

# Planning and Development

## SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Value of new construction, land use permits (Year to date)	53.5 million
Number of acres planted with the County's "no till planter" (Year to Date).	331 acres were planted through the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter.

## SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

### Land Conservation

- Continue to work with the DNR to address 6 - NR 151 violations. These will be on going issues that will be addressed into 2024.
- Ascent Stormwater Database on schedule for end of year delivery.
- UniverCity Alliance project underway and have been meeting with the students.
- Construction of bond projects completed.
- Fall Farmland Preservation site inspections being scheduled.
- Attended the donated land ceremony held by Parks & Forest and the Land Stewardship Subcommittee.
- Held an LCC tour showcasing the Water Quality Trading Project, Streambank Protection, Bedload Sediment Collector and Rain gardens at Harstad Park.

### GIS

- DATAMARK has completed the second remediation pass of our NG911 GIS data. In Q2 we reviewed the deliverable making sure our migration to the new WI NG911 data standards meets the county's needs.
- Completed our Emergency Service Atlas update project with the production of a print ready pdf document for the DNR and Fire Chiefs.
- Created Historical aerial imagery of Eau Claire County from USDA ASCS (Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service) for 1958 and 1965 web application.
- Continued remapping of Township 25N Range 7W which includes the City of Augusta.
- Continued our migration to the new Beacon GIS website form the discontinued WebGuide Extreme product.

### Planning and Sustainability

- Contracted by Town of Drammen to update Chapter 5 of the town's Comprehensive Plan.
- Multi-jurisdictional Regional Housing Study completed by czb Consultants, with participation from Eau Claire County, the City of Eau Claire, and City of Altoona.
- Formed steering committee and continuing background data collection for 10-year update to County Farmland Preservation Plan, which is anticipated for completion in 2024.
- Continuing to write and develop the Community Climate Action & Resilience Plan
- Hosted 2 Clean Sweep events in collaboration with WRR Environmental
- Conducted several education and outreach events including a panel discussion at the MREA Energy Fair in Custer, WI

### Emergency Management

- Finalized the draft of our Integrated Preparedness Plan and sent to partners for review
- Provided a variety of trainings and conducted the annual airport mass casualty tabletop exercise
- Purchased more equipment to enhance our Active Threats Training and Exercise Program

### Land Records

- Resetting monuments destroyed by road maintenance this summer or completed road projects from any preceding year.
- Completing gathering of PLSS corner information for those corners on islands or otherwise Eau Claire River only access areas.
- Concluded summer intern position.
- Continue to collect and analyze information from Town 27 North, Range 6 West.
- Analyzed deeds for Chippewa Valley Regional Airport and determined issues and correction processes for exterior boundary inconsistencies. Draft, proof and record remedy documents. (Recently wrapped)

### Land Use Controls

- Implementation of the updated title 18
  - Three townships have adopted the updated code.
- Review permit application and land division requests.
- Close out ongoing junk violation.
- Continue completion of NMM audit requests.

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

### Land Conservation

- Waiting for Towns to adopt zoning. Any Towns that drop out will have an impact on our FPP participation numbers.
- DATCP staffing grant was finalized and no additional funding will be added for 2024.

### GIS

- After the migration of our GIS data to the WI NG911 data standards using the contractor DATAMAK we will need to re-integrate the data into our systems and begin reviewing the 'client verified' addresses.
- 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.

### Emergency Management

- Increased demand on staff workload due to revision of hazard mitigation plan
- Staff only had 1 requested training approved by WEM for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2024, 4+ were requested
- EMPG Grant was significantly cut and other grants we received in 2023 are limited or not available moving forward

### Land Records

- Change of seasons means a shift from outdoor focused efforts to indoor, except for those corners best visited in leaf-off or frozen ground conditions. We are working to make this shift.
- The landscape into which we are moving has an increasing number of challenging access corners. This means longer hikes and reduced likelihood of sufficient open sky for precision GPS work, necessitating ground traverse work.

### Land Use Controls

- Administration of both the updated and old title 18 will negatively impact staff review time of applications and requests. Staff will need to ensure accurate information is given depending on whether a given township has adopted the updated code.
- Permitting may be negatively impacted as interest rates continue to rise.

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

### Land Conservation

- Working with University of Madison – Division of Extension to hold Nutrient Management Farmer Education Workshops.
- Continue to meet with TTECH to finalize the Stormwater Database.
- Finalizing the Lake Monitoring & Protection Network work plan and grant with Beaver Creek Reserve and WI DNR.
- Assisting Lake Altoona with the planning of the Sediment Collector.

### 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.
- Collaborating with JONAH Environmental Taskforce on a variety of education and outreach initiatives for 2024
- Collaborating across multiple departments to complete the Green Tier Legacy Annual Report
- Working with the City of Eau Claire to find long term sustainable solution for brush disposal for the City and County.

#### Emergency Management

- EMS Study Committee
- Wisconsin Emergency Management Association (EM Coordinator was elected President)
- Strengthening relationships with new EM's in the area (county and healthcare agencies)

#### Land Records

- We continue to work with the State, City, County Highway Department and the Towns in preserving corner locations prior to and following road work.
- Rural Partners Network has allowed our staff to work with outside agencies in mapping recreational assets and helping municipalities in 7 counties to develop regional recreation connectivity.

#### 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

- Bring signed Bond and SEG cost share contracts to LCC for approval so funds can be extended into 2024.
- Prepare for Nutrient Management Farmer Education workshops to be held in January 2024.
- Have the new no-till drill delivered and put into storage for spring of 2024.
- Prepare materials and logistics for a Rain Barrel workshop to be held spring of 2024.
- Apply for the 2024 Multi Discharger Variance Funds.

#### GIS

- Next quarter we should complete our NG911 data remediation and conversion. The data will be delivered from the consultant, re-integrated into our GIS production environment.
- A 'Go Live' of new Beacon GIS website from Schneider Geospatial.
- A redesign of our ESRI Hub site, highlighting many of our new GIS Apps.

#### Planning and Sustainability

- Hold Farmland Preservation Plan Update Steering Committee kick off meeting in December
- Update County Comprehensive Plan to include appropriate references to 2023 County Zoning Ordinance
- Continue working with Town of Drammen to update the town's comprehensive plan
- Host last Ag & Natural Resources input session for the Community Climate Action & Resilience Plan
- Hire Recycling & Sustainability Intern
- Announce winners of Schools Fight Food Waste grant
- Announce compost bin pre-sale in December

#### Emergency Management

- Conduct major exercise testing the EOC
- Complete FY 2024 grant applications and closeout FY 2023 programs
- Complete work related to EMS Study Committee

#### Land Records

- Continue to wrap Town 26 North, Range 6 West, assess found monuments for corner determinations, create tiesheets, sign/stamp/scan and push to web (4<sup>th</sup> qtr and 1<sup>st</sup> qtr '24)
- Begin corner determinations for Town 27 North, Range 6 West.
- Review and process final plat of Ladybug Lane for recording.

#### Land Use Controls

- Assist as many towns as possible to transition over to the updated zoning code.
- Continue with daily permitting and review tasks
- Continue implementation of the updated Title 18