitions and planning for habitat restoration in conjunction with the CTH W rehabilitation project in the Village of Saukville. Ongoing Lake Sturgeon habitat assessment work in coordination with WDNR and UW-Milwaukee. On-going planning with partners for Sucker Creek restoration work. Coordinated w/ consultant (Inter-Fluve) and UCP on ongoing habitat enhancements at Ulao Creek. Coordination w/ City of Port Washington on planned habitat improvements on Mineral Springs Creek & Sauk Creek. Engineering & design RFP development and project planning for Mineral Springs Corridor Resiliency, Virmond Park stormwater wetland & CBCGNP restoration projects.

Environmental Monitoring: Continued analysis & reporting of fish, avian, wildlife, and water quality sampling data per QAPPs. Supplies and materials acquisition, project planning and continued implementation of 2024 monitoring activities. Water quality sampling analysis for the Little Menomonee River/Creek and Ulao & Mole Creeks. WQ sampling at LMR/LMC (9/30-10/1) and Ulao and Mole (). Coordinated w/ SEWRPC for flow monitoring on Sucker Creek. Monitoring of flow and temperature units. Continued water quality monitoring analysis as part of WDNR AOC LMR & SW Grants. Ongoing monitoring/analysis of the underwater "fish cam" at MT Fishway. Continued larval & backpack electrofishing fish monitoring data analysis and reporting on project streams. QAPP development and approval for upcoming 2024 projects (e.g., Tendick Creek stream and wetland restoration). Coord. w/ Shedd Aquarium on Sucker fisheries monitoring on Sucker Creek.

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 w/ LMBO, Lake Michigan public access, wetland restorations, chimney swift tower at Virmond County Park & Tendick Nature Park wetland and prairie restoration. Research of applicable bluff safety signage, brochures and ordinances. Website updates. Hosted Treasures of Oz event sites at Virmond County Park and Covered Bridge County Park (9/21). Hosted a Tour of CBCGNP with donors and elected officials (9/9).

Reporting and Other Activities: On-going grant (financial & technical) reporting for USFWS, USFS, NOAA/WCMP, NFWF SOGL, WDNR (Stewardship, SWM, CCA, OGW), SEWISC & FFLM. Submitted multiple grant applications. QAPP & NEPA submittals & approvals for federal & state funded projects. Coordinated w/ AmeriCorps NCCC, WisCorps, & MCSC on 2024 work. Coordinated w/GLE regarding the GIS Fish & Wildlife Habitat Tool contracts. Coordinated w/ partners (MMSD, Riverkeeper, SEWRPC) on water quality monitoring. Coordinated w/ LMBO, CPort Washington, We-Energies, HWY & WDNR regarding stream corridor restoration on Mineral Springs Creek. Coordinated w/ OCWC, consultants, & landowners on stream & habitat restoration planning for Sucker Creek in Towns of Port Washington & Belgium (). Coord. w/ WDNR MR AOC & 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 (), Fish & Wildlife Tech Team (), & Project Managers (). Coordinate w/ Hwy, landowners & consultant on CTH W Project. Coordinated w/ Interfluve, raSmith & Fish Creek Restoration consultants on FP & habitat restoration projects (). Coordinated w/ WDNR Fisheries on grant funding for current & future projects. Coordinate w/ LMBO Re: MSC restoration & educational signage. Mtgs w/ Sugar Maple Nature School Re: Development (9/5, 9/10, 9/13, 9/17, 9/20, 9/27). Coordinate w/ SEWRPC Re: LMPN grant, inland lake surveys () and Sucker Creek flow monitoring units in Sucker Creek. Monitor acoustic monitors for herps and birds at LMRFWP. Coord w/ HWY on 2024 Parks & Ecological Division projects. Coordinated w/ partners (UW–Madison Geoscience Dept, WI Geologic & Natural History Survey, US Geological Survey) on coastal bluff erosion & groundwater monitoring well issues. SWWT Finance and Board Mtg (9/10). Hosted NRF biking and birding field trip along OIT (9/13) - 15 people. Attend Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Mtg in Port Washington (9/19). Participate in UW Sea Grant Interviews for Coastal Resiliency Outreach Specialist to serve SE WI (9/20).

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, CBCGNP, Hawthorne Hills, River Oaks, Ulao Creek NP & Virmond Parks under private foundation grants. Continued work on private foundation grants for native tree planting and invasive management in the County Park System. Continued planning for ROW Invasive Species Treatment and coordinated w/ HWY on implementation. Coordinated on 3 USFS grants w/ Partners (HH Park & Coastal Parks Project Areas) for tree planting and Corps Team assistance.

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

- Attend NRC (9/5), CB (9/4), CPB (9/18). Dept 2025 budget, goals & engagement.
- Managing staff teleworking/remote working and parks & golf course operations. Worked on metric reporting & website statistics.

PLANNING & PARKS DEPARTMENT

CURRENT PROJECTS & REPORT UPDATES

SEPTEMBER 2024

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide opportunities for Ozaukee County residents and visitors 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, cultural resources, multi-use trails and parks.

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

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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, Cedarburg & Saukville, Villages of Grafton, Belgium & Newburg & Cities of Port Washington & Mequon). Coordinated w/ SEWRPC on County Comp Plan amendment regarding local governments.
- Coordinated w/Town of Saukville, Town & Village of Belgium and Village of Fredonia 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.
- Continued to staff the Comprehensive Planning Board meetings (9/18) (regular schedule—every other month). Meeting agendas and minutes at https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/2107/Comprehensive-Plan-Board

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: Pinnacle property—communications tower, Highway properties—nonmetallic mining, Advocates of Ozaukee—building expansion, Hawthorne Hills County Park—Pioneer Village windmill structure and SMNS Buildings and Grafton (CTH V/W) Park & Ride—County ownership. Revision to County-owned Lands Zoning Ordinance (P-1 district)

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, chapters and on-site surveys. Coordinate with the Comprehensive Planning Board - POSP Chapters including plan recommendations and SWOT.
- Discussed recommendations of the POSP with residents, WDNR, MMSD/Conservation Fund, OWLT, 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-TSaukville, Waubedonia-TFredonia, LDGNP/CBCGNP Project Area—TGrafton)
- Coordinated with the Conservation Fund/MMSD on the expanded Greenseams Program (CTH W, Etc.). 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 (9/6), LNRP (), DU, OTN, LMBO, WAC) to discuss natural area preservation/restoration.
- Revising final drafts of three County Park Master Plans including Virmond, Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve (LDGNP) and Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve (CBCGNP). Updating ALL Park Master Plan (GIS) maps w/ Staff. Follow-up on the CBCGNP overall master planning and future restoration. Summarized POSP Public Info Mtgs, SWOT and prepared draft Chapters including County Project Areas and Exec Summary.
- Coordinated with WDNR staff on Stewardship grant requirements and recent WDNR Stewardship Grants.

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 and other partners) on implementation of the Cedar, Pigeon, Mole and Ulao Watershed 9 Key Element Plan per FPP (e.g. Tendick Creek floodplain and wetland restoration per grants).
- 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. Continued work on Fisheries/Herps 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 Division 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 (trails, land use), JEM Grant (GIS Storybook OIT), & legal descriptions.
- Coordination w/ LWMD on an update to the County Shoreland (& Floodplain) Zoning Maps and Stream layer.

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 projects (e.g. MSC, Sucker & Tendick Creeks), Parks (e.g. MK and Virmond stormwater wetlands, HH Park SMNS Bldg., Well & Septic) & Ozaukee Interurban Trail projects with USACOE, WisDOT, WDNR, LWMD, consultants, & municipalities (e.g. Town of Saukville, City of Mequon).
- Coordinate w/ WCMP State Coastal Hazards WG regarding Virmond Park, LDGNP, CBCGNP & other projects. Coordinate w/ UW Sea Grant/WGNHS on outreach for Lake Michigan water levels and bluff erosion/climate change & Outreach Interviews. Coordinated WCMP Coastal Resilience Project (e.g. predicting bluff erosion and water study—Virmond Park, Master Plans—CBCGNP, Virmond, LDGNP) & follow-up CHWG.

Strategic Planning and Economic Development Planning

- Coordinated w/ Chambers of Commerce, State & County Tourism on a 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. Follow-up on Strategic Plan Session w/ County Board. Worked on comprehensive SWOT document with CPB.

Non-metallic Mining Planning

- Coordinated w/ the Highway Dept on the implementation of the restoration plan (e.g. tree estab 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 & 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.

PARKS, RECREATON, NATURAL AREAS AND CULTURE DIVISION

Parks, Natural Areas, Recreation and Culture Implementation

- Implementation of 2024 park projects (e.g. boardwalks and bridges) & approved Capital Improvement Projec (CIP) for the County parks (e.g., Maintenance Bldg., Cameras, Security Gates, Campground). Coordinated HWY on other Park (e.g., HH Park paving), Fish Passage (Tendick, Sucker & Mineral Springs Creeks) and kee Interurban Trail (e.g., tree/brush removal, signage, patches) projects & CTH ROW Invasives. Coordinat Highway Re: 2024 Projects (Park, Ecological/FP) & CTH W E&D, reconstruction, restoration, land acquisitio
- Coordinated w/ Eagle Scouts for current/future service projects at County Parks and Interurban Trail (e.g. Fe ing /Portable Bathroom Shelter—LMRFWP, Invasives—HH Park, Kayak/Canoe Launch—River Oaks).
- Coordinated/continued intensive invasive species removal (e.g. herbaceous & woody shrubs), ash tree remc and 2024 tree plantings at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve, CBCGNP, Virmond, Mee-Kwon, Hawthorne H LMRFWP, Waubedonia, Covered Bridge, Ulao Creek NP and Tendick Nature Parks, Coastal & HH Park Prc Areas (USFS grants) & both Golf Courses under private foundation and USFS GLRI grants. Continued inve of invasive species, tree plantings, and ash trees in the County Parks.
- Coordinated w/ several recreational organizations regarding the Mee-Kwon County Park master plan. Work on signage/maps/trail marking for the pedestrian trail network. Working on NRF grant to improve trail syster
- Coordinated with the Parks staff on the remodeling and repair of the Shady Lane, Mee-Kwon, Waubedonia a Virmond Park Houses (soffits, paint), out buildings (e.g. woodshop) and yard (e.g., invasives, trees) and the Park Multipurpose Maintenance Building (upper level—flooring, kitchen, cabinets, painting, etc.).
- 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 Count Watershed Coalition (OCWC) regarding Sucker Creek. Discussed development of Parks Friends Group. Tı ures of Oz was on Sat, 9/21 and featured Covered Bridge & Virmond County Parks, over 65 visitors at each
- Managed prairie restoration areas at Tendick, LMRFWP, Covered Bridge, Virmond County Parks, Oakland Green Park/MSC (Received 2024 NACPRO Award), MK Park Wetlands and HH Park Multipurpose Bldg.
- 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 plantin
- Coordinated with Partners regarding the Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve. Continued coordination partners (OWLT, WDNR, WCMP, USFS & USFWS) Re: habitat restoration & public access. Provided a tour
- Coordinated w/ WCMP Coastal Hazards Work Group, contractor, City and WCMP staff on the public access stairway to Lake Michigan at Virmond Park. Received 2023 NACPRO Park & Rec Facility—Class I Award.
- Coordinated w/ Parks Division staff on multiple items (e.g. reservations, signage, benches, gates, ash trees, Park Maint. Bldg., camping, boardwalks, etc.), scheduling w/ Corps (AmeriCorps & WisCorps) and tree plant
- Coordinated w/ Architect (Kueny) & Contractors for Hawthorne Hills Multipurpose Maintenance Bldg. ().
- Coordinated w/ Highway and Grafton & Mequon FDs regarding access/parking at LDGNP and Virmond Park
- Coordination w/ UW Madison Landscape Architecture Student on Final Report/Design for HH Park Campgrc
- Managed New Prairie Seeding (~10 acres) at HH Park and HHGC.

