



# ***GREEN LAKE COUNTY***

***571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941***

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**Original Post Date: 3/7/2025**

**Amended Post Date: 3/12/2025**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee meeting on March 13, 2025.**

- 1) Amended Agenda
- 2) Minutes: 2/13/2025
- 3) Department Reports
  - Land Conservation
  - Parks
- 4) Annual Reports
  - Land Conservation
  - Parks
  - Green Lake County Extension
  - \*Green Lake Libraries
- 5) Budget Carryover Documentation
  - UW-Extension Postage
- 6) Request for Purchase Approval
- 7) Quote Summary for lawn mower
- 8) Parks & Recreation Action Plan 2025-2030
- 9) 2025 Soil & Water Resource Mgmt Applicants as of 3/7/2025
- 10) Budget Action Checklist



GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

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County Clerk

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Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee  
Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, March 13, 2025 Time: 9:00 AM  
The Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room  
571 County Road A, Green Lake WI

Amended AGENDA\*\*

Committee  
Members

Bob Schweder – Chair  
Mike Skivington – Vice  
Chair  
Nancy Hiestand  
Nita Krenz  
Bill Boutwell  
David Albright  
Wes Eisenga, CASSC  
Rep.

Karissa Block, Secretary

Virtual attendance at meetings is optional. If technical difficulties arise, there may be instances when remote access may be compromised. If there is a quorum attending in person, the meeting will proceed as scheduled.

This agenda gives notice of a meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee. It is possible that individual members of other governing bodies of Green Lake County government may attend this meeting for informative purposes. Members of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors or its committees may be present for informative purposes but will not take any formal action. A majority or a negative quorum of the members of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors and/or any of its committees may be present at this meeting. See State ex rel. Badke v. Vill. Bd. of Vill. of Greendale, 173 Wis.2d 553, 578, 494 N.W. 2d 408 (1993).

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment (3 minute limit)
5. Approve Minutes: 2/13/2025
6. Department Reports
  - County Library Services Report
  - Land Conservation
  - Parks
7. Annual Reports
  - Land Conservation
  - Parks
  - \*UW-Extension
  - \*\*Green Lake Libraries
8. \*Budget Line Item Transfer
  - UW-Extension
9. Discussion and possible action regarding quotes for new lawn mower
10. Discussion on Parks & Recreation Action Plan 2025-2030
11. Discussion on Soil and Water Resource Management Plan funding
12. Discussion on County Conservation Staffing State Budget Request
13. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: 04/10/2025 @ 9:00AM
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
14. Adjourn

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Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office.  
Elizabeth Otto, County Clerk

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**GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 13, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bob Schweder called the meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee to order at 9:00am in the Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room #0902, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. Public access was available via remote programming as well as in person. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Mike Skivington, Nita Krenz (remote), Bill Boutwell, Bob Schweder, David Albright

Absent: Nancy Hiestand

Also Present: **Karissa Block**, Deputy County Clerk; **Todd Morris**, County Conservationist; **Scott Weir**, Maintenance Supervisor; **Stefanie Meeker (remote at 9:45am)**, Real Property Lister; **Jason Jerome**, Interim County Administrator

**PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES LIMIT)** - none

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Boutwell/Skivington)* to approve the minutes of the 1/9/2025 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**APPEARANCES**

- **Trevor Pike, Wildlife Specialist – 2024 Claim approvals and harvest waiver exemptions**

*Motion/second (Boutwell/Albright)* to approve the 2024 claim approvals and harvest waiver exemptions. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- **County Library Services Report – Not in attendance**
- **Land Conservation** – Morris shared that the Land Conservation Department started their Native Plant Sale and have had a few sales. They are currently planning for the Small Scale Agriculture Meeting. They will also be hosting the Nutrient Management Training for farmers.
- **Parks** – No discussion

**APPEARANCES**

- **Shelly Rothman, Foxhead Regenerative Agriculture Project – Possible Stewardship Program in Green Lake County**

Shelly Rothman appeared via Teams. Shelly believes the first step for the Agriculture Project is engaging the public. The committee agreed this is something they would like to move forward with. Discussion held.

**BUDGET REQUEST FOR LINE ITEM TRANSFER**

- **Land Conservation** – No discussion

*Motion/second (Boutwell/Skivington)* to approve Budget Request for Line Item Transfer for Land Conservation. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**BUDGET CARRYOVER DOCUMENTATION REQUEST**

- **LC Green Lake Capture**

- **LC Lake & River Fund**
- **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV)**
- **No-Till Drill/Soil Health**
- **LC Buffer Contracts – 25 years**

Morris gave a brief summary regarding each Budget Carryover Request. No discussion. ***Motion/second (Boutwell/Skivington)*** to approve all 5 Budget Carryover Documentation Request. Motion carried with no negative vote.

#### **UPDATE ON EXTENSION EDUCATOR VACANCY PROCESS**

A meeting will be held at the Government Center, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00pm-6:00pm regarding this topic. All committee members are invited.

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE UPDATE TO RESOLUTION PASSED IN JANUARY 2025 REGARDING FULL TIME PARKS POSITION**

This resolution was turned down by the Administrative Committee. However, the Administrative Committee is not opposed to creating this new position, but there were concerns regarding the budget for this position. New County Interim, Jason Jerome stated that he would be happy to work with Weir regarding a full-time parks position and discuss the budget.

#### **DISCUSSION REGARDING GREEN LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT**

The committee is in favor of the Green Lake County Community Garden Project. However, they want to have a set plan on how to go about this project, so it does not fall back on the Maintenance/Parks Department.

#### **DODGE MEMORIAL ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

Options for Independent Living did an inspection at Dodge Memorial Park. Some things did not meet the requirements; however, they are not under any violations. This inspection was mainly for recommendations/improvements. The Maintenance/Parks Department will do everything they can to make the parks ADA accessible.

#### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- a. Next meeting date – 03/13/2025 @ 9:00AM
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion
  - Discussion and update on new Parks Position
  - Discussion regarding Community Garden Project
  - Resolution regarding Stewardship Funding
  - Follow up on wake boats in Green Lake County Lakes

#### **ADJOURN**

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 10:13am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Block  
Deputy County Clerk

**Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee**  
**Land & Water Conservation Dept. March 13, 2025 Report**

**February 2025 Projects**

- Inspect open erosion control permits and review new permit applications for erosion control and stormwater management.
- Started petition/application materials for Agricultural Enterprise Area in Town of Seneca.
  
- Process Farmland Preservation Program notifications to update Certificates of Compliance and mail updated COC's to landowners for use in filing taxes.
- Update Farmland Preservation Program participants field maps and cropping rotation information to prepare for 2025 FPP spot checks.
- Survey existing culvert and road area on County Highway AW and then size the watershed to properly size a culvert that the Highway Department will be replacing.
- Prepare the Capture P Structure in the Town of Green Lake to be ready to accept stormwater and snow-melt runoff due to warmer weather.
- Meet with several landowner at their properties to discuss their resource concerns and to better understand what best management practices they might require us to cost share.
- Begin design of a farmable terrace in the Town of Marquette.
- Work with landowner and NRCS engineers to address WI DNR site visit runoff issues in the Township of Princeton.
- Send out bids for design of a waste storage facility and waste transfer in the Township of Princeton.
- Continue heavy use area protection design in the Township of Princeton.
- Complete three soil borings on site in the Township of Princeton.
- Meeting to discuss Community Garden project.
- Work on buffer design for interested landowner.
  
- Hosted Raingarden and Pollinator Workshop
- Attend Wisconsin Land Information Association annual conference in Appleton.
- Attend Nutrient Management Plan training presented by UW Extension, DATCP and Green Lake County Land Conservation Department.
- Attend Upper Fox-Wolf Watershed Farmer Roundtable - Kaukauna
- Started spring newsletter

**March 2025 Planned Projects**

- Work on project designs for 2025 installation (13 projects)
- Hold Nutrient Management Training for farmers – Kingston (joint meeting with Columbia County LWCD)
- Setup informational meeting in Town of Seneca regarding petitioning for Agriculture Enterprise Area
- Send mailer to homeowners for well testing program.
- Finalize mapping for Farmland Preservation Program spotchecks (75 checks)

**Lake and River Report**

**Puckaway** –

**Twin Lakes** –

**Spring Lake (Kingston)** –

**Little Green** – Attended Districts monthly meeting.

**Green Lake** – Met with planning team for organizational management meeting.

**Grand Lake** – Did not receive DNR Grant.

**Other** – Continue to work with DNR to rectify wetland violations by private landowners.

**Golden Sands RC&D January AIS Update (Andrew Senderhauf):** see attached

Upcoming Events:

March 5-7, 2025 – WI Land + Water Conference, Green Bay

March 18, 2025 – Nutrient Management Farmer Education for Amish Community, Town of Kingston

April 22, 2025 – Water Testing Program, UWSP

May 16, 2025 – Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Area Assoc. meeting – Adams County

March 15, 2025  
Land, Water, Parks & Community  
Monthly Report  
Parks & Recreation Department  
Green Lake County

Zobel Park (Upper)

Privy for of trash  
Scheduled Maintenance performed.  
General Maintenance performed.

