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2024 QUARTER 1 | PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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<i>Value of new construction, land use permits (Year to date)</i>	9.7 Million
<i>Number of acres planted with the County's "no till planter" (Year to Date).</i>	131 acres were planted in 2024.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Emergency Management

- Developing internal EOC training
- Building out situational awareness dashboards and EOC operational tools
- Pursuing additional grants where possible
- Working with Comms Center to establish better processes for notification of EM Duty Officer of significant events in county

GIS

- Created and onboarded GIS LTE Tech position to work on NG911.
- Created a new Ward Plan for Town of Washington and the City of Eau Claire.
- Redesigned and redeployed our GIS Hub Site highlighting the new Beacon Site.
- Added our new 2023 Orthophotography to AWS for public download.
- Submitted our updated parcel V-10 to DOA for WLIP Grant.
- Conducted parcel fabric optimization, decreasing lag time.

Land Conservation

- Announcement posted to hire an Environmental Engineer
- Title 17.05 revisions have been finalized by Corporation Counsel
- Addressing several Title 17 violations in partnership with the WI DNR.
- Hired Hunter Larson as the LCD Conservation Intern
- Wildlife Damage Program to be transitioned to USDA APHIS.
- Ascent Stormwater Database completed
- MS4 annual report completed
- LCC Conservation awards presented at January County Board meeting

Land Records

- Continue to analyze information collected in Town 26 North, Range 6 West
- Develop field plan for revisiting Corner location in the Northeast 1/3 of the above noted Township
- Analyze corner information collected in Town 27 North, Range 6 West
- Assemble field folders for corner preservations needed due to planned road construction projects
- Continue to learn about assessor guidance/response to personal property rule change
- Recruit summer survey intern

Land Use Controls

- Continued implementation of updated title 18
 - Complete transition to the updated code will be complete July 18, 2024

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- Meet and collaborate with the Town of Lincoln as they adopt town zoning and transition away from county zoning.
- Review permit application and land division requests.
- Complete annual WDNR nonmetallic mining report.

Planning and Sustainability

- Working with steering committee to review and update 2015 County Farmland Preservation Plan. The plan update is anticipated to be completed this year.
- Assisting the Town of Drammen to update portions of their comprehensive plan.
- Assisted Town of Union in reviewing future land use options in vicinity of the I-94 and WI 312 (North Crossing) interchange

ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

Emergency Management

- All emergency management grants received significant reductions at the federal level
- Concern of transition from El Nino winter to La Nina conditions will likely lead to enhanced severe weather conditions

GIS

- In 2025 we will need to work with IT to update our ESRI Enterprise GIS System
- Integration of GIS data into the DMA\GeoComm NG911 system.
- Determine local implications of the Judicial Security Act and workflow for shielding data.
- Working with Highway Dept to update their culvert inventory database.
- Land Information Plan 3-year update.

Land Conservation

- Appears to be competition for Civil Engineers, and it may take a while to fill the Environmental Engineer position.
- Several feedlots have been established that have been determined to be a significant discharge. Working with the landowners and DNR to correct the issues.

Land Records

- Will be onboarding a new summer intern in Mid-May
- As we have examined corner history and field data collected, we are seeing that corners visited by our previous crew will require a subsequent field visit to ensure all pertinent evidence was/is collected.
- Will need to complete Airport lease exhibit drawing to reflect creation of new legal descriptions for personal property.
- Continued learning for person property records management and compliance with DOR regulations regarding same.

Land Use Controls

- Working with the Town of Lincoln as they develop processes to administer their new zoning code in a short period of time may negatively impact other program areas and being able to quickly issue county permits in Lincoln.
- If interest rates stay at a high-level construction project may slow. To date there doesn't appear to be a major impact on permitting.

Planning and Sustainability

- The Town of Washington is investigating the potential of incorporating a portion of the town into a village, which would have implication on planning and land development in areas south of Eau Claire.
- Although building permit activity remains strong, there has been relatively little subdivision activity in unincorporated areas, which may portend a change in the housing market.