Coordination with Cultural, Tourism & Recreation Groups

- Coordinated/Mtg w/ Ozaukee County Tourism Council (OCTC) Board ()) & Exec Mtgs (9/17). Continued wor Tourism & Trail websites, Guide, maps & events. Continued assist w/ OCTC Treasurer duties Re: 2025 buc Coordination w/OCHS Re: Caretaker, agreement, tree removal, well monitoring, zoning, WiFi, and 2024 eve

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. tree re als), RTC grant-Port Washington Trail Improvement Project—design & engineering, Coordinate w/ Route of Badger (ROTB) on Regional Quarterly Mtg., coordination w/ communities (Grafton, Mequon, Cedarburg, Po Washington) & professionals on OIT rules and improvements. Development of Trail gateway signage. Coo ed w/ WisDOT on trail extension in the Grafton/Cedarburg along STH 60. Coordinate on WisDOT TAP gran
- Coordinated w/ We Energies on development of trailside facilities in several locations along the Trail (e.g. re stations, signage, bike racks, benches, trees), trail connections (encroachments) and electrical improvemen
- Continued to conduct Trail user counts and analyze correlations with other survey data. Maintained the cou
- Coordinated w/ the Ozaukee Snowmobile Clubs on the existing and new (2024-25) Trail Maintenance and T Bridge Grants under the WDNR Trail Recreational Aids Grants. Coordinated and managed the SNARS dat and GIS mapping for snowmobile trail maintenance with the Clubs and sent out payments to Clubs.
- Coordination w/ V Grafton, C Mequon, C Port, C Cedarburg, and V Thiensville staff regarding trailside facilit 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. Coord. w/ T Grafton, C Cedarburg, V Grafton & T Ceda
- Follow-up Trail paving of county-managed portion of OIT. Begin work w/ engineering Repaving Projects), (). Coord. w/WisDOT on OIT Projects including ROW, Environ, TAP Grants, etc.

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Ozaukee County Committee Report
General Fund Park Commission
For the Eight Months Ending Saturday, August 31, 2024
Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

	Current Month Actual	2024 YTD Actual	2024 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	-	$34,140	$34,140	0.00%
Public Charges for Services	$5,929	$52,831	$75,125	$22,294	70.32%
Interest Revenue	$39	$197	-	($197)	0.00%
Other Revenue	$269	$21,599	$125,900	$104,301	17.16%
Total Revenues	$6,237	$74,627	$235,165	$160,538	31.73%
Expenditures					
Salaries	$66,551	$388,860	$648,043	$259,183	60.01%
Fringe Benefits	$17,026	$121,005	$205,808	$84,803	58.80%
Travel/Training	$392	$4,047	$7,750	$3,703	52.22%
Supplies	$13,117	$83,934	$140,900	$56,966	59.57%
Purchased Services	$12,497	$101,835	$263,400	$161,565	38.66%
Interdepartment Charges	$3,604	$99,872	$176,944	$77,072	56.44%
Other Expenses	$6,006	$41,905	$18,942	($22,963)	221.23%
Total Operating Expenditures	$119,193	$841,458	$1,461,787	$620,329	57.56%
Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	$119,193	$841,458	$1,461,787	$620,329	57.56%
Other Finance (Sources)	-	-	($85,000)	($85,000)	0.00%
Net Other Financing Sources/Uses	-	-	($85,000)	($85,000)	0.00%
Net Increase (Decrease)	($112,956)	($766,831)	($1,141,622)	($374,791)	67.17%

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Ozaukee County Committee Report
Special Revenue Fund Parks Projects
For the Eight Months Ending Saturday, August 31, 2024
Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

	Current Month Actual	2024 YTD Actual	2024 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Intergovernmental Revenues	$123,500	$125,283	$299,275	$173,992	41.86%
Other Revenue	$250	$17,367	$24,500	$7,133	70.89%
Total Revenues	$123,750	$142,650	$323,775	$181,125	44.06%
Expenditures					
Salaries	$7,113	$40,914	$102,348	$61,434	39.98%
Fringe Benefits	$1,557	$10,883	$26,394	$15,511	41.23%
Travel/Training	-	$811	-	($811)	0.00%
Supplies	$8,416	$74,759	$8,500	($66,259)	879.52%
Purchased Services	-	$35,554	$11,000	($24,554)	323.22%
Interdepartment Charges	-	$35,969	$5,000	($30,969)	719.38%
Total Operating Expenditures	$17,086	$198,890	$153,242	($45,648)	129.79%
Capital Outlay					
Buildings & Land	-	$25,138	$200,000	$174,862	12.57%
Total Capital Outlay	-	$25,138	$200,000	$174,862	12.57%
Total Expenditures	$17,086	$224,028	$353,242	$129,214	63.42%
Net Increase (Decrease)	$106,664	($81,378)	($29,467)	$51,911	276.17%
E q u i t y:					
Governmental Fund Balance	-	($236,353)	-	$236,353	0.00%

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Ozaukee County Committee Report
Special Revenue Fund Ozaukee Water Projects
For the Eight Months Ending Saturday, August 31, 2024
Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

	Current Month Actual	2024 YTD Actual	2024 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	$24,652	($3,143,554)	($3,168,206)	-0.78%
Other Revenue	-	$34,000	$326,455	$292,455	10.41%
Total Revenues	-	$58,652	($2,817,099)	($2,875,751)	-2.08%
Expenditures					
Salaries	$18,553	$107,619	$705,218	$597,599	15.26%
Fringe Benefits	$6,133	$45,017	$81,769	$36,752	55.05%
Travel/Training	-	$5,047	$3,747	($1,300)	134.69%
Supplies	$1,947	$3,981	$131,500	$127,519	3.03%
Purchased Services	$4,660	$11,103	$186,000	$174,897	5.97%
Interdepartment Charges	-	$1,025	$2,515,000	$2,513,975	0.04%
Total Operating Expenditures	$31,293	$173,792	$3,623,234	$3,449,442	4.80%
Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	$31,293	$173,792	$3,623,234	$3,449,442	4.80%
Net Increase (Decrease)	($31,293)	($115,140)	($6,440,333)	($6,325,193)	1.79%
E q u i t y:					
Governmental Fund Balance	-	($140,050)	-	$140,050	0.00%

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Ozaukee County Committee Report
Enterprise Fund Golf Courses
For the Eight Months Ending Saturday, August 31, 2024
Profit and Loss Statement ACTUAL TO AMENDED BUDGET

	Current Month Actual	2024 YTD Actual	2024 Amended Budget	Budget Balance	% Budget YTD
Revenues					
Public Charges for Services	$498,421	$2,101,281	$2,179,800	$78,519	96.40%
Other Revenue	$5,078	$45,815	$12,800	($33,015)	357.93%
Total Revenues	$503,499	$2,147,096	$2,192,600	$45,504	97.92%
Expenditures					
Salaries	$181,996	$680,147	$825,658	$145,511	82.38%
Fringe Benefits	$31,032	$191,217	$263,555	$72,338	72.55%
Travel/Training	$918	$7,010	$12,650	$5,640	55.42%
Supplies	$31,850	$246,509	$348,050	$101,541	70.83%
Purchased Services	$27,625	$152,264	$188,350	$36,086	80.84%
Interdepartment Charges	$3,728	$30,225	$59,198	$28,973	51.06%
Depreciation	$24,949	$199,592	$305,350	$105,758	65.36%
Other Expenses	$16,626	$34,482	$103,789	$69,307	33.22%
Total Operating Expenditures	$318,724	$1,541,446	$2,106,600	$565,154	73.17%
Capital Outlay					
Equipment & Furniture	-	$115,250	$370,000	$254,750	31.15%
Buildings & Land	-	$101,662	$1,140,000	$1,038,338	8.92%
Contra	-	-	($1,510,000)	($1,510,000)	0.00%
Total Capital Outlay	-	$216,912	-	($216,912)	0.00%
Total Expenditures	$318,724	$1,758,358	$2,106,600	$348,242	83.47%
Other Finance Uses	-	-	$86,000	$86,000	0.00%
Net Other Financing Sources/Uses	-	-	$86,000	$86,000	0.00%
Net Increase (Decrease)	$184,775	$388,738	-	($388,738)	0.00%
E q u i t y:					
Retained Earnings	-	($1,642,631)	-	$1,642,631	0.00%

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OZAUKEE COUNTY PLANNING & PARKS

Parks Division

Summary of Parks Revenue

August 2024

Location	Fees for Events in August 2024 Cur Mo	Fees for Events in August 2024 YTD	Revenue Collected During August 2024 Cur Mo	Revenue Collected During August 2024 YTD
Covered Bridge	525.03	1,830.07	375.00	2,304.30
Ehlers	-	35.55	-	37.50
Hawthorne Hills	-	-	-	-
HH Peters Youth Camp	1,007.50	4,916.71	372.90	7,278.80
Ozaukee I.U. Trail	-	-	-	110.00
Lions Den Gorge	789.23	1,953.53	55.00	1,957.98
Mee-Kwon	-	-	-	-
Tendick Nature	430.63	5,264.38	584.52	8,368.09
Virmond	1,480.05	5,373.70	223.16	5,787.04
Waubedonia	6,550.30	24,528.53	4,318.69	25,886.99
Totals:	10,782.74	43,902.47	5,929.27	51,730.70

