

# Planning and Development

## SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

<i>Value of new construction, land use permits (Year to date)</i>	29 million
<i>Number of acres planted with the County's "no till planter" (Year to Date).</i>	261 acres were planted through the second quarter.

## SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

### Land Conservation

- Bond projects under construction.
- A new no-till drill was ordered and is expected to be delivered in September. The trade-in of the old drill and the rental fees covered the \$47,000 purchase price.
- Extended the 2020 Eau Claire River MDV funds, \$7,265.31.

### GIS

- Working with DATAMARK to remediate and migrate our current E911 GIS data to the new WI NG911 data standards. The Data Assessment was completed, pass 1 is 99% complete and will enter DATAMARK's quality control (QC) phase, initial review the MSAG/ALI data were conducted, and we agreed to begin the data remediation process.
- Acquired historical aerial imagery of Eau Claire County from USDA ASCS (Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service) for 1958 and 1965. We will create a web application for internal and public distribution of these valuable images.
- Schneider Geospatial, Beacon to replace the discontinued WebGuide Extreme GIS website, has installed the ETL (Extract Translate Load) on our server for access to the GIS and Accent data.
- On boarded a GIS Summer Intern to work on the Emergency Service Atlas update project. This project is funded with a grant from WI DNR Forestry Division.
- Initiated the post remonumentation remapping of Township 25N Range 7W which includes the City of Augusta.

### Planning and Sustainability

- Hosted community forums for Community CARP
- Announced Schools Fight Food Waste grant
- Hosted variety of education and community outreach events that reached over 400 people
- Mailed out Beaver Creek Recycler to over 40,000 addresses
- Commencing update to Town of Drammen Comprehensive Plan.
- Providing staff support to multi-jurisdictional Regional Housing Study with City of Eau Claire and Continuing 10-year update to County Farmland Preservation Plan.

### Emergency Management

- Staff is presenting our active threats training and exercise program to regional partners
- Completion of the county's continuity of operations/continuity of government plan
- Revision of county's emergency operations plan and emergency operations center plan is ongoing

### Land Records

- Interviewed and hired a Summer Survey Intern
- Finalized Map of Survey for land donation made by Mathy Corp.
- Worked with committee to determine name, and best use proposal for above noted land donation.
- Preserved PLSS monuments for all road maintenance projects within Eau Claire County
- Replaced all monuments (in areas of road work completion) from previous years preservation.

- Nearly 100% complete with all initial field work and subsequent visits for corner determinations to be made in Town 26 North, Range 6 West.
- Assembled all field folders and data needed for Town 27 North, Range 6 West.
- Commenced initial field work for Town 27 North, Range 6 West.

#### Land Use Controls

- Continue working with each town to assist with passing resolution to adopt county zoning.
- Review of permit applications and land division proposals.
- Continue bringing the county NMM reclamation ordinance into compliance with the State.

### **ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS**

#### Land Conservation

- The adopted state budget did not include increased funding for the DATCP staffing grant. The grant will revert to prior funding levels.
- The increase funding for the Farmland Preservation Program was not funded in the new budget.
- Some towns may no longer be eligible for FPP if the new Title 18 ordinance is not adopted.

#### GIS

- Over the next year with the contractor DATAMAK, we will convert our E911 GIS data to the new WI NG911 data standards. This project will modernize our data schema enabling NextGen911.
- With the 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.
- 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

- Have not been able to take pesticides and fertilizers at Clean Sweep events and this appears it will be an ongoing issue into the future.
- Better intergovernmental cooperation regarding growth and development should be encouraged to produce mutually beneficial outcomes for towns and cities. The current situation is highly contentious and has an overall chilling effect on the production of housing in areas near the cities.

#### Emergency Management

- The ability for counties to use new shared revenue was approved for all public safety organizations except emergency management
- Significant turnover in leadership with emergency services agencies
- Environmental impacts from flooding, drought, air quality, and temperature extremes worth monitoring and potential inclusion in our next hazard mitigation plan

#### Land Records

- We continue to work in a very challenging –corner access, evidence availability- area of the County.
- Other departments have requested Survey support with deed/boundary work and encroachment concerns.
- We have seen an increased number of Subdivision and Condominium Plats that are creating more review needs and more saleable real estate.
- Land Use Controls
- Raising interest rates continue to be a concern with the potential to negatively impact new home construction. To date, our office has not experienced a negative impact on permit volume.

### **CURRENT COLLABORATIONS (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)**

### Land Conservation

- Worked with NOAA and the Lake Districts to install two new river gauges and set the elevation to reference historical staff gauges.
- Working with the WI DNR to address six NR 151 violations.
- TTech is in the process of building the Ascent Stormwater Database. We are expecting a test environment to be available in August
- Collaborating with UniverCity and several UW professors on Eau Claire Riverbank stabilization and Lake Altoona blue-green algae projects.

### GIS

- 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.
- Collaborating with the City of Eau Claire in our migration to the Beacon platform.
- 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 agricultural producers, town leaders, and community to review and update 2015 County Farmland Preservation Plan.
- Supporting Town of Drammen in reviewing and updating the town's comprehensive plan.
- Working with czb consulting and City of Eau Claire and City of Altoona to conduct Regional Housing Study.
- Working with non-profit Elevate on a Rural Energy Efficiency Navigator program.

### Emergency Management

- Completed a tabletop exercise with the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport
- Staff was named to the EMS Study Subcommittee
- Establishing an Exercise Planning Team comprised of internal and external partners for a large EOC exercise later in 2023

### Land Records

- Continuing to work with Parks and Forest Department, Land Stewardship Committee and purpose-formed special committee in the donation of land and subsequent dedication of the Rec Use area. This will continue until the dedication materials are created and the event has occurred.
- We've experienced excellent cooperation with the Highway Department, City of Eau Claire and all Towns in notifying our staff of road projects that will result in destruction of a PLSS monument.
- We are looking forward to working with UniverCity on projects related to the Eau Claire River watershed and its erosion characteristics.
- Staff presented at the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors as well as the Wisconsin Land Information Association and Real Property Lister's Association on educational topics related to land surveys performed within the County.

### Land Use Controls

- Town outreach and partnership as they move forward with adopting the updated zoning code.
- 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 of existing Bond projects and engineering of new bond projects to continue.
- Continue onsite FPP inspections and nutrient management plan updates.
- Meet with the students participating in the UniverCity projects.

### GIS

- Next quarter we should complete pass two of our NG911 data remediation and conversion.
- Review a first draft of the new Beacon GIS website from Schneider Geospatial.
- Complete our Emergency Service Atlas update project with the production of a print ready pdf document for the DNR and Fire Chiefs.
- Create a historical aerial imagery web application for Eau Claire County's 1958 and 1965 flights from USDA ASCS (Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service). This web application will be both for internal and public distribution of these valuable images.

### Planning and Sustainability

- Host 2<sup>nd</sup> Clean Sweep event
- Hire Sustainability Intern
- Award 3 composting grants to area schools

### Emergency Management

- Finish emergency operations plan
- Develop emergency operations center training videos
- Provide a variety of incident command, EOC, and other trainings

### Land Records

- Continue analysis of field data collected in Town 26 North, Range 6 West and make determinations of the validity of found corner evidence.
- Continue collection of field data in Town 27 North, Range 6 West.
- Assist Parks and Forest Department in construction of an informational brochure for the new Red Flint Recreation Area.

### Land Use Controls

- Assist as many towns as possible to transition over to the updated zoning code.
- Continue with daily permitting and review tasks, since the workload has remained steady.