Zobel Park (Lower)

Privy full of trash  
Scheduled Maintenance performed.  
General Maintenance performed.

Sunset Park

Privy full of trash  
2 launch piers refurbished have been taken back to staging area 04/03/25.  
Scheduled Maintenance performed.  
General Maintenance performed.

Twin Lake Park

Scheduled Maintenance performed.  
General Maintenance performed.

Spring Valley Park

Scheduled Maintenance performed.  
General Maintenance performed.

Dodge Memorial Park

Privy full of trash  
3 launch piers taken to Maintenance shop for refurbishing 04/03/25  
Scheduled Maintenance performed.  
General Maintenance performed.

Lake Maria

Waiting for property to be surveyed by county surveyor- LUZP (This needs to be completed before spring planting)

Scheduled Maintenance performed

General Maintenance performed

Kingston Park

Privy full of trash

Scheduled Maintenance performed.

General Maintenance performed.

Laures Trail

Scheduled Maintenance performed.

General Maintenance performed.

Mascoutin Valley State Trail

Scheduled Maintenance performed.

General Maintenance performed.

General

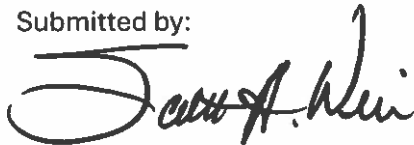
Capital Out-Parks quotes attached. (Zero turn mower)

Seasonal equipment maintenance continues.

Public correspondence attached.

January's Expenditure Summary Report not available by finance department (04/03/25) and is not included in this month's report.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Weir". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "S" and a cursive "A. Weir".

Scott A. Weir

Maintenance Director/Parks & Recreation Director

Green Lake County



**GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION  
2024 ANNUAL REPORT  
TO  
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



Chapter 92 of the Wisconsin Statutes governs the Land Conservation Department. The Land Conservation Department provides engineering, technical design and conservation planning to landowners to help control soil erosion and protect water quality. The Land Conservation Department is under the supervision of the Land Conservation Committee. The mission statement of the Land Conservation Department is, "Our highest responsibility is to protect and enhance land and water resources that will sustain current and future generations."

### **Staff**

Todd Morris, County Conservationist  
Heidi Weishaar, Administrative Assistant  
Derek Kavanaugh, Soil Conservationist III  
Jordan Dornfeld, Soil Conservationist II  
Parker Richter, Soil Conservationist I  
Olivia Fischer, Soil Conservationist I



### **DATCP Grant Funding Received**

The department received a \$173,645 grant from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for departmental operations and program management.

### **Invasive Species Control and Education**



In 2024, the Land Conservation Department signed a Lake Monitoring and Protection Network agreement with Golden Sand Resource Conservation & Development Council to provide technical assistance to communities, stakeholders, and volunteers within Green Lake County to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), provide education about AIS impacts and prevention, and conduct lake monitoring. Activities completed through the network include AIS outreach, education, and display at Green Lake County Fair. Golden Sands RC&D continued AIS response of a butterfly dock population. Assisted DNR in mapping a new population of floating marsh pennywort found in Twin Lake.

Dodge Memorial Park boat wash station was automated in 2024 to provide 24-hour use. In 2024 there were over 1200 (315 in 2023) boats that used the station to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. The Green Lake

Association also purchased a Clean, Drain, Dry (CD3) system that was installed at Horner's Landing. This system is a portable solar powered unit that and contains a wet/dry vacuum, air hose, scrub brush, and drain plug remover. In its first year of operation the average operation time was 100 hours/week.

Outreach was done through the state's Clean Boats, Clean Waters program. The Green Lake Association sponsored five Clean Boats Clean Waters inspectors at all eight public boat launches around Green Lake. Watercraft Inspectors completed over 1000 hours at boat launches, contacting and inspecting 3044 boats. Of the boats inspected, 239 visited different lakes within 5 days of launching on Green Lake. Of the previous lakes visited, 59 of these lakes have aquatic invasive species that have not been identified in Green Lake.

## County Lakes



**Green Lake** – We are in the third year of implementing the 9 Key Element Plan for the Green Lake Watershed. Through various funding sources approximately 1023 acres of cover crops were established, 1 grade stabilization structure was installed, 3.3 acres of grassed waterways were constructed, no till practiced on 1018 acres, 1.5 acres of wetlands restored, and 15 acres of streambank buffers maintained in Green Lake County Buffer program (4 new acres in 2024.)

In 2023 the CAPTure™ Pilot Project installation was completed. The goal of the project is to reduce the transport of soluble phosphorous to Green Lake. This project is trialing a phosphorous filter system utilizing an iron-enhanced activated aluminum media capable of removing >50% of soluble phosphorous. While grade stabilization structures are effective at reducing sediment to lakes

and stream, they are not as effective at reducing soluble phosphorous. This project involved modifying an existing grade stabilization structure by updating the current inlet with a pipe drop structure and installing a drainpipe to flow the ponded water through the media. The CAPTure™ project will be monitored for till December 2025 to determine phosphorus removal. If this project shows measurable soluble phosphorous reductions additional phosphorous removal systems could be retrofitted on similar projects throughout the watershed.

**Lake Puckaway** – The 5-year comprehensive lake management plan (2017) is currently being updated.

In 2023 the Breakwater Restoration Project was completed. The former 1800's dredge banks provided protection to the variety of plants and habitats that are important for fish spawning, duck habitat, nesting of endangered tern species, and many other wildlife species. Large portions were eroded over the past 150 years. Restoration of the dredgebank will reestablish much of this vulnerable habitat and improve water quality. The breakwater will be monitored for 5 years for settlement and vegetation establishment.

As part of the Lake Plan development process, a plan was established to restore the eastern portion of the dredge to protect the habitat areas to the north side of the breakwater. Green Lake County Land Conservation worked closely with the DNR, Lake Puckaway District, Ducks Unlimited, the Corps of Engineers, and other partners to design, permit, and fund the restoration project.

The Lake Puckaway District is also working with the DNR and private consultants to develop a 2025 Aquatic Invasive Species treatment plan.





**Twin Lakes** – A Surface Water Grant Application was granted on behalf of the Twin Lakes Association for the Big and Little Twin Lakes Aquatic Plant Management Plan Update. The Lake Association is updating the Lake Management Plan to reflect current conditions, new management techniques, DNR recommended integrated management, and future management updates. The goal is for the Association to have a clear strategy and options for management activities. Twin Lake also has identified a new aquatic invasive species, floating marsh pennywort, which has been mapped and they are working on treatment plan.

**Spring Lake (Green Lake Township)** – A comprehensive Lake Management Plan was completed 2018, which will guide future management actions. The Land Conservation Department is working with watershed landowners to implement best managements practices identified in the Lake Management Plan.

**Grand Lake** – A Surface Water Grant Application was submitted on behalf of the Grand Lake Improvement Association for Curly-leaf Pondweed Control. Grand Lake did not rank high enough to receive the grant.

**Little Green Lake** - Little Green Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District is working on updating their Lake Management Plan. An application was submitted to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Surface Water Planning Grant to fund the update. Little Green Lake was unsuccessful in their grant application but moved forward with developing their Lake Management Plan by self-funding the plan. The Land Conservation Department is participating in the plan development.

#### **Land & Water Resource Management Plan Implementation (DATCP)**

The Land Conservation Department updated the Green Lake County Land and Water Resource Management Plan in October 2018. A 5-year plan review by the Wisconsin Land & Water Board took place in 2023. A full plan review and approval is due in 2028. The plan identifies four goals which are as follows:

**Goal 1:** Work toward meeting the long-term goal of 15% or greater sediment delivery reduction for the period 2018 – 2028.