Historic Comparison

Location	Fees for Events in August 2022	Fees for Events in August 2023	Fees for Events in August 2024	Fees for Events in August YTD 2022	Fees for Events in August YTD 2023	Fees for Events in August YTD 2024
Covered Bridge	165.05	497.20	525.03	1,032.34	1,627.25	1,830.07
Ehlers	-	-	-	156.40	71.09	35.55
Hawthorne Hills	-	-	-	-	-	-
HH Peters Youth Camp	265.40	1,405.02	1,007.50	3,374.40	5,745.67	4,916.71
Ozaukee I.U. Trail	-	-	-	156.40	110.00	-
Lions Den Gorge	185.00	179.27	789.23	341.40	1,300.69	1,953.53
Mee-Kwon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tendick Nature	1,216.08	838.13	430.63	6,559.08	6,953.09	5,264.38
Virmond	1,393.22	1,807.79	1,480.05	4,827.01	4,467.91	5,373.70
Waubedonia	5,258.27	5,461.49	6,550.30	20,624.78	21,289.58	24,528.53
Total:	8,483.02	10,188.90	10,782.74	37,071.81	41,565.29	43,902.47

Fee Type	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Park Fees	2,296.96	4,624.68	4,516.84	12,296.24	15,988.98	16,373.07
Disc Golf Fees	1,073.90	617.03	170.62	5,606.17	6,091.97	4,349.34
Camping Fees	4,627.96	4,376.57	5,572.05	16,982.21	17,490.75	20,022.04
Firewood	484.22	570.62	523.22	2,187.20	1,993.60	3,158.02
Total:	8,483.04	10,188.91	10,782.73	37,071.82	41,565.30	43,902.46

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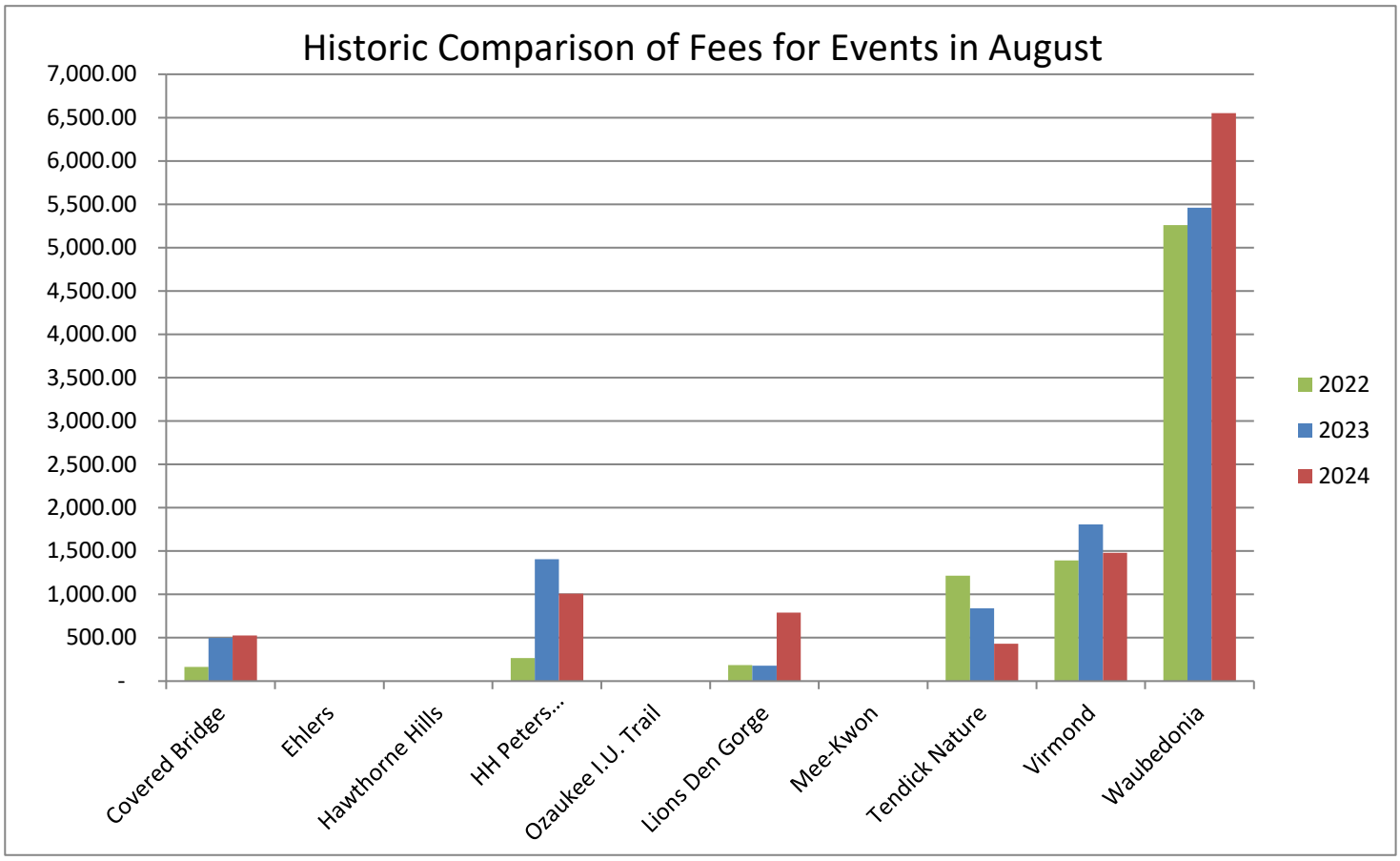

