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2024 QUARTER 4 | PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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Value of new construction, land use permits (Year to date)	67.9 Million
Number of acres planted with the County's "no till planter" (Year to Date).	522 acres

SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Emergency Management
- Working on end of year work and grant closeouts
- Working with WCWRPC to finalize hazard mitigation plan
- Setting up training and exercises for 2025

GIS
- Land Information Council adopted the 2025-2027 Land Information Plan.
- Completed the 2024 NextGen911 Grant project adding thousands of multi-unit structures addresses and increasing the spatial accuracy of address points.
- Work with the County Highway Department to develop mobile field data collection apps for PASER data and road sign assets.
- Updated Beacon to the new A20 Parcel Schema, also added the Platted Lands and Future Land layers.
- Completed the parcel remapping of T25 R6.

Land Conservation
- Working through program reimbursements with a final request of $270,070.22. This does not include the Wildlife Damage reimbursement.
- NMFE workshops coming up in February with planning wrapping up.
- Met with the DNR to review wetland regulations and how the DNR and County might work together when properties are out of compliance.
- Continuing the partnership with Graef for engineering services related to stormwater permit reviews.
- Worked with Corp Counsel to hold two pretrial conferences regarding a wetland setback issue and disturbance of steep slopes.
- Presented the 2024 LCC Awards at the County Board meeting on January 21, 2025.

Land Records
- Wrapping field work in project areas prior to snow accumulation.
- Began and completed two boundary surveys for airport property, cataloguing encroachment from adjacent owners.
- Worked with Corporation Counsel to record over 20 legal descriptions for BFI (Buildings, Fixtures and Improvements) documents within the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport.
- Continue to work with GIS to update our school district boundary map to reflect all district orders available as accurately as possible

Land Use Controls
- Wrapping up the title 18 amendments.
- Review permit and land division requests.

- Review permits attached to inactive parcels and assign them to the correct active parcel.

Planning
- Completed Chapter 5 for the Town of Drammen Comprehensive Plan update, which we were contracted to complete.
- Working towards completion of the Eau Claire County Farmland Preservation Plan update, including completion of draft plan document and update of farmland preservation maps.

Recycling/Sustainability
- Hiring/onboarding LTE position to wrap up the USDA composting grant project
- Meeting with final schools that were awarded the "Schools Fight Food Waste" grant. Planning for waste audits in the new year.
- Submitted a grant application for the EPA SWIFR program for a 3-year project focused on recycling infrastructure.

ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

Emergency Management
- Desire for community storm shelters as part of hazard mitigation plan
- Continued uncertainty with funding levels for EM and related programs

GIS
- Implementation of WI Act 235 Judicial Privacy, effective April 1,2025, and determine the workflow for shielding data.
- In 2025 we will need to work with IT to update our ESRI Enterprise GIS System.
- In 2026 ESRI is deprecating concurrent licensing, this will have a significant impact on county operations. GIS will work with ESRI and County IT in 2025 to prepare for the transition to the new named user model.
- Work with DPI to address boundary discrepancies they have identified.
- Begin the conversion of webapp builder apps to the new experience builder.

Land Conservation
- Environmental Engineer position will not be filled in 2025, and the workload is being picked up by existing staff.
- Without the Engineer position current programming can't be sustained. We will be working internally to reevaluate programs.
- We are seeing projects being implemented without permits that impact environmentally sensitive areas. These violations have contributed to a significant increase in workload.

Land Records
- We currently have one remaining boundary survey to complete for the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport and may have another survey for P&D (LOMA of main Courthouse structure) in the Spring
- Current funding is insufficient to retain field staff beyond the end of 2025
- Still processing work completed prior to "pause" of field staff position, mid-project, due to the pandemic.
- Will need to assemble work group for Judicial Privacy Order Act 235. This will involve a lot of staff from a broad range of County Departments.

Land Use Controls
- Maintaining open communication with Towns that opted out of County zoning and are implementing new town ordinances. There has been a lot of misinformation circulating in communities who have recently opted out of county zoning.
- 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. New home permitting has had a small decline, but there is in increase in permitting modifications and additions.

Planning
- Fostering communication and relationships with town officials regarding county planning and zoning policies and processes, including comprehensive plan amendment process. Also, challenges associated with management of misinformation regarding zoning in towns that have recently opted out of county zoning.

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- Maintaining positive communication and relationship with the Town of Washington, who has filed for incorporation but is currently under county zoning.
- Housing market conditions remain constrained, with limited inventory, high prices, and high interest rates. A new residential subdivision on Balsam Road in the Town of Washington may begin building this year, which would provide additional housing opportunities at the higher end of the single-family housing market in unincorporated Eau Claire County.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES (GREEN / AMBER / RED)

County Board Strategic Initiatives/Action Items

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

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 PRIORITY: Robust Infrastructure
Strategic Initiative: Extend broadband internet service to areas identified as being underserved or unserved
Key Initiative(s):
• Support broadband committee with an emphasis on rural population (underserved and unserved).
• Reallocate unused broadband matching funds to aid in broadband development in rural areas with low population densities.
Status: Green – Complete – The Broadband Committee will be recognized for their service at the February County Board meeting.
Key performance indicators: Per Wisconsin Public Service Commission, of the approximate 37,000 broadband serviceable locations in the county, only 297 BSLs remain underserved or unserved. This means that highspeed broadband infrastructure covers 99.2 % of the county. This gap may close further if Charter is awarded BEAD funding to cover project units with BSL's still needing coverage.

GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

Emergency Management
- Finalize hazard mitigation plan draft and submit to WI EM and FEMA for review
- Conduct large Emergency Operations Center exercise

GIS
- Develop a continuing operations plan due to significant staffing changes.
- Continue working with the County Highway Department to develop a mobile field data app for PASER and sign asset data collection.
- Kick off the ESRI Enterprise GIS System upgrade project, replacing all system hardware, software, and architecture.

Land Conservation
- Work through the backlog of projects/issues/violations.
- Hold 3 NMFE workshops.
- Inspect erosion control sites.
- Assist Lake Districts with dredging calculations and make Lake Rehab payments.
- Apply for DTACP Staffing Grant.
- Compile 2024 Annual Report
- Looking to bring a proposal forward to the LCC to change the 30% slope prohibition.

Land Records
- Sign and stamp maintenance tie sheets (corner certificates) for corners replaced due to road work.
- Wrap up Town 26 North, Range 6 West analysis and complete tie sheets
- Commence analysis of Town 27 North, Range 6 West analysis.
- Begin work group meetings for Judicial Privacy Order WI Act 235

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<u>Land Use Controls</u>
- Begin NMM ordinance update and text amendments.
- Transition active violations to the Ascent tracking system.
- Continue working with the Towns of Lincoln and Clear Creek to ensure permit processes are in place and understandable to property owners.
- Update applications forms and guides prior to construction season.

<u>Planning</u>
- Complete all elements of the County Farmland Preservation Plan in preparation for plan approval and certification by Wi DATCP.

<u>Recycling/Sustainability</u>
- Complete waste audits at all schools.
- Begin the process of the website redesign in collaboration with communication committee.
- Begin online compost bin sale in January.