**Goal 2:** Work toward meeting the long-term goal of 15% or greater phosphorous delivery reduction for the period 2018 – 2028.

**Goal 3:** Preserve and restore habitat.

**Goal 4:** Protect groundwater resources.

In 2024, \$83,685 in state DATCP cost sharing was paid to 9 participants to implement various Best Management Practices (BMPs). Cost-share rates for these programs range from 50%-70% depending on the practice. Conservation practices installed/implemented under these programs in 2024 were:



<b>Contracted Practices 2024</b>	<b>Total Units</b>
Grassed Waterway	0.9 ac
Nutrient Management	607 ac.
Subsurface Drain	485 ft.
Well Decommissioning	1 no.
Lined Waterway	101 lin. ft.
Diversion	744 lin. ft.
Grade Stabilization Structure	1 no.

### **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Grant**

In December 2023 the Land Conservation Department was successful in obtaining a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant for the Roy and Wuerches Creek Watersheds. This federal grant allowed our department to focus implementation of agricultural best management practices in two high phosphorous loading sub watersheds in the county. The goal is an estimated 2,375 lbs. reduction of phosphorous and 768 tons reduction of sediment in the watersheds. Reductions in phosphorus loads will be achieved through cropland practices (no-till, cover crops, and low disturbance manure application) and structural practices (grade stabilization structures, terraces, streambank restoration, harvestable buffers). Implementing this grant began in early 2024, and the three-year grant ends in December 2026. In 2024 Green Lake County utilized \$105,238 of funding from grant. Conservation practices installed/implemented under this program are:

<b>Contracted Practices 2024</b>	<b>Total Units</b>
Cover Crops – 3 years continuous	568 ac.
No-till – 3 years continuous	452 ac.
Low Disturbance Manure Application	109 ac.
Terrace	737 lin. ft.
Grade Stabilization Structure	
Streambank Restoration	
Harvestable Buffers	



### **Multi-Discharger Variance Program (MDV)**

Multi-Discharger Variance Program is voluntary for counties to participate. If counties choose to participate the funds must be spent to bring farmers and other agricultural sources into compliance with NR 151 Agricultural Performance Standards. Funds must be targeted to the highest phosphorous loading areas within the county. A watershed plan targeting 4 subwatersheds (Puchyan River, Puckaway Lake-Fox River, Sand Spring Creek-Fox River, and Town Ditch) was developed and submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for approval. Practices targeted in plan are cover crops, grade stabilization structures, water and sediment control basins, and diversions. Projects phosphorous savings are estimated at 217 lbs. In 2024 Green Lake County total funding was \$47,059.96.

<b>Contracted Practices 2024</b>	<b>Total Units</b>
Cover Crops	
Grade Stabilization Structure	
Water & Sediment Control Basin	
Diversion	

### **Green Lake County Buffer Program**



In 2017 the Green Lake County Board established the Green Lake County Buffer Program. This program utilizes county funding for voluntary 25-year buffer agreements with participating landowners to establish and maintain a minimum of 30 feet to a maximum of 150 feet of perennial vegetation along streams. The buffers prevent phosphorous and sediment runoff from reaching adjacent stream, while improving water quality and wildlife habitat. The buffer area is allowed to be harvested.

Heading into 2024 there was 28.51 acres, and 5 landowners enrolled in the buffer program. Unfortunately, two landowners requested to be let out of their agreements in 2024. This was allowed with the program penalty to payback one annual payment. There was also one additional landowner that enrolled 4 acres into the program. At the end of 2024 there was 24.44 acres, and 4 landowners enrolled in the program. Total length of buffers installed is 16,890 feet on 9,293 feet of stream.

**Phosphorous Savings**

<b>Phosphorous Savings 2024</b>	<b>Phosphorous Reduction (lbs./yr)</b>	<b>Sediment Reduction (tons/yr)</b>	<b>Nitrogen Reduction (lbs./yr)</b>
DATCP Land & Water Resource Mgmt. Plan	88.0	2.3	194.2
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	695.4	252.8	1248.0
Multi-Discharger Variance Program			
Green Lake County Buffer Program	196	96	9.6
<b>2024 TOTAL:</b>	<b>979.4</b>	<b>351.1</b>	<b>1451.8</b>

NOTE: 1 lb. of Phosphorous can produce 500 lbs. of algae.

**Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**

Approximately \$119,721 was paid to landowners who installed/implemented practices in 2024. For fiscal year 2024, nine new EQIP Contracts were signed, obligating approximately \$103,325. Cost sharing for this program ranges from 50%-90% depending on the practice. Conservation practices installed/implemented in 2024 were as follows:

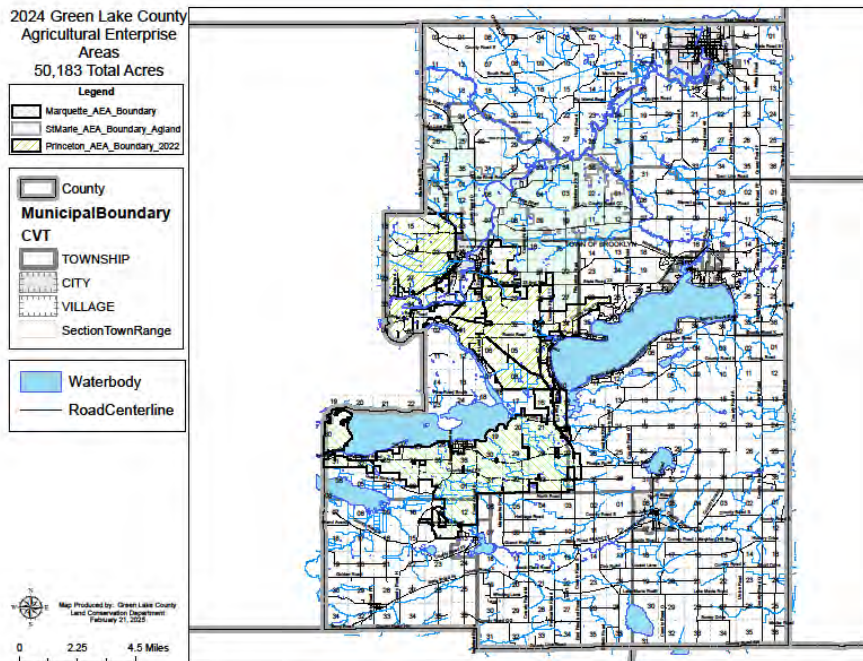


<b><u>Practice</u></b>	<b><u>Total Units</u></b>	<b><u>Unit</u></b>
Brush Management	40.4	Ac
Cover Crop	614.6	Ac
Critical Area Planting	0.3	Ac
Forest Management Plan	1	No
Grassed Waterway	0.3	Ac
Irrigation Pipeline	469	Ft
Irrigation Water Management	32.8	Ac
Mulching	0.3	Ac
Prescribed Grazing	38	Ac
Pumping Plant	2	No
Sprinkler System	32.8	Ac
Tree Planting	3	Ac
Upland Wildlife Habitat Mgmt.	0.5	Ac
Wildlife Habitat Planting	9.4	Ac



## Farmland Preservation Program

This program's purpose is to preserve agricultural land and open space by promoting sustainable land use planning and development. A major component of the program requires landowners to comply with state soil and water conservation standards adopted by the Land Conservation Committee. Participants are eligible to claim a \$10.00 per acre income tax credit. In Green Lake County 266 landowners representing 56,085 acres, have been issued Certificates of Compliance and are eligible to received \$560,850 in state tax credits.



Green Lake County has established three Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEA). They are: Town of St. Marie AEA, Town of Princeton AEA, and Town of Marquette AEA. The AEA's consist of contiguous agricultural that promote the standards of the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP). To date there are nine (9) landowners with a total of 1682 acres that have signed Farmland Preservation Agreements. Signing an agreement acknowledges the landowner's intent is to keep their land in agricultural production for the next 10-15 years. The Farmland Preservation Agreement allows them to receive the tax credit of \$10.00 per acre.

Green Lake County has 50,183 acres established as Agricultural Enterprise Areas which creates opportunities for these landowners to participate in the Farmland Preservation Program through Farmland Preservation Agreements.

## Clean Sweep

On August 9, 2024, 133 residents participated in a one-day hazardous waste chemical collection. The collection netted approximately 10,345 total pounds of hazardous waste. Also collected were 300 gallons of waste oil, 90 gallons of anti-freeze, and 309 fluorescent light bulbs. A list of disposal options for items not collected at the clean sweep was distributed as needed. There was county participation from all 10 townships, 4 cities, and 2 villages.