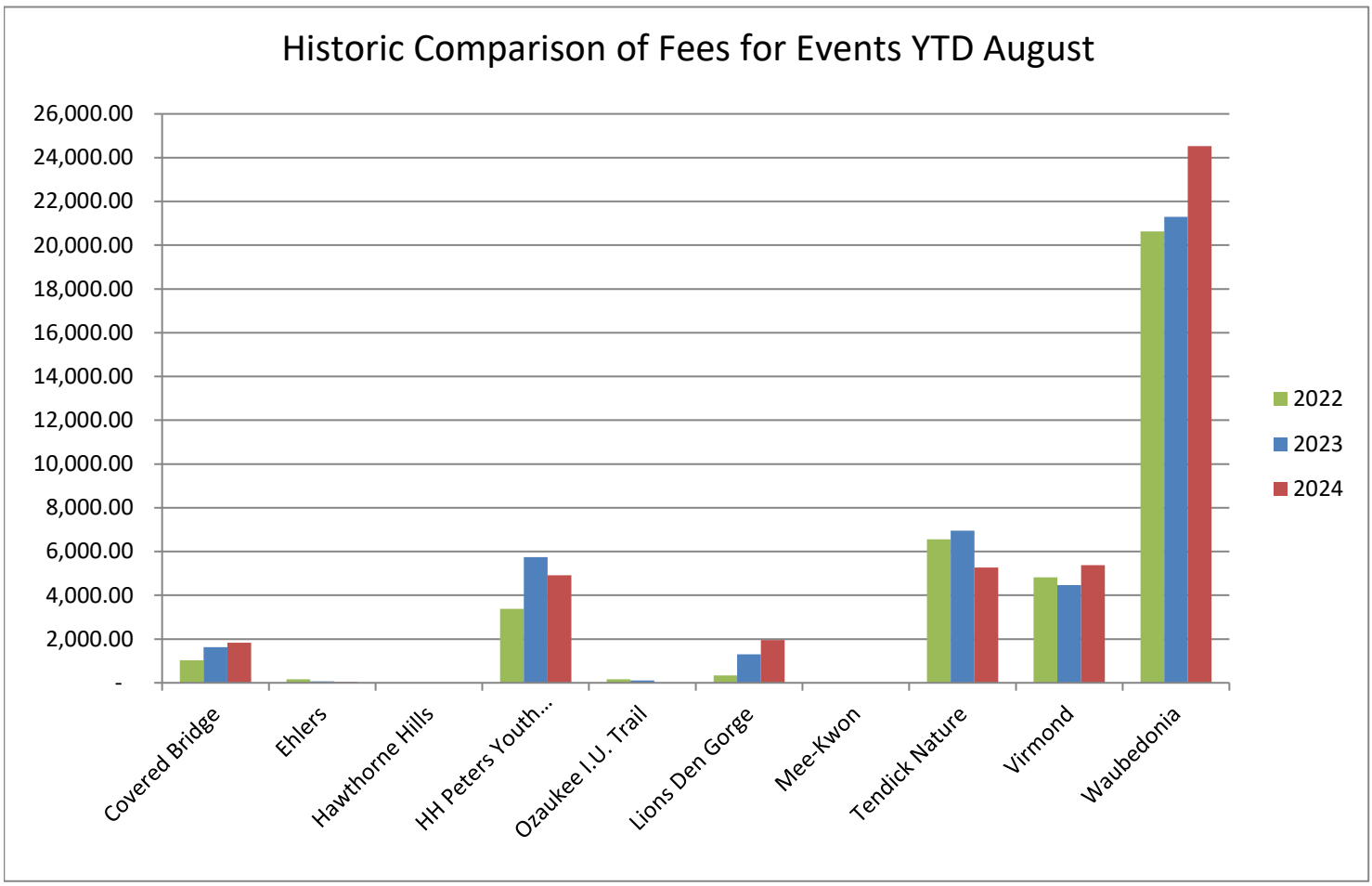

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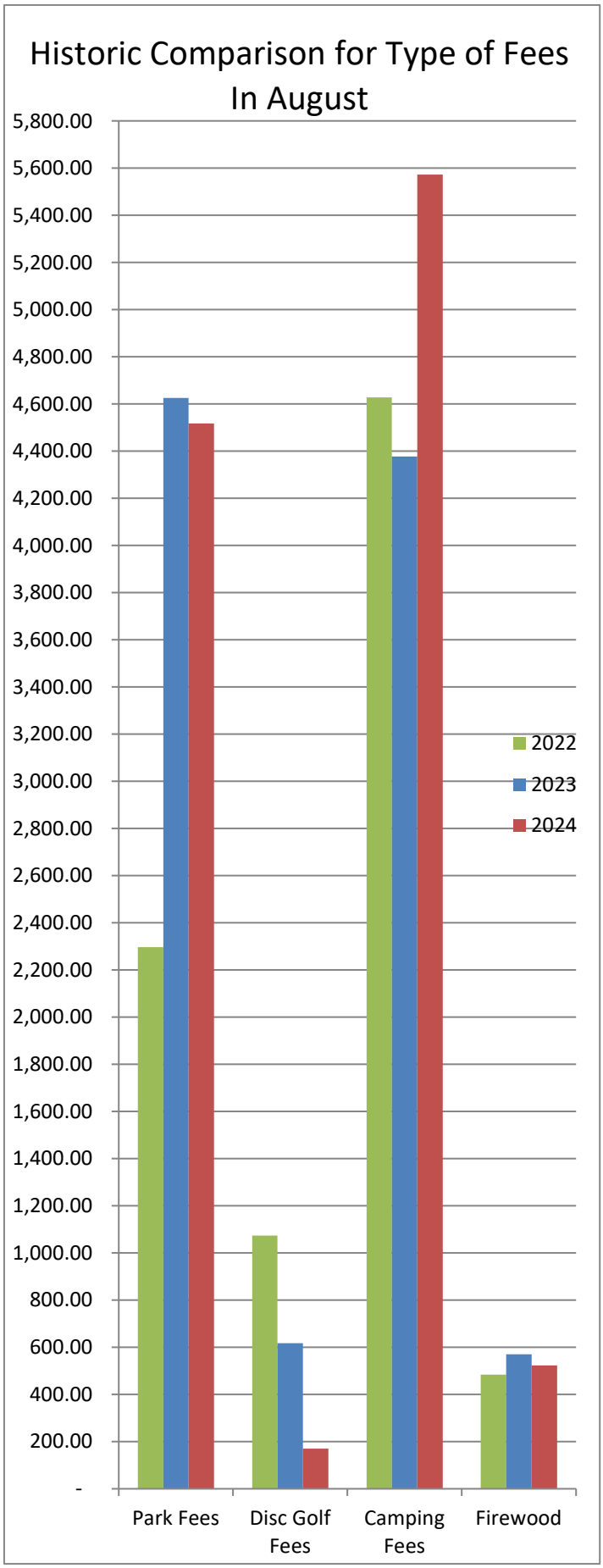

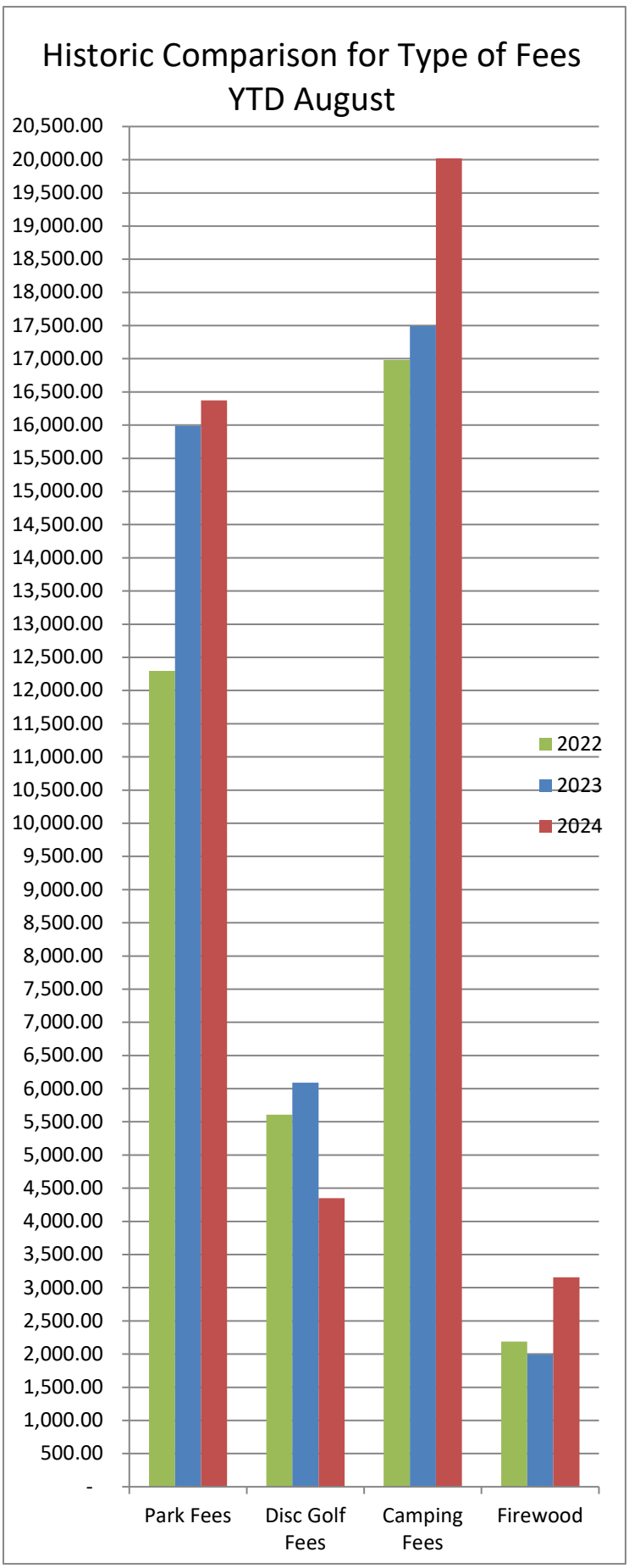

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OZAUKEE COUNTY PLANNING & PARKS
SUMMARY OF GOLF COURSE RECEIPTS
GOLF COURSE DIVISION
AUGUST 2024

	This year	Last year
Hawthorne Hills opened	3/11/2024	4/7/2023
Mee-Kwon opened	3/3/2024	4/3/2023

	Current Month				Year to Date			
	AUGUST 2024		AUGUST 2023		AUGUST 2024		AUGUST 2023	
	Golfers	Receipts	Golfers	Receipts	Golfers	Receipts	Golfers	Receipts
Hawthorne Hills	6,917	$ 246,229	7,658	$ 255,092	28,690	$ 1,001,752	30,501	$ 1,028,816
Mee-Kwon	7,476	$ 254,574	8,182	$ 267,359	32,979	$ 1,107,252	34,154	$ 1,132,115
	14,393	$ 500,802	15,840	$ 522,451	61,669	$ 2,109,004	64,655	$ 2,160,931

	Current Month		Year to Date	
Hawthorne Hills	(741)	Increase (Decrease) in Golfers	(1,811)	Increase (Decrease) in Golfers - Year to Date
	$ (8,863)	Increase (Decrease) in Receipts	$ (27,063)	Increase (Decrease) in Receipts - Year to Date
Mee-Kwon	(706)	Increase (Decrease) in Golfers	(1,175)	Increase (Decrease) in Golfers - Year to Date
	$ (12,785)	Increase (Decrease) in Receipts	$ (24,863)	Increase (Decrease) in Receipts - Year to Date
Total	(1,447)	Increase (Decrease) in Golfers	(2,986)	Increase (Decrease) in Golfers - Year to Date
	$ (21,648)	Increase (Decrease) in Receipts	$ (51,926)	Increase (Decrease) in Receipts - Year to Date

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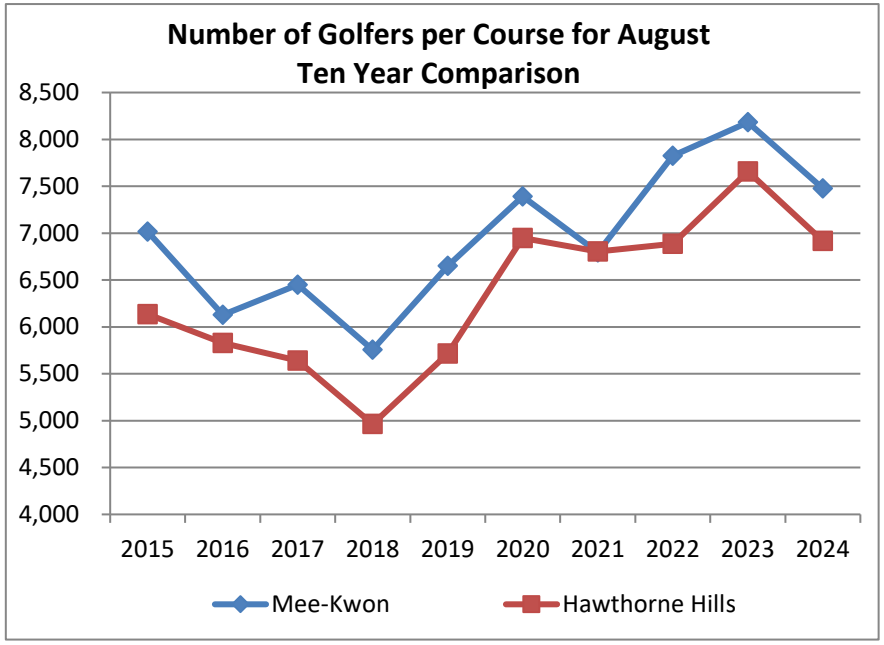

