

# Planning and Development

## SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

<i>Value of new construction, land use permits (Year to date)</i>	12 million
<i>Number of acres planted with the County's "no till planter" (Year to Date).</i>	0 acres were planted in the first quarter.

## SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

### Land Conservation

- Farmland Preservation Program onsite inspections underway to include updated Nutrient Management Plans.
- 2024 Nutrient Management Farmer Education Grant submitted to DATCP for \$19,250.00.
- Received \$10,042.86 in Multi Discharger Variance funding to reduce farm non-point phosphorus pollution.
- Continue to acquire quotes to replace the no-till drill in 2024.
- Land Donation Special Committee made a recommendation to appoint the Parks & Forest Department as the manager of the donated Mathy Property.

### GIS

- Submitted V9 parcels to DOA, this data submittal is required for WLIP grant eligibility, and current Wards data to the Legislative Technology Services Bureau (LTSB).
- After being awarded the NextGen911 grant for \$29,450, we selected and contracted with the vendor DataMark to remediate and migrate our current E911 GIS data to the new WI NG911 data standards.
- Contracted with WROC (Wisconsin Regional Orthoimagery Consortium) to acquire digital aerial imagery. The flight will be in Spring 2023 (leaf off and snow free).
- The county has selected and contracted with Schneider Geospatial for their product Beacon to replace the discontinued WebGuide Extreme GIS website.
- Completed the post remonumentation remapping of Township 26N Range 7W which includes the Village of Fall Creek
- Assisted the Planning Division creating the spatial data report for DATCAP representing lands rezoned out of AP.

### Planning and Sustainability

- Collaborated with City of Eau Claire Green Team to present to 400+ city employees on recycling and waste reduction strategies during MLK Day of Learning.
- Appointed Sustainability Advisory Committee and held first meetings.
- Designed and mailed out annual Beaver Creek Recycler to over 46,000 households in the county.
- Sold 300+ home compost bins at a reduced price to County residents.
- Completed 10-year update to the Town of Pleasant Valley Comprehensive Plan.
- Providing staff support to multi-jurisdictional Regional Housing Study with City of Eau Claire and City of Altoona.
- Commenced review of 2015 County Farmland Preservation Plan in preparation for 10-year update.

### Emergency Management

- Providing a variety of training including Incident Command, social media, and Skywarn Weather Spotter
- Began work on Continuity of Operations Plan and Integrated Preparedness Plan
- Assisted with FEMA Grant submissions for hazard mitigation plan, a storm shelter, and new mobile command vehicle

### Land Records

- Field crew efforts will now be shifting to maintenance of PLSS corners in road work project areas.
- Interviewed and hired an intern to assist with field operations for the summer.
- Finalized, proofed, stamped and will soon file all of the completed tie sheets from maintenance corners visited in 2022.

### Land Use Controls

- Guide draft of title 18 through approval process. (P&D committee and County Board)
- Engage with each Town to ensure any questions about title 18 and its implementation are addressed.
- Continued review of permit applications and CSM proposals.
- Embark on correcting any NMM ordinance changes that need to be made (result of 2022 WDNR audit).
- Began utilizing Ascent to track violations as originally intended.

## ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

### Land Conservation

- Weather patterns have been fluctuating between cold and warm extremes which negatively impacts construction and agricultural practices. LCD continuously educating and assisting producers in implementing practices that aid in climate resiliency.
- FPP and other program changes currently being proposed in new state legislation.

### GIS

- Due to the unexpected discontinuation of the WebGuide Extreme product, the county's GIS Website of over 15 years, we will be moving our GIS website to a new platform, Beacon.
- Over the next year with the contractor DataMark, we will convert our E911 GIS data to the new WI NG911 data standards. This project will modernize our data schema enabling NextGen911.
- In 2023 GIS Division will assist the Planning and Emergency Management Divisions with their respective Farmland Preservation Plan and All Hazards Plan updates.
- With the acquisition of digital aerial imagery from the WROC project the county will need to conduct QA\QC on both a pilot area and the final deliverable. After data acceptance we will integrate the new flight into our GIS Data Hub making it available for download.

### Planning and Sustainability

- Growth on the urban fringe, as recently exemplified by the recent annexation of the Orchard Hills property to the City of Eau Claire, continues to be a highly contentious issue in the community.