In 2024 an electronic recycling event was not held in conjunction with the Clean Sweep event. There were three separate electronic collection events throughout the county that residents could have participated in.

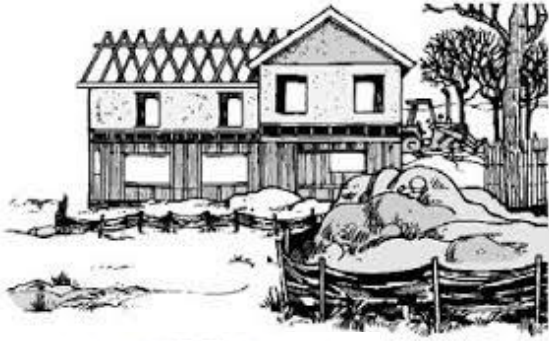
In addition, 315 tires were collected for a minimal fee. Liberty Tire Recycling was contracted to pick up and recycle the tires.

\$10,000 in revenue toward this event was received from Waste Management, \$15,558 in revenue was received from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, and \$1,293 was received for tire collection/waste oil/auto batteries. Total cost of the event was \$29,715 with the Green Lake County cost after all revenues and expenses of \$2,864.





### Land Conservation Ordinances



**Construction Site Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Ordinance** - In 2024, 15 Construction site erosion control and storm water management permits were issued, generating \$1700 of revenue.

**Animal Waste Management Ordinance** – In 2024, zero animal waste storage facility permit were issued.



### Conservation Education Efforts

**Poster Contest:** The annual Conservation and Environmental Awareness Poster Contest for county students in grades K-12 was held in January with 132 poster entries received, with the theme “*May the Forest Be With You Always.*” Cash prizes were awarded to 17 students in various contest divisions. Four area schools and two sites from the Boys & Girls Club participated in this year’s contest. The award-winning students were recognized during the April County Board of Supervisors meeting. Award winning posters were also displayed at the Green Lake County Fair.

**Arbor Day:** The 2024 Arbor Day Breakfast celebration was held on April 26, 2024. This event was held at the Green Lake Conference Center with 82 participants. The featured speakers were Jennifer Hawley & Patrick Hughes from Landmark Landscaping talking about “Naturalistic and Deer Resistant Landscaping.”



**Land and Lake Field Day:** The Land and Lake field day was held at the Pete Badtke Farm on August 17, 2024. Topics included grazing heifers, conservation easements, soil health with soil pit and drone seeding cover crops. The Green Lake Association and Green Lake Farm Bureau sponsor the event while various agencies cooperate to make the field day a success for the 98 participants that attended.

### No-till Drill Rental Program

The goal of this program is to promote the establishment of cover crops, small grains and forages, and native plantings using no-till planting method. In this third year of the program the drill was leased to 20 landowners on a total of 457 acres. The various plantings were: 129 acres of native grass, 51 acres of forage planting (hayland), 113 acres of cover crops, 65 acres of no till soybeans, and 99 acres of small grains. We are looking to continue to build on the success of this program in 2025. No-till drill was purchased by Green Lake Association who leases the drill to Green Lake County for use throughout the Green Lake Watershed and county.



**Wildlife Damage Program**

The Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program is a program where, through local county implementation, farmers receive assistance with wildlife damage prevention and compensation for crops lost. This program is fully state funded with funds coming from a \$1 surcharge on hunting licenses.

2024 crop year deer damage claims of \$44,465.17 was appraised for eight farmers. Fifty-nine Act 82 shooting permits were issued to farmers where over \$1,000 of deer damage occurred or was likely to occur with a total of 52 total deer harvested. USDA Animal, Plant, Health, and Inspection Service – Wildlife Services (USDA-APHIS-WS) handles day to day administration and field management with the Land Conservation Department having overall administrative and financial management. All staff and Land Conservation Committee time spent on this program is reimbursed 100% from the DNR.

In 2024, Green Lake County participated in the Deer Donation Partners Program. This is the fourth year in which there was a specific drop off site established in the County. A total of 7 deer were donated and the Green Lake County food pantry received 240 pounds of processed venison. Wildlife Damage program funds the deer donation program.

**Green Lake County Drainage Board**

The Land Conservation Department assists the Green Lake County Drainage Board with projects and activities. The Board reimburses the Department for these activities.

**District 1** – Inspection completed by Mr. Bobek. There is interest from landowners in the district to work on removing trees in district ditch and corridor so water can flow. Landowners in district will complete the work.

**District 2** – Ditch remains in good working condition. Drainage ditch in excellent condition, very little water at bottom. The owners do a great job maintaining this system.

**District 3** – Ditch remains in good working condition. Two small sink holes on the road, probably from water moving along a drainpipe into the ditch. Chinese elm and buckthorn starting to take hold, appeared that the owner has sprayed. The owners do a great job maintaining this system.

**District 4** – District Dissolved in 2024.

**District 5** – Rod Zietlow spoke with Mike Eagen regarding drain. Mike said everything was functioning good and no maintenance was needed.

**Seneca-Warren** – Site visit to Souder parcels, spoke with Leo. Leo has plans to develop this area and would like to regrade his private lateral to make it a waterway. This waterway will outlet into a future stormwater pond. Stormwater pond will be installed to control runoff from surrounding area before water enters his ponds. There is a tile from neighboring parcel which Leo and the neighbor made an agreement to deal with. Leo installed a tile and sent this water to the north. This will outlet into a private lateral that flows out of the Seneca-Warren district. Future plans on the site are to connect the two existing ponds. To do this the town ditch would be removed and become part of the pond.

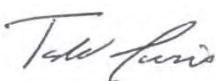
Site visit made to the Ottman property. Survey Grade GPS used to conduct survey of site. On WDNR property, the elevation on top of the installed boards in water level control structure of wetland pond were taken. There was also a high-water mark, staining, on structure and this elevation was also taken. Moved to the Ottman property and surveyed his ditch bottoms and low spots in field to document elevations. It appears that ditches on the Ottman property are lower than ditches located on WDNR property, where Ottman's water should flow. See attached map.

Site visit to Alf property to check on bank repair completed earlier this year. Looked good and holding up nicely.

Flow is majority of ditch is low, the exception being east of Hwy D. Possible blockage or cleaning may need to take place in this section.

Schrock property still in need of repair.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd Morris  
County Conservationist

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT****ANNUAL REPORT**

This report was generated from the 2024 Expenditure Detail Report by the Finance Department

	2023	2024
Security/Electricity	\$1,478.59	\$1,761.91
Snowmobile Trail Maintenance	\$42,990.04	\$43,140.00
Sanitary District Fish Rearing	\$950.00	\$950.00
Green Lake Trail Project	\$0.00	\$0.00
Launch Maintenance	\$37,320.15	\$114,933.64
Launch Revenue	\$57,835.00	\$54,525
Equipment Rental/Lease	\$657.10	\$869.02
Equipment/Equipment Maintenance	\$3,975.00	\$2,292.28
Parks Revenue/Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fuel	\$3,823.00	\$4,048.82
Mandated Water Testing	\$35.00	\$50.05
PPE	\$127.62	\$144.82
Sanitation	\$1,081.69	\$1,612.43
Sewer/Sanitary Pumping	\$6,653.50	\$4,270.10
Trash Parks	\$318.80	\$806.72
Maint./Buildings/Grounds/Furnishings	\$14,695.88	\$7,136.08
Capital Outlay-Shelters/Zobel	\$19,035.00	\$29,950.00
Improvements	\$856.02	\$4,261.56
Capital Outlay-Shelters Carry Over to 2025		\$30,050.00

# GREEN LAKE COUNTY EXTENSION

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

"Bringing the Knowledge of the University to You!"

### Green Lake County 4-H Program

**About 4-H:** The 4-H Program is a project-based learning program for youth to "Learn by Doing." Youth will get the chance to explore their sparks (interests) and master new skills that they can use throughout their entire lives. The Green Lake County 4-H Program has 15 community clubs and county-wide groups that all support the youth of Green Lake County.

#### 4-H'ers are Thriving

Key takeaways from the Thrive Survey:

**5.7/7**

Overall Program  
Quality

**5.7/7**

Overall Youth  
Thriving

**6.1/7**

Overall Developmental Outcomes

Written Responses to "Share an example of how a 4-H adult has helped or supported you in your 4-H experience," from the Thrive Survey!