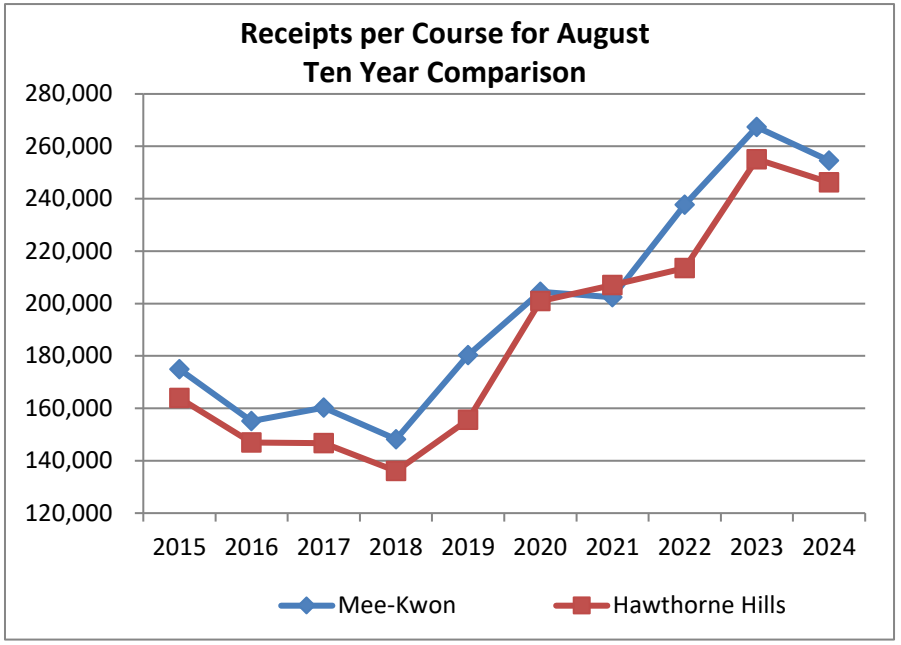

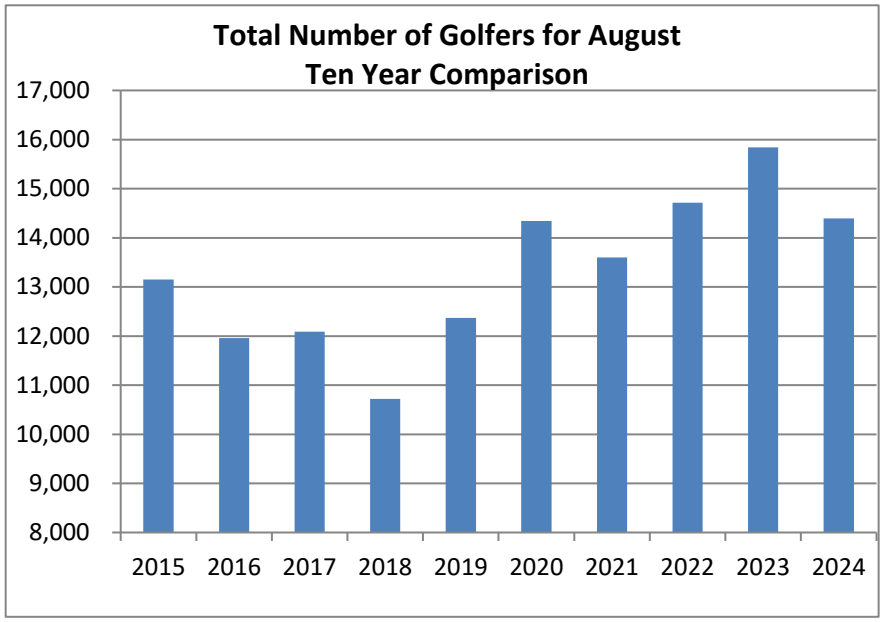

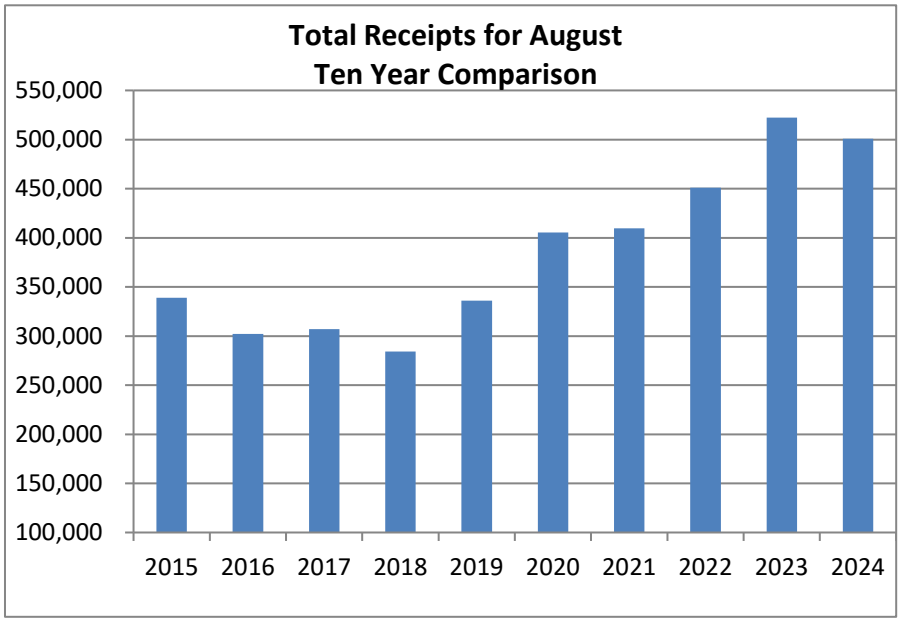

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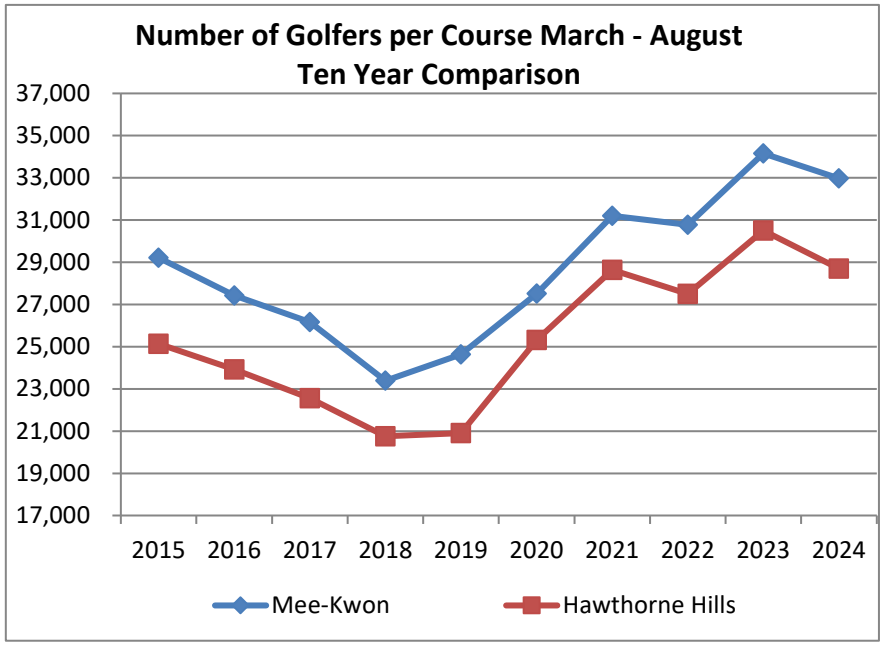