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STRATEGIC INITIATIVES (GREEN / AMBER / RED)

[County Board Strategic Initiatives/Action Items](#)

The goal is to report on 2 strategic initiatives from the County's Strategic Plan.

Include action items with key performance indicators (KPIs) which demonstrate work that has been, will be, or needs to be completed in support of the strategic initiative. Label your action items with one of the following colors to signify their status:

- **Green** = Action item complete / on-track to complete / making expected progress
- **Amber** = Action item progress is paused / slower than expected / waiting
- **Red** = Action item progress is not being made / off-track / not expected to be complete

Strategic Initiative: Improve access to specific needed health services to rural portions of the county.

Key Initiative: Next Gen 911

Status: **Green**

Key performance indicators:

- Apply for grant funding (2023):
 1. In 2023 the county was awarded Department of Military Affairs (DMA) grant funding for the GIS data preparation, remediation, and data conversion to the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) standard required for NG911. This conversion is critical in enabling NENA i3 call routing for NG911.
 2. \$25,000 Grant Award
- Implement project work plan
 1. Completed our 2023 NG911 grant project with DATAMARK. Conducted remediation pass of our NG911 GIS data making sure our migration to the new WI NG911 data standards meets the county and statewide needs.
- Apply for a second grant 2024 through the DMA.
 1. We applied for and were successful in receiving a 2024 NG911 Grant. This project will significantly improve the quality and completeness of our NG911 data.
 2. \$28,500 Grant Award
- Develop a City/County work plan (Complete)
- Hired a GIS Limited Term Employment (LTE) for the 2024 NG911 grant project (complete)
- Work is in progress.
- Complete project by end of 2024.

Strategic Initiative: Invest to improve surface and ground water quality to provide safe drinking water and water for recreational activities.

Key Initiative: Perform mapping of groundwater flow

Status: **Amber**

Key performance indicators:

- Groundwater Advisory Committee is collaborating with the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) to develop a comprehensive groundwater flow model:
- Primary objectives are:
 - Map existing depths to the water table with the county and identify groundwater flow directions of the aquifers.
 - Determine groundwater aquifer (recharge) capacity and quality.

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- Identify susceptible or sensitive areas that might impact groundwater supply from land use and climatic impacts.
- Action is paused until the USACE determines funding eligibility for the project.
- 3 Perennial Forage Program contracts.
- 3 Farmland Preservation Program Site inspections completed
- 51 Nutrient Management Plans developed or reviewed
- 51 Farmers attended 2024 Nutrient Management Classes
- Held rain barrel workshop with 19 individuals attending

GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

Emergency Management

- Conduct internal EOC training
- Continue revision of hazard mitigation plan
- Begin development of next EOC exercise

GIS

- New Ward Plan submittal to LTSB in July BAS data collection
- Submittal of primary NG911 data to WI State database for spatial integration.
- Remapping of T25N R6W post remonumentation.
- Finalized Future Land Use map update.
- Create first working draft of the Land Information Plan update

Land Conservation

- Move Title 17.05 through LCC & P&D Committees and then to County Board for final approval
- Construction of farm BMPs.
- Onboard intern.
- Construction site inspections
- Address feedlot issues

Land Records

- Fully onboard summer survey intern.
- Visit and preserve all corner positions prior to road construction
- Collect additional data for Town 26 North, Range 6 West as needed.
- Assemble corner and project folders for Town 25 North, Range 5 West

Land Use Controls

- Bring forward Title 18 amendments that are necessary to address items that may have been errors or omissions.
- Continue to work with Town of Lincoln to ensure permit processes are as seamless as possible for property owners.
- Continue daily permitting and review tasks, since the workload remains steady.

Planning and Sustainability

- Complete community survey for County Farmland Preservation Plan update.
- Represent Eau Claire County in the West Central Wisconsin RPC's Water Quality Management Technical Advisory Committee (WQM-TAC) for the update to the Chippewa Falls-Eau Claire Sewer Service Area Plan.

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