### Emergency Management

- Record number of tornadoes has occurred nationally during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023
- Top 10 snowiest winter is leading to elevated flooding concerns
- Monitoring changing EM staff conditions in adjacent counties for potential additional requests for assistance during events

### Land Records

### Land Use Controls

- Raising interest rates could have a significant negative impact on the number of new construction projects. Currently permit numbers appear similar to the previous couple years, but if there is a major downward shift in new construction, its anticipated to be sudden.

## CURRENT COLLABORATIONS (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

### Land Conservation

- IS moving forward to contract with TTech to develop an Ascent Stormwater Management Module and potentially adding the BMP and Nutrient Management Modules.
- Staff assisted the lake districts to hold the first 2023 Eau Claire River Watershed Technical Committee meeting.
- LCD collaborated with NRCS and Extension to hold the Soil Social in Augusta.

### GIS

- With both the City and County of Eau Claire moving to Schneider Geospatial's Beacon product we are collaborating to ensure the data as well as the user experience is very similar on both GIS websites
- The move to NextGen911 is a collaborative effort between the City and County of Eau Claire. We are working together to migrate our spatial data to the new standard.
- Partnered with WI DNR Forestry Division and Emergency Management obtaining a grant to update the Emergency Service Atlas last updated in 2015.
- We are continuing to work with the City of Altoona and Eau Claire in the 2023 Orthoimagery Flight as part of the WROC (Wisconsin Regional Orthoimagery Consortium).

### Planning and Sustainability

- Partnering with Beaver Creek Reserve, JONAH, and Brewing Projekt to host an Earth Week Open House with 30+ vendors to educate the public on sustainability resources in the area.
- Partnering with Earthbound Environmental and JONAH on implementation of USDA Composting grant.
- Working with WLGCC and local govts. Across the state on grant applications and advocacy for policies and programs that achieve sustainability goals.
- Developing partnerships with private waste companies to divert mattresses from the landfill year-round.
- Partnering with agricultural producers and community to review and update 2015 County Farmland Preservation Plan
- Collaborating with czb consulting and City of Eau Claire and City of Altoona to conduct Regional Housing Study.

#### Emergency Management

- EC Co Fire Chiefs for FEMA Grant for Mobile Command Vehicle
- WI EM for their statewide SIMCOM Exercise that'll be partially played in Eau Claire (ARES/RACES and EC Comms Center as well)
- Health Dept Medical Reserve Corps program

#### Land Records

#### Land Use Controls

- Town outreach regarding title 18.
- Coordinating with Corp. Counsel and other outside agencies to ensure their interest in title 18 is addressed and complete prior to the public hearing.
- Work with the public, Towns, and County Board Members that have an interest or concern regarding zoning, shoreland, floodplain, and other program areas our office covers.

### **GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER**

#### Land Conservation

- Construction to start on Bond projects.
- Continue onsite FPP inspections and nutrient management plan updates.
- Working with UniverCity and UW Madison Capstone program to develop a streambank stabilization scope of project.

#### GIS

- In the next quarter, with the move to Schneider Geospatial's Beacon product, we plan on reviewing a draft GIS website, with a soft launch in the third quarter.
- We will send our current E911 GIS data to DataMark for primary remediate and migrate to the NextGen911 GIS data schema.
- The post remonumentation remapping has moved to Township 25N Range 7W, we will continue remapping this new area.
- Onboard our GIS Intern to work on our Emergency Service Atlas update project.

#### Planning and Sustainability

- Host community forums for Community CARP and continue to develop plan.
- Announce K-12 composting grant opportunity.
- Hold first Clean Sweep event for the year
- Host a variety of educational events and presentations for the community.

#### Emergency Management

- Receive approval for multiple FEMA Grants
- Completion of the trial program of the active shooter grant
- Completion of Continuity of Operations/Continuity of Gov't Plan

#### Land Records

#### Land Use Controls

- Continue developing workflow when using Ascent to track violations.
- Next quarter should mark the completion of the drafting and approval of title 18 at the County level.
  - The final step is implementing the code as Towns also adopt.

- Work with County Jam and/or the current property owner to ensure all previous floodplain violations are brought into compliance.