"Give back to  
the community"

"Determination  
and dedication  
to my projects"

The WI Thrive Survey shows how youth ranked statements (Ex. "I have a say in planning programs.") related to the three main categories on a 1-7 scale with 1 being "not true at all" and 7 being "very true".

#### New Club Formed

Welcome to the Rising Clovers 4-H Club! This year, I helped two enthusiastic leaders organize a new club through the charter process. These leaders are excited to promote positive youth development experiences for their members. The club meets at the Berlin Library on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30PM!



#### 4-H Enrollment

**185**

Youth Enrolled  
in 2024

**46**

Adult  
Volunteers

Enrollment Data is from the  
2023-2024 4-H year.

**29**

First Year  
4-H'ers

**57**

First Generation  
4-H'ers





## 2024 Programs



**Five County 4-H Camp:** At Five County 4-H Camp, we create a welcoming camp environment for youth to learn new skills, build lasting connections, and grow independently. This year, I worked with the other counties to implement a no cellphones policy that greatly increased their active participation and greatly reduced instances of homesickness. Look at all the Green Lake County campers to the left!



**Cloverbud Programs:** It is great to introduce our younger members to the world of 4-H. I hosted many Cloverbuds programs to address the larger number of younger members with the local libraries including learning about monarchs and the importance of milkweed, water quality in ground water, and creating nature art. These programs introduce new sparks that they can continue to explore in 4-H. I also hosted a day camp to get interest in Five County Camp. Check out some day camp fun to the right!



Contact Me

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### Green Lake County 4-H Welcome Night:

This was a great chance to tell people all about what 4-H has to offer. The attendees were grateful to learn all the intricacies of 4-H. The goal for this program is to welcome families into the Green Lake 4-H Program, provide the ins and outs of 4-H, and offer the chance to learn how 4-H promotes positive youth development.



UW-MADISON EXTENSION  
GREEN LAKE COUNTY

# Regional Livestock

May 2025 will mark two years for me as Livestock Educator in Adams, Green Lake, and Waushara Counties. During this time, I've been able to become familiar and build relationships with many of the livestock producers in the area. Through on-farm interactions, needs assessments, and office calls I have been able to identify areas of interest for livestock producers in our area. My focus area is in beef cattle, but I do my best to provide valuable educational opportunities for other livestock species.

## In-Person Events

In person events allow livestock producers a chance to visit other operations in their area. These events allow attendees the opportunity to gain knowledge and share ideas about their own operation. Other in-person events can be geared for other members of the community who work hand in hand with livestock producers. Below I will highlight some of the events from 2024.

**Farm Technology Days:** I was able to attend and present at WI Farm Technology Days where UW-Extension partnered with Tuff Built (Cattle Chutes) who fabricates their products here in Green Lake County. I was able to connect with many producers and teach effective cattle handling through the partnership with a local company.

**Beef 101 On Farm Workshop:** Was held in September, the workshop focused on the following topics: marketing methods, farm facilities and cattle handling tour, building a beef herd, body condition scoring, breeding strategies, purchasing bulls, and feeding cows and calves. This workshop was successful with 22 farms attending from multiple areas. Based on surveys taken from the event, knowledge increases were seen in all topics.

**Beef Quality Assurance Trainings (BQA):** These trainings, in cooperation with Wisconsin Beef Council, allowed participants to earn their BQA certification that is good for 3 years. This certification gives the producer a widened market/opportunity to receive premiums on fed cattle sales. Over the fall months I was able to teach 5 different classes with around 350 certificates being awarded to producers.

**Planning Emergency Livestock Transport Response (PELTR):** This workshop, geared for first responders, taught the important aspects of animal care, handling, movement, euthanasia, stress, animal containment, biosecurity, extraction from trailers, and the handling of mortalities after a livestock transport accident. The training was attended by representatives from all local counties as well as a state veterinarian. Reviews and follow-up meetings have occurred with first responder personnel based off of this workshop.



## Virtual Education

Virtual options are a way to engage livestock producers from a large region at one time. This also gives the producer the opportunity to look back or review material if they cannot attend an in-person workshop. Below are some of the virtual opportunities beef producers had in 2024 (and 2025).

**Beef 101, School for Beginning Beef Production:** This free online school offered 6-night sessions on the topics of beef business options, marketing, cow-calf nutrition, veterinary skills, herd reproduction, and stocker/backgrounder/feedlot enterprises. This class was held for the second year in a row with over 100 registrations in back-to-back years. Registered individuals received recorded class sessions, an FAQ regarding the sessions, and resource guides for future use.



**Beef Noontime Roundup:** This new piloted webinar series discusses emerging topics in the beef industry with experts throughout the United States. So far, we have hosted a Veterinarian from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and a Professor from Oklahoma State University.

## Looking to the Future

Coming in late March is a pig show workshop held here in Green Lake County for youth who intend to show swine in the upcoming fair. I, along with UW-Extension State Swine Specialist Jeff Morris, will deliver a program to inform swine producers on the importance of nutrition, swine supplements, trailer preparation and maintenance, among other topics. Please feel free to contact me and visit our UW-Extension Livestock page for articles, worksheets, and other useful tools.

## Contact Me



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**Visit Us**

[Livestock.extension.wisc.edu](https://livestock.extension.wisc.edu)



# Regional Crops

2024 was my third year as the Regional Crops Educator in Adams, Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara Counties. I have developed a focus and expertise in vegetable production nutrient and pest management in addition to field crop and grazing management. I have built strong relationships across the industry to improve farm profitability and sustainability.

Part of my role involves helping farmers in the region stay up to date on their nutrient management plans and pesticide applicator licenses. I have held trainings on both of these topics in multiple counties. These trainings are well attended averaging around 20 people each time.

## On-Farm Research

One of the most interesting aspects of my role is conducting on-farm research projects. These projects are farmer-driven and the goal is to answer a question that they have. In 2024 I had five on-farm projects. Three (two in corn and one in potato) related to reducing nitrogen losses from fields. Another was on growing alternative forages, specifically warm-season grasses, on sandy soils to look at their yield and field value. The last one was on tracking on-farm soybean production systems to better understand which practices relate to increased profitability. I held multiple field days to showcase these projects.



*An on-farm research field with multiple nitrogen rates.*

## Statewide Efforts



Throughout the year I coauthored the Wisconsin Ag Climate Outlook, a report that is weekly in the growing season and monthly in the winter, that provides information on weather conditions and their impacts on agriculture. This report is emailed out to subscribers and is used in newsletters across the state.

I also served on the planning committees for the Wisconsin Weed Management Workshop in September and the Badger Crop Update Meetings in December. These events drew lots of people from all over and provided insights on the latest research in crop management.

## Meetings & Field Days



*A field day showcasing an on-farm project in potatoes in conjunction with the Farmers of the Roche-a-Cri Producer-Led Watershed Group.*

In February I held a Weed Management Meeting with Dr. Rodrigo Werle. Producers and agronomists found this valuable for better understanding their options for managing weeds, especially those that have developed herbicide resistance. I spoke about herbicide rotational restrictions and how to plan for a rotation.

In March I hosted the annual processing crops meeting for the Central Sands, and I also hosted one in Green Lake. These events were well attended and were of benefit to our vegetable industry farmers and professionals.

In May I held a potato scouting training with Dr. Russell Groves and Dr. Amanda Gevens. There were over 40 attendees and this session received rave reviews.

I held my Hancock Highlight Series again this year. This involved three events highlighting nutrient leaching, disease management, warm-season grasses, and developments in nitrogen fixation in corn. These events involved great discussions in the field to look at cutting edge research happening at the research station in our area



*A field day at the Hancock station with Dr. Jean-Michel Ane.*



Natasha Paris  
Regional Crops Educator



## Healthy Choices Healthy Lives

FoodWise in **Green Lake County** is federally funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed). With local strengths, we support healthy eating habits, active lifestyles and healthy community environments for Wisconsin residents experiencing limited incomes through nutrition education at the individual, community and systems levels.



### Green Lake County Landscape

**Whether people are healthy or not is affected by systems, policies, and environmental factors.**

**46%**

of children in schools were eligible for free or reduced price meals.<sup>^</sup>



**10%**

of county residents use SNAP benefits to purchase food for themselves and their families.\*



## Achieving More Together

UW-Madison Division of Extension works alongside the people of Wisconsin throughout urban and rural communities to deliver practical educational programs where people live and work. In Green Lake County, FoodWise partners with schools, after-school programs, Head Start programs, senior fitness programs, and food pantries to help make the healthy choice the easy choice in our communities.