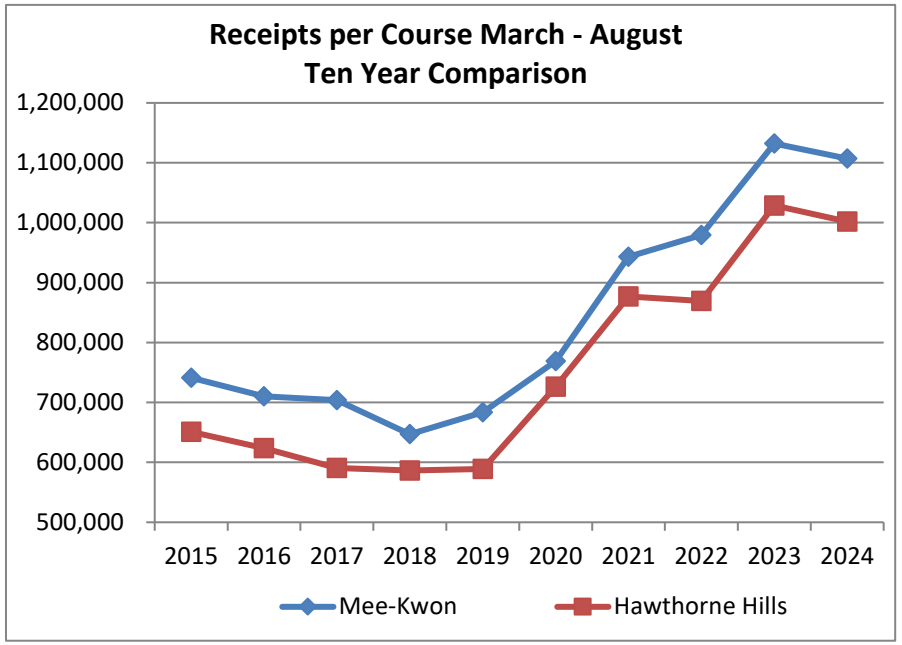

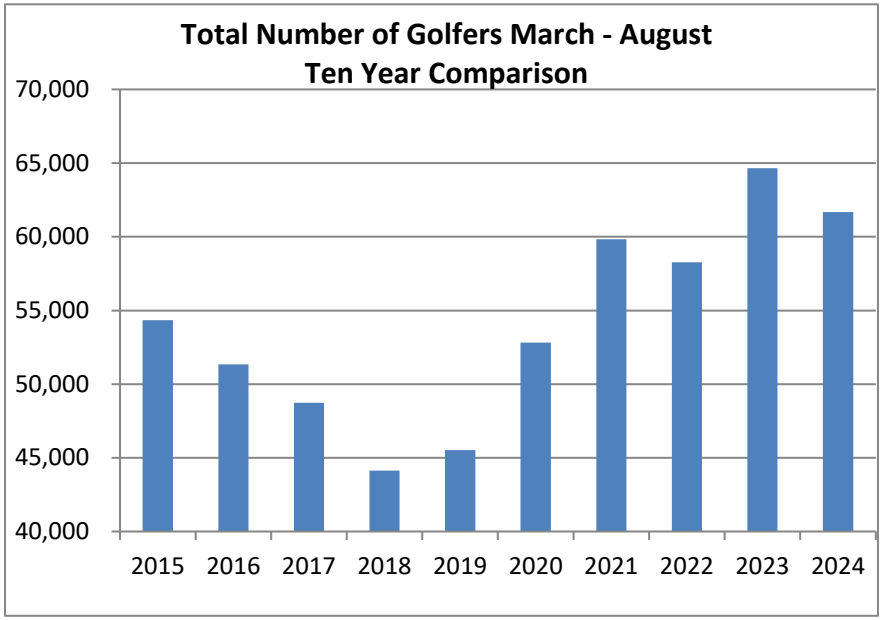

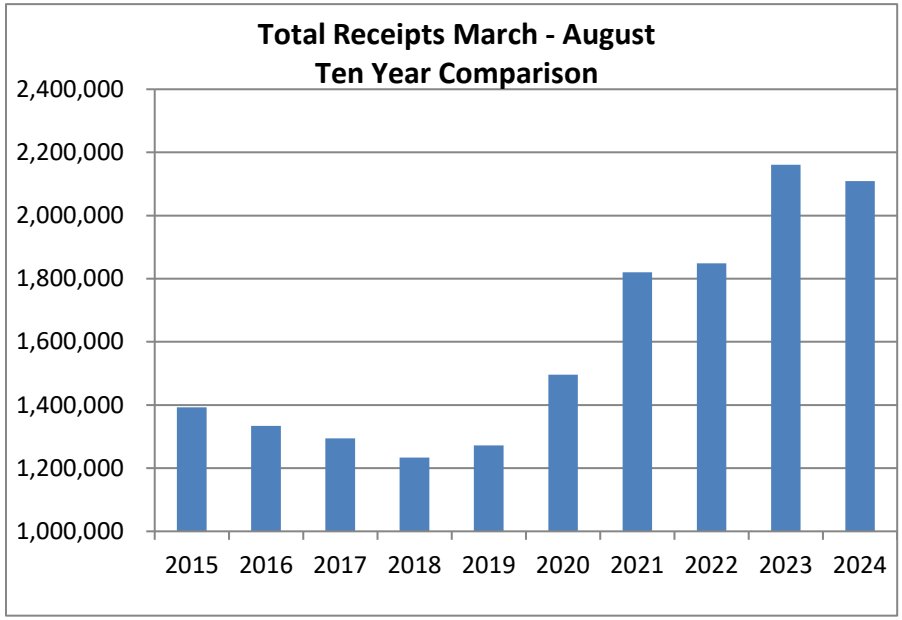

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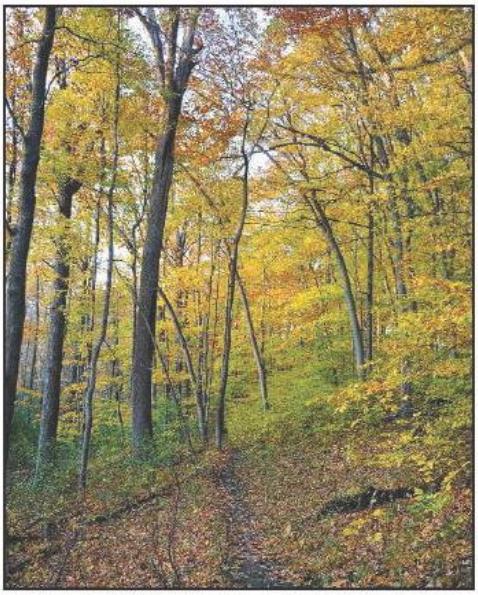
15th annual Treasures of Oz eco-tour is Saturday

By Jaime Stibor
Special to the News Graphic



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This year's Treasures of Oz eco-tour includes the Highland Woods Trail, **left**, and **above**, Virmond Park, which includes a floating staircase.

OZAUKEE COUNTY — As the autumnal equinox approaches, the public is invited to join Treasures of Oz on Saturday for its 15th annual eco-tour of Ozaukee County. This free event, organized by Ozaukee Planning and Parks and the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust aims to help people appreciate and understand the local environment.

Treasures of Oz is an opportunity to explore the natural beauty and ecological significance of Ozaukee County, said Marjie Tomter, Treasures of Oz coordinator. Participants can enjoy educational activities, tours, and talks highlighting the area's unique features and hidden gems.

From thriving nature preserves to historical landmarks, the event showcases the rich biodiversity and cultural heritage of Ozaukee County. Attending this eco-tour offers a day of outdoor adventure and valuable insights into conservation and the importance of preserving the natural landscapes here, Tomter said.

It is a great chance to connect with nature, learn from experts and become more attuned to the environment.

There are five treasure sights to explore, each offering unique experiences and insights into the natural and cultural wonders of Ozaukee County:

■ Virmond Park, the headquarters of the event. This park offers numerous tours and talks for visitors to enjoy, along with the newly completed floating staircase that leads down to a beautiful beach;

■ The Sauk Creek Nature Preserve, cherished as the first of the OWLT preserves, holds a special place in the heart of Treasures of Oz. OWLT Stewardship Director Ryan Wallin will be there to provide insights about the Land Trust, the gorgeous preserve, and all the other hidden gems of Sauk Creek;

■ Riveredge Nature Center, a 458-acre nature preserve that offers hiking trails, historical sights, a sugar shack, a visitors center and much more. The Riveredge treasure sight also showcases a beautiful prairie tour at 10 a.m. guided by naturalist Kate Redmond;

■ Highland Woods, another early OWLT preserve, will focus on the history of German POW camps in Ozaukee County;

■ Covered Bridge Park, home to one of Wisconsin's last remaining covered bridges. This stop will feature talks by Matt Aho and other Ozaukee County staff about the successful Fish Passage Program and showcases local wildlife that can be found in and around the river. The park also boasts a new section that was recently added plus some bridge restoration.

Treasures of Oz is a one-of-a-kind event within the Land Trust Days sponsored by Gathering Waters, Wisconsin's alliance for land trusts, Tomter said.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to connect with nature and learn about the rich history and ecology of Ozaukee County.

Whether one is interested in guided tours, historical insights, or simply enjoying the beauty of the outdoors, Treasures of Oz has something for everyone.

Visitors can experience the natural treasures that make Ozaukee County unique and leave with a deeper appreciation for the world around them, Tomter said.

To learn more about the eco-tour and find the schedule, a passport and details for this year's tour, go to the Treasures of Oz website, www.treasuresofoz.org.

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Nature school starts off year at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village

SAUKVILLE — A charter school affiliated with Riveredge Nature Center has announced a unique partnership with the Ozaukee County Historical Society, which will provide a temporary home for students while the school finalizes construction on its new building.

Sugar Maple Nature School, formerly called Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School, is a tuition-free, public elementary charter school authorized by the Northern Ozaukee School District. It has long provided hands-on learning among the prairies, woods and wetlands of the former Riveredge campus.

And now, thanks to the Ozaukee County Historical Society, students will have the opportunity to begin the school year on the grounds of Pioneer Village, immersing them in a setting that echoes the school's values of experiential and nature-based learning, according to a joint press release from the school and OCHS.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Ozaukee County Historical Society for welcoming our students with open arms," said Cindy Raimer, director of education at Sugar Maple Nature School. "Their support allows us to maintain our commitment to providing an immersive and engaging educational experience, even as

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Sugar Maple Nature School kindergarten teacher Kristen Byers teaches her class in a historic one-room school.

School

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we await the completion of our new building. The opportunity to start the school year on such an idyllic campus is a true gift."

The historic campus provides a backdrop for students to explore and learn, particularly in the one-room schoolhouse that will serve as the 5K classroom for the start of the year. The remainder of the students will be taught in Pioneer Village Hall.

The school's mission is to provide students with an education rooted in community service, nature and experiential learning. The school emphasizes outdoor learning, ecological literacy and fostering a sense of stewardship among students.

"Our missions align beautifully," said Jeff Kierzek, community outreach and development director at Sugar Maple Nature School. "Both organizations are dedicated to nurturing a sense of place, community, and stewardship in all who step onto these grounds. Our students are learning in spaces that speak to the history of education and community, which enriches their experience in ways that are truly unique."

Officials say the Pioneer Village campus, with its historic buildings, scenic landscape and old-world charm, provides a fitting and inspiring environment for the Sugar Maple Nature School's outdoor and inquiry-based curriculum.

The collaboration also highlights both organizations' dedication to community service and education, making this partnership a natural fit. The village introduces the students to the history of the past while making history of their own.

The new school is located at 2200 Hawthorne Hills Camp Road in Saukville is expected to open in mid-October.

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Sugar Maple Nature School math teacher Amber Trainor teaches third- and fourth-graders outside of the Pioneer Village Hall.

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County applies for grant to help create park in Saukville

By DAN BENSON
Ozaukee Press staff

■ *Milwaukee River Oxbow Nature Preserve is part of plan to control regular flooding on Highway W*

Ozaukee County officials recently voted to apply for and accept a $250,000 federal grant that would be used to help restore land east of Highway W in the Village of Saukville that eventually would be part of a new county park.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Coastal Resilience Fund grant would be used to conduct engineering and design work to restore floodplains and wetlands as part of the Highway W road reconstruction project.

The county was invited to apply for the grant, County Planning and Parks Director Andrew Struck told supervisors on the Natural Resources Committee.

The effort is part of "a holistic, long-term solution" to improve Highway W and alleviate chronic flooding of the roadway.

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It also would improve "floodplain connectivity for aquatic organism passage into the riparian floodplains, wetlands and historic Milwaukee River oxbow," Struck said in a memo to the committee.

Plans call for moving Highway W, or Riverside Drive, which floods almost annually, slightly to the east and installing culverts to allow water from the Milwaukee River to flow under the roadway into a low-lying oxbow.

Allowing water to pass under the road will alleviate some of the flooding but not all, officials say.

The project will restore a historic oxbow, which will become a park. In documents given to the committee the park is tentatively dubbed the Milwaukee River Oxbow Nature Preserve.

Creating the oxbow requires purchasing about 67 acres from private landholders. In addition, the Village of Saukville has contributed 3.54 acres of village-owned land to the project.

Officials have previously said the park will include fishing access, a kayak launch, trails and a small parking area.

The grant requires a one-to-one match, which Struck said will be provided by state grants.

Including the Fish and Wildlife grant, the county has accrued about $2.17 million in various grants for the project.

Construction of the road will likely begin next year and be completed by July 2027, officials have said.

County targets $3M grant to hasten opening of preserve

■ *Federal money would be used to restore Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge land in Port*

By DAN BENSON
Ozaukee Press staff

Ozaukee County officials last month approved applying for a federal grant worth more than $3 million that would be used to restore habitat at Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve, located between Highway C and Lake Michigan on Port Washington's south side.

The grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) would be one of the preserve's largest and help hasten opening the preserve to the public.

Ozaukee County and the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust acquired the 134-acre preserve in fall 2022 with the support of several federal and state grants and contributions from local partners and private donors.

The nature preserve is so far undeveloped, although work has already begun to plant native trees and a ground cover on land that has traditionally been farmed.

Habitat restoration is one of the goals of the preserve's master plan and a requirement of several of the grants used to acquire the property, according to a memo from County Planning and Parks Director Andrew Struck.