### Community

### Impacts in 2024

Engaged with 91 learners around nutrition education topics in a variety of settings, including early care and education centers, after-school programs, food pantries, and farmers market

With this program I held 19 sessions totaling 14 hours of direct education. With the afterschool program we were able to learn about the 5 food groups and sample new foods. Creating habits to help us grow into healthy adults.

Worked with the Berlin Farmers Market to set up EBT as an accepted form of payment, serving community members with limited income.

<sup>^</sup>Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

\*WI Dept of Administration and WI Dept of Health Services

# Inspiring Collaborations



- Connected with the Berlin Farmers Market Manager. Confirmed that EBT was not an accepted form of payment.
- Worked with the UW Extension State Farmers Market Specialists to get instructions to apply for and complete the process through USDA.
- The Market Manager secured Double Dollar Matching funds up to \$10 from ThedaCare.
- Held a Farmers Market Tour to teach community members about EBT and how to use their benefits at the market as well as WIC and Senior Vouchers.
- Total EBT Purchased Tokens \$665.00
- Total Double Dollars Tokens \$400.00
- 19 community members utilized this benefit



## Multi-level Program Efforts

I was able to provide programming with the Tri-County Boys and Girls Club. I partnered with the Berlin and Green Lake sites. I also partnered with the Markesan Head Start for parent/child cooking classes.

I work with UMOS to provide nutrition education during the summer at their Berlin location. There were 14 students in the program. Parent handouts were provided in English and Spanish.

I am working with the Markesan Head Start in the planning stages for an outdoor classroom garden. Programming will start spring of 2025 around planting and sampling food from the raised garden beds. The Head Start received money from Green Lake County partners for this project.

## Connect With Me

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We are in the planning stages for more Market Tours this next season as well as some cooking demonstrations.



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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
GREEN LAKE COUNTY

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To connect people with the University of Wisconsin. We teach, learn, lead, and serve -- transforming lives and communities.

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UW-Madison Extension's outreach creates key connection points for families, communities, businesses, non-profit organizations, government, and more. We support local volunteers and leaders to take action and serve as role models in their communities, and we make sure Wisconsinites have the latest research, best practices, and educational opportunities. With a presence in every county in Wisconsin and in partnership with First Nations we are: supporting positive youth development; supporting Wisconsin's agriculture industry; empowering health and well-being; promoting healthy relationships; fostering civic and economic leadership; and enhancing resilient natural resource systems.

For more details, stop by our office in the Government Center or visit us on the web: the UW-Madison Division of Wisconsin website at <https://extension.wisc.edu/about-us/> and the Extension Green Lake County website at <https://greenlake.extension.wisc.edu/>



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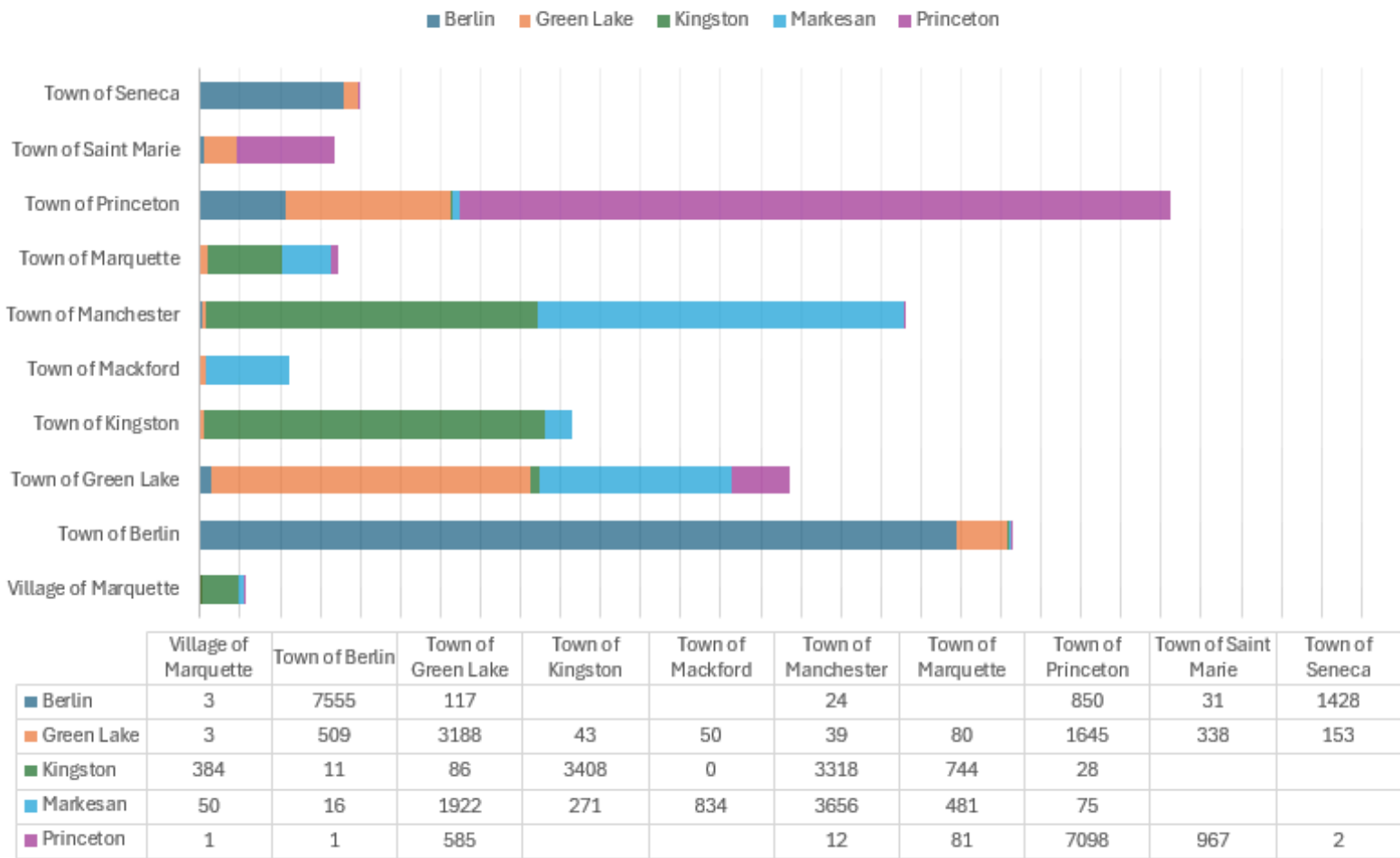
# GREEN LAKE LIBRARIES: 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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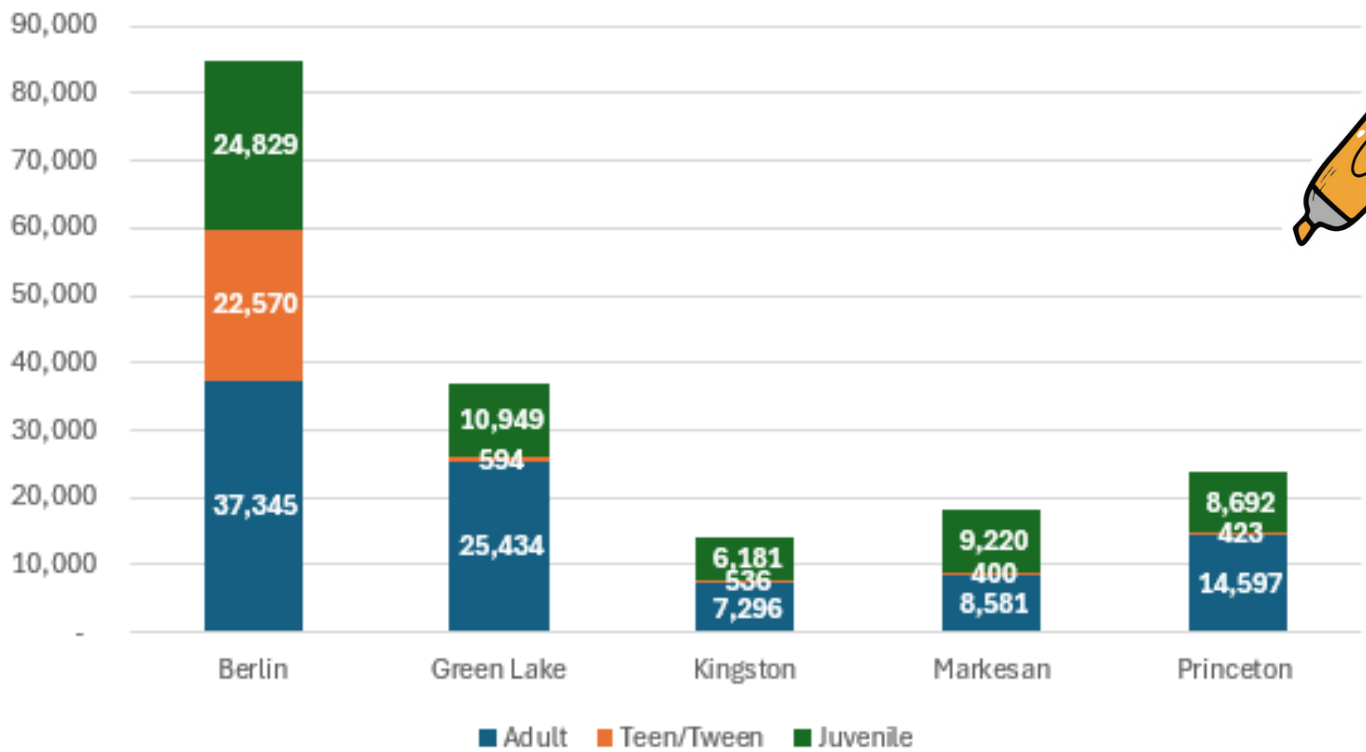
- Hours - almost 12,000 open hours
- Programs - 1,072 events, 16,692 participants
- Visitors - 115,000 visitors
- Patrons - 11,554 card holders
- Meeting Rooms - over 4,000 hours of use
- Faxing - around 1 fax per library per day

## GREEN LAKE COUNTY RURAL CIRCULATION 2024

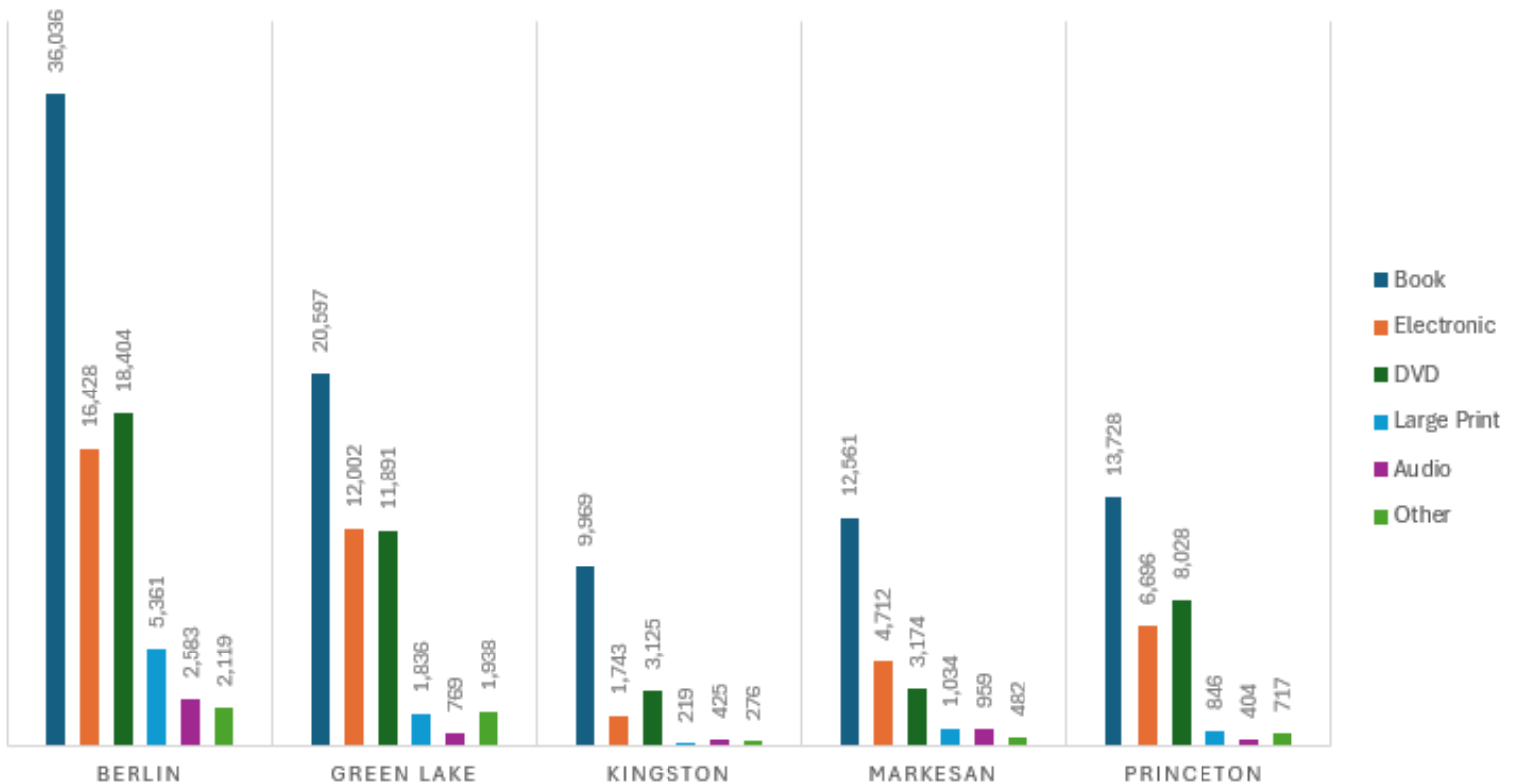


# CIRCULATION!

## PHYSICAL CIRCULATION BY AUDIENCE



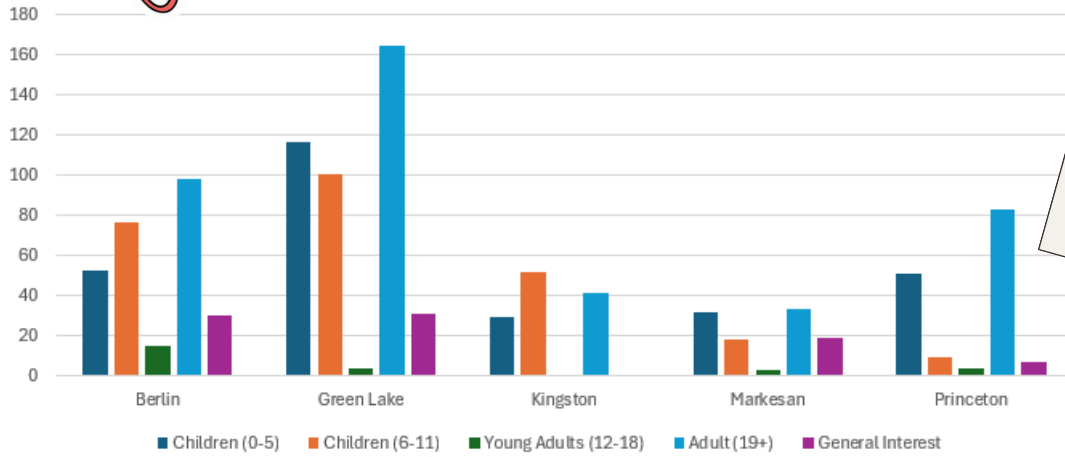
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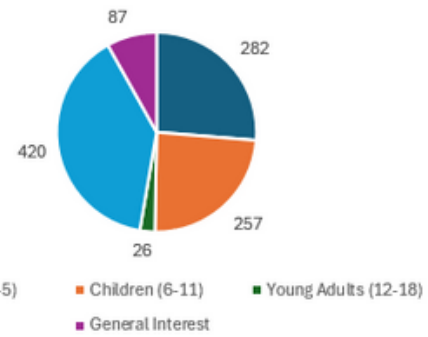
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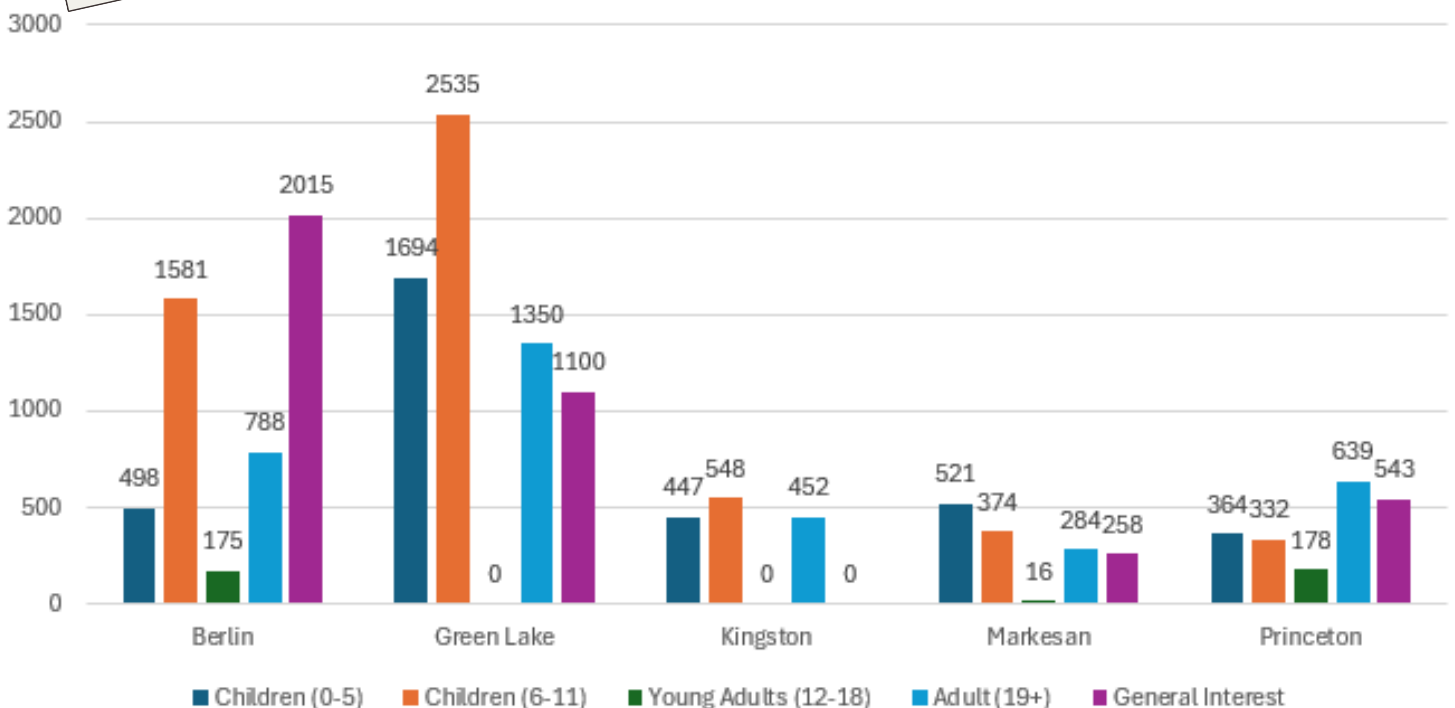
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Number of Programs: 2024



Program Attendance: 2024

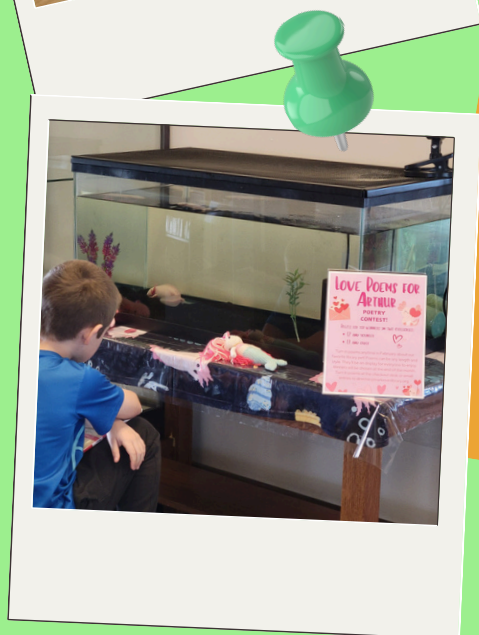


# STORIES FROM FEBRUARY



## THINGS PATRONS LOVE ABOUT THE MARKESAN LIBRARY, IN THEIR OWN WORDS

- "Arthur lives here and Mr. Lucas orders the books I request and we save a lot of money!"
- Books and story hour
- The staff is always here to help!
- There are unlimited books
- Seeing Arthur
- I love checking out stamps for card-making!
- The ambiance!"



## PRINCETON LIBRARY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Listening session with Representative Alex Dallman
- an Antiques Roadshow style collectibles appraisal event
- Multiple craft programs including: a spring luminaries craft for teens and adults and watercolor evenings.
- \$1,000 grant from Webster Foundation to purchase "decodable books," Wonderbooks, and Experience Passes



# GREEN LAKE COUNTY

## BUDGET CARRYOVER DOCUMENTATION

Carryover Fund: UW-Extension Postage

Department: UW-Extension

Name: Stacy Graff

Recording information

Batch no: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Carryover type:

☒ Restricted

☐ Committed

☐ Assigned

### Purpose of the Carryover:

UW-Madison Division of Extension provides the county state funds for postage. These state funds may only be used for mailing extension related items, and any remaining funds have to transfer into the next year.

### What accounts impact the remaining balance in the carryover account?

	Account #	Account Name	Amount
Beginning Balance	24-100-13-55620-311-000	Postage	\$ 343.88
Revenue Accounts	24-100-13-47412-000-000	Postage Revenue - State Funded	\$ 3,330.12
	24-100-13-47412-000-000	Postage Revenue - HCE Reimbursed	\$ 249.72
			\$ -
Expenditure Accounts	24-100-13-55620-311-000	Postage	\$ 834.41
			\$ -
			\$ -
End of Year Balance			\$ 3,089.31

Subject Matter Expert:

Stacy Graff

Date: 1/27/2025

Department Head Approval:

Stacy Graff

Date: 1/27/2025

Finance Director Approval:

Kenneth J. Stephens

Date: 1/27/2025