"There is significant public interest in restoration and improving public access both throughout the new park and to Lake Michigan," Struck wrote in the memo.

The preserve master plan calls for restoring farmland to a native prairie as well as forest and wetlands.

The master plan also calls for stabilizing the Lake Michigan bluff and addressing erosion.

The NOAA grant and other funds would target the northern two-thirds of the nature preserve.

State grants have already been awarded to do the same on the southern one-third, Struck said.

Struck said plans call for opening the preserve and a system of trails to the public one-third at a time, beginning next year, with the southern third, which will include a parking lot and pavilion.

Access to the lake from the preserve will be via a stairway at the northern end of the preserve.

Plans call for the stairway to be a "floating" design, similar to one at Virmond Park in Mequon, which last year won a national award for its innovative design.

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ST. LOUIS RESIDENTS and brothers David and Tony Samka showed off their catch in the Port Washington marina after a day of charter fishing on Lake Michigan. The city's sport fishing industry is a significant driver of tourism in Ozaukee County. *Photo by Sam Arendt*

Tourism booming in Ozaukee

■ *Impact of visitors climbs to $240 million a year, a 4.2% increase that experts attribute to the pent-up desire to travel, all that county has to offer*

By KRISTYN HALBIG ZIEHM
Ozaukee Press staff

Every summer, like clockwork, the influx of tourists takes place in Ozaukee County and throughout Wisconsin. Traffic increases, people with cameras pause on the sidewalks to take photos of the lakefront or scenic vistas and restaurants, bars and shops are more crowded than usual.

And if it seems like everything's been busier than usual, well, that's because it has been — and the statistics prove it.

The Wisconsin Department of Tourism recently released its 2023 report on the economic impact of tourism, which showed that tourism brought in $25 billion, an increase of 5.4% from 2022.

In Ozaukee County, tourism in 2023 brought in $240 million, an increase of 4.2%, according to the report.

As a matter of fact, the impact of tourism in every county in the state increased last year, the report noted.

Ozaukee County is uniquely positioned to draw tourists, according to Melissa Wraalstad, president of the Ozaukee County Tourism Council, and Wayne Chrusciel, executive director of the Port Washington Tourism Council.

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A PAIR OF BICYCLISTS rode across the bridge spanning the Milwaukee River in Grafton on the Ozaukee Interurban Trail, which every year brings thousands of tourists to the county. *Press file photo*

Tourism: *Natural assets draw visitors*

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The increase in tourism can be attributed to many factors, but Chrusciel said one that's key is the desire of people to travel post-pandemic.

"There's so much pent-up demand," he aid. "People are tired of staycations all the time. They want to get out, and we're an awesome place."

It's not just domestic travel that's up, he said, but international travel as well.

"The number of people we're seeing at the Pebble House (Port's tourism center) is incredible," Chrusciel said. "Last year, if I had 10 people, it would probably be an exaggeration. This year it's probably a couple dozen."

The county's natural beauty, combined with activities in the communities and the fact that each municipality has its own identity help draw tourists, they said.

"There are so many really incredible things here," Wraalstad said. "Anybody who lives here knows the communities that make up Ozaukee County are special. You've got the advantages of being near big cities, but we feel like small towns, like communities, and that makes them really special places to visit.

"There are really cool things that happen in Port Washington, Grafton, Cedarburg, Mequon, Fredonia, Belgium and Saukville."

And, she noted, the things happening in those communities are not the same things happening elsewhere in the state.

"We're not the only county with access to Lake Michigan, but you'd be hard pressed to find something like Harrington Beach, Lion's Den or the Port Washington lakefront where you have shopping and restaurants steps away from the lake," Wraalstad said. "Each community offers different experiences."

The communities are all walkable "and you feel safe while you're doing it," Wraalstad said.

Then there are the festivals and special events, she said, that draw not only tourists but residents and create a festive atmosphere.

Recreational activities also draw people to Ozaukee County, Chrusciel said.

He cited the Ozaukee Interurban Trail, which draws bicyclists, hikers and walkers, the county's many parks with activities that range from kayaking on the Milwaukee River, golfing at area courses — "We have seven championship courses within 40 minutes," he said — and fishing on the lakefront.

"We just happen to have Lake Michigan in our backyard. I think people are drawn to it, even if they don't go out on it. They just like sitting by it," he said, adding Port's two beaches are becoming more of a draw.

One draw Port has that other county communities don't is a large, active charter fishing fleet, Chrusciel noted.

"There are 19, 20 boats that go out," he said. "They bring in a lot of fishermen who stay in the hotels, visit the shops and restaurants and bars."

A study done by the charter fleet more than a decade ago showed the industry brought in thousands of visitors to Port and the economic impact was several million dollars — and those numbers have likely skyrocketed since then, he said.

But one of the things most tourists mention when they talk about their experiences, both Chrusciel and Wraalstad agreed, is that Ozaukee County is a warm, friendly place.

"The number of people who tell me the people here are really nice is incredible. It's what people are looking for," Chrusciel said. "I had someone in from Chicago who said, 'I can't believe people actually stop so you can cross the street.'"

But tourism is about more than just bringing people into the area to enjoy it.

"It brings in tourism dollars, which allows us to maintain services that residents enjoy," Wraalstad said. "It supports jobs and businesses. They need that mix of local residents and tourists to survive.

"It allows our communities to be the communities they are."

Tourism also supported 1,955 jobs last year, Wraalstad said.

"These are people who live here," she said, adding that statewide tourism supports one in every 21 jobs.

"Tourism is huge," she said.

Tourism generated $13.2 million in state and local taxes in Ozaukee County in 2023, she noted.

"That's $13.2 million the local residents aren't paying. It's what helps to keep those local ships going — and it doesn't have to come out of local people's pockets."

The room taxes generated by tourists also pays for events and programs and marketing, Wraalstad added, and those help bring in even more tourists.

Chrusciel noted that Port targets its marketing — last year, it was aimed at Green Bay and the Fox River Valley, while this year it's aimed at areas around Chicago and next year it will likely be the Madison area — and it has paid off.

Indications are that tourism this year is on the increase, he said.

"Overall, I think we're doing well," he said. "Traffic on our website is up 10%. We're seeing a lot of traffic, and it's busy downtown."

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ROBERT SINNEN AND HIS GRANDSON BODHI DAHLIWAL on Monday stood outside the Sinnen House at Pioneer Village. Sinnen grew up in t house from 1950 to 1973. Bodhi attends Sugar Maple Outdoor School, which is meeting at Pioneer Village while its site at Hawthorne Hills County Pa is being prepared.

Photo by Sam Are

An old schoolhouse for a new school

■ *With its facilities in county park delayed, Sugar Maple Nature School finds temporar home, teaching opportunities at Pioneer Village that hit home for one student*

By DAN BENSON
Ozaukee Press staff

A delay in preparation of the Hawthorne Hills site for the Sugar Maple Nature School has forced the outdoor school to use other facilities to start the school year, including the nearby Pioneer Village, a collection of historic buildings operated by the Ozaukee County Historical Society.

That has provided additional learning opportunities for the school's 100 or so students, especially for Bodhi Dahliwal, a 7-year-old second-grader at the school.

That's because one of the historic buildings in Pioneer Village, the Sinnen House, is where Bodhi's grandfather Robert Sinnen grew up.

On Monday, Bodhi got to tour the stone house for the first time with his grandfather.

"Right here was the dining room table," the elder Sinnen, 74, said stretching out his hands. "And over there was the bathroom."

The house was built in 1874 by Sinnen's great-grandparents after they emigrated from Luxembourg to Wisconsin.

Subsequent generations added a six-bedroom addition on one end and a kitchen in the back by the time Robert Sinnen was born in 1950. He lived there until 1973, when his parents moved to a ranch house they built on their Town of Holland farm.

"This was the central part of the house," he said, gesturing to the room, which now

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TEACHER KRISTEN BYERS told and showed 5-K students at Sugar Maple Nature School on Monday what it was like to attend a one-room schoolhouse. The 5-K students are using the Liberty School at Pioneer Village, as well as attending outdoor classes, while their Hawthorne Hills County Park site is being prepared.

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Sugar Maple: *One-room schoolhouse being u*

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is furnished as a kitchen and play room.

After that, the additions were torn down and the old house was used to store machinery, he said.

In 1991, Robert, his father and others helped reassemble the house at Pioneer Village, after it was chosen by architectural historians in Luxembourg to be representative of immigrant farmhouses of the period.

Stone masons and carpenters came from Luxembourg to help oversee the reconstruction. They even brought lumber from Luxembourg.

The walls of the house are decorated with Sinnen family pictures, including those of Robert's great grandparents and parents and uncles and aunts.

"Cool," was Bodhi's reaction to seeing pictures of his ancestors for the first time.

Also capturing the young boy's imagination was Robert's description of where a trap door was located in the living room.

"It was right here at the bottom of the stairs that went up to four bedrooms in the addition," Robert said. "You had to be careful when you came down the stairs that the trap door wasn't open or you'd take quite a fall."

Also of interest was the old one-room Liberty School next door to the Sinnen House. It was a mile and a quarter from the Sinnen farm in the Town of Holland. Robert's father attended the school in the first and second grade when he was Bodhi's age.

"It was near the cheese factory so they would do the milking before school and his father would take him to school on his way to the cheese factory," he said.

Bodhi, who lives in the Town of Cedarburg with his mother Megan and two younger brothers, is in his third year at the school. Megan is Sinnen's daughter.

He is the 11th of his 14 grandchildren, said Sinnen, who lives in the Town of Grafton and taught in the Random Lake School District for 29 years.

"Megan used to play in this house," Sinnen said Monday.

Sugar Maple School formerly was located at Riveredge Nature Center. But this past spring Ozaukee County supervisors approved a lease agreement to allow the school to hold classes on five acres at Hawthorne Hills through 2027.

That agreement was later extended through 2029.

The school is a kindergarten-through-sixth grade charter school of the Northern Ozaukee School District. It focuses on learning in outdoor classrooms.

SUGAR MAPLE Nature School students and the teachers posed Monday for a ph to on the steps o Pioneer Village's one-room school house, which is being used by th charter school until its facilities i nearby Hawthorn Hills Park are completed.

Photo by Sam Aren

The school site includes a five-acre "exclusive parcel" near the park's maintenance building and a campground being developed immediately to the west.

The school also will have access beyond its five acres to use the 57-acre Hawthorne Hills Park and 67-acre Shady Lane Natural Area as an outdoor classroom and learning lab, including the park's nearby pond and the Milwaukee River.

The school's building plan calls for a 70-by-120-foot one-story building containing eight classrooms, one of which will be used for offices for an administrator, nurse, counselor and speech pathologist.

When excavation started, workers discovered a corner of the site did not have sufficient soil-bearing capacity, Cindy Raimer, the school's director of education said.

That caused the foundation to be shifted 10 feet from the original plan, causing delays, she said.

"With our tight timeline, the delay created the need to start the school year in alternative classroom spaces," she said.

The school reached agreements with the county and the historical society to use the county's HH Peters Youth Camp building for first and second graders and Pioneer Village for 5k, third to sixth graders.

"Our 5K is using the Liberty one room schoolhouse as their classroom," Raimer said. "What an amazing memory they will have to have started kindergarten in a one room schoolhouse in 2024."

Raimer said the partnership with the county has resulted in improvements to Hawthorne Hills that likely will benefit visitors for years to come.

"The county has been a fantastic partner, and has helped expedite numerous aspects of the construction as well as adding improvements to the park, including beautiful new footbridges and vital infrastructure improvements that wi benefit the community for years to come, she said.

Allen Buchholz, a member of the histor cal society board and manager of Pione Village, said the school is a welcome add tion.

"We're so fortunate to have them her This is great for our village and exposing to a lot more people," he said, noting th the village would be empty during the wee otherwise. "We're glad to have them."

Pioneer Village is a living history mus um that features 24 historic structures, son of which date to the 1840s.

It is open to the public Saturdays ar Sundays from May through October and f special events.

For more information, go online to ww ochs.co.ozaukee.wi.us/pioneer-village.

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County Historical Society to host Planes, Trains & Automobiles Saturday

Photo courtesy of the Ozaukee County Historical Society

This 1940 caboose located at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village has undergone extensive restoration work.

Event is fundraiser to complete 1940 Milwaukee Road Ribside Caboose restoration

SAUKVILLE — The Ozaukee County Historical Society is hosting a new event Saturday called Planes, Trains & Automobiles. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village, 4880 Highway I, Saukville.

Admission is $8 for adults. $6 for seniors and students. OCHS members and children under 5 are free.

With a lot of help from local organizations, the event will feature Grafton's Astrowings RC Plane club doing aerial acts in the sky, the Metro Model Railroad Club from Port Washington with a train exhibit and the Kettle Moraine Ballast Scorchers with a huge model train layout.

The day will also include an Around-the-Track scavenger hunt and a bells, horns and whistles display. The Welcome Center showcases an exhibit that portrays what life was like living on a caboose.

Many local businesses have donated items for the silent auction. James Wades from the International Morse Code Club will demonstrate the telegraph system in the Cedarburg Train Station.

The Compass RC Car Club will have an outdoor racetrack and there will be a Car Show with a People's Choice trophy, donated by Northwoods Sales.

The Mission River Band will play hits from the 1980s and 90s from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A variety of food, beverages and beer will be available for purchase.

The Ozaukee County Historical Society owns one of nine 1940 Milwaukee Road rib-side cabooses still in existence. The Milwaukee Road built 315 rib-side cabooses between 1939 and 1951. In 1940 there were only 25 cabooses built with stock numbers 01875-01899. OCHS owns #01887.

The caboose was purchased in 1996 from Volkmann Railroad Builders, Inc. in Menomonee Falls, with a grant from board member Bob Williams and his wife, Eileen Williams, according to OCHS officials.

The project entails restoring the exterior and interior of the 1940 caboose. Fundraising started in 2022.

Local contractors were used, wherever possible. After removing the lead paint and asbestos, the rotted wooden sub-floor was removed only to show the rusty steel frame was not salvageable and looked like Swiss cheese, according to the OCHS. The frame was cut out in sections and replaced with new steel on all sides with the help and donations of Cedarburg Landmark Preservation Society, Jackson Welding and Brian Rychtiu Welding of Grafton.

The caboose exterior was sandblasted, primed with an industrial epoxy primer and painted with two coats of the original Milwaukee Road orange by Doug Peterson Painting of Grafton. Hand lettering of "The Milwaukee Road" and car number was painted in the original maroon color paint as well.

The roof was coated with two layers of a protective liquid rubber material. The entire floor was removed and replaced with a similar three-layer system as was originally in the caboose except for the cork that had been used for sound-proofing.

The interior walls have been insulated, the ceiling and walls have been installed. Both exterior doors have been restored, including the original brass locksets. Windows should be installed next week and then the desk, lockers, bunks and flooring will be constructed. The seat frames have been restored and new seats cushions are being fabricated by Abracadabra Furniture Refinishing of Grafton.

Some of the interior elements, such as the sink, water reservoir, toilet, coal box and ash bucket were salvaged and will be installed. So far, $65,000 has been raised through grants, in-kind donations, fundraisers and private contributions.

The Planes, Trains & Automobiles event is a final push to get the funds needed to complete the project by fall, according to the OCHS. The restoration team, known as the "caboosters," are retired engineers and include Tom Van Groll, Greg Ziegler, Mike Hecker, Eddie Arguello, and Paul Olson.

Photos courtesy of the Ozaukee County Historical Society

Top is the interior of the caboose before renovations, and **above**, after renovations.

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Tour, update given on Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge

Photo courtesy of Gathering Waters

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PORT WASHINGTON — State Sen. Duey Stroebel, State Rep. Paul Melotik and State Senate candidate Jodi Habush Sinykin last week joined the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust, Ozaukee County Planning & Parks and Gathering Waters for a property tour of the Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve. Ozaukee County Director of Planning & Parks Andrew Struck led the group on the hike to share project updates, demonstrating firsthand the preserve's ecological significance, its value as a community asset and how innovative partnerships led to its permanent protection. The preserve boasts nearly three-quarters of a mile of Lake Michigan shoreline. The vision for the preserve's Master Plan includes ecological restoration; vegetation management for erosion control and invasive species management; passive-use, low impact recreation plans; education and outreach; and planned future improvements. **Above**, from left are Habush Sinykin, OWLT Executive Director Tom Stolp, Stroebel, Mike Carlson of Gathering Waters and Melotik. **Left**, Struck discusses the progress on the Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge project during the Sept. 9 tour.

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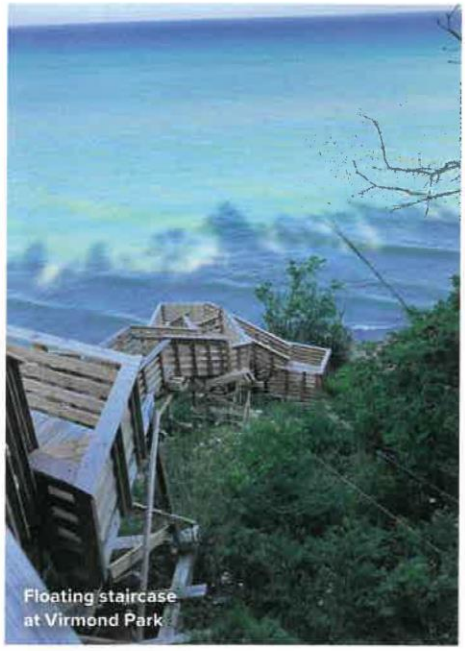
2024 TREASURES OF OZ
ECO-TOUR

Submitted by Marjie Tomter

Saturday, September 21, 2023

This year, the Autumnal Equinox falls on September 22nd. And what better way to welcome it than with Treasures of Oz on September 21 - the 14th annual eco-tour of Ozaukee. As always, the focus of the event will be on one the amazing and expanding natural treasures and recreation here in Oz. Despite being one of the smallest counties in the state, Ozaukee has an incredible share of outdoor resources along with some of the best outdoor educators and programs in the state.


Floating staircase at Virmond Park

HEADQUARTERS: VIRMOND PARK

This year, Headquarters returns to Virmond Park in Mequon with talks, tours, and the completed Floating Staircase to the beach.

This year's four other Treasure sites include the following:

RIVEREDGE NATURE CENTER

@4458 Country Rd. Y, Saukville

Riveredge Nature Center offers a prairie tour with our loved, excellent naturalist Kate Redmond. Her talks are fun and enticing, even for folks who aren't all that into nature. You will also have the opportunity to explore the Center. Riveredge is huge—458 acres—and has so much to see and do, including historical sites, the Milwaukee River, the prettiest sugar shack ever, a Visitor's Center, and may trails and surprises. Visit riveredgenaturecenter.org for more information. (You can download trail maps by clicking on "Plan a Visit.")

SAUK CREEK NATURE PRESERVE

@3236 Co Hwy KK, Port Washington

Sauk Creek Nature Preserve was the first of the many Oazuakee Washington Land Trust preserves. OWLT Stewardship Director, Ryan Wallin, and crew will be there to talk about the land trust, the trails, and some of the history of this very special place. Sauk Creek runs over bedrock of the Niagara Escarpment and that section of the creek is spectacular, especially in Spring when water is high and flowing fast and in fall, when the sturgeon are coming home.

COVERED BRIDGE PARK

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Covered Bridge Park will have Fish Passage staff available to show you some of the fish and critters in the river and talk about the Fish Passage program and its success in Ozaukee. Bonus: there is a new section that was added to the park, so be sure to check that out! The covered bridge is one of the last remaining covered bridges in Wisconsin and is worth the trip itself.

HIGHLAND WOODS

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Highland Woods is all about history this year with great information on the German POW camps in Ozaukee. If you are German or a history buff, you won't want to miss this. (There are so many things most of us don't know about Ozaukee.) Highland Woods was one of the early OWLT preserves. Under a conservation easement with OWLT, it is now part of the Mequon Theinsville Park System.

This free event is part of Land Trust Days through Gathering Waters. Gathering Waters is Wisconsin's Alliance for Land Trusts. Learn more about them at their website: gatheringwaters.org. You can connect with them at Virmond Park, open the 21st.

Details and times for each site, directions, and a passport will be available after September 1st at treasuresofoz.org. Visitors can check out every site or just the ones they most want to visit. Visit treasuresofoz.org for more complete event information.

Treasures of Oz is an annual, non-profit event under the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust and happens in cooperation with our partners in the Ozaukee Treasures Network: Ozaukee County Parks, Riveredge Nature Center, and many other organizations and individual volunteers.

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