County Administrator Approval:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Governing Committee Approval:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revised 02/2024



## REQUEST FOR PURCHASE APPROVAL

### Item To Be Purchased:

Ferris Zero Turn Mower IS2600 24hp Yanmar Diesel W/60" Deck

Department: Parks & Recreation

Account Number: 25-400-00-57100-012-000

Governing Committee: Land, Water, Parks & Community

Governing Committee Approval Date:

P&I Approval Date:

### Reason for Purchase:

Replacement of 13 year old Scag Zero Turn 60"

Approved by County Board for 2025 Budget Capital Outlay-Parks



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### Quote Summary

**Prepared For:**

Green Lake County Highway Department  
WI  
Home: 920-229-5119

**Prepared By:**

Tery Scharschmidt  
Ballweg Implement Co., Inc.  
W7246 Highway 68  
Waupun, WI 53963  
Phone: 920-324-3537  
tscharschmidt@ballweg.biz

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**Quote Id:** 32414473**Created On:** 03 March 2025**Last Modified On:** 03 March 2025**Expiration Date:** 25 April 2025

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Equipment Summary	Suggested List	Selling Price	Qty	Extended
2025 FERRIS IS2600ZY24D60 - 4002399822	\$ 21,834.00	\$ 17,576.00 X	1 =	\$ 17,576.00

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<b>Equipment Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,576.00</b>
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**Quote Summary**

Equipment Total \$ 17,576.00

SubTotal \$ 17,576.00

Total \$ 17,576.00

Down Payment (0.00)

Rental Applied (0.00)

**Balance Due \$ 17,576.00**

Salesperson : X \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted By : X \_\_\_\_\_

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Quote Id: 32414473

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Prepared For:  
**Green Lake County Highway Department**



Prepared By: **Tery Scharschmidt**  
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Email: [tscharschmidt@ballweg.biz](mailto:tscharschmidt@ballweg.biz)

Date: 03 March 2025

Offer Expires: 25 April 2025

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JOHN DEERE

## Selling Equipment

Quote Id: 32414473

2025 FERRIS IS2600ZY24D60 - 4002399822				
Hours:		0	Suggested List	
Stock Number:			\$ 21,834.00	
			Selling Price	
			\$ 17,576.00	
Code	Description	Qty	Unit	Extended
5901929	IS2600 24 HP YANMAR DIESEL 60" DECK	1	\$ 21,449.00	\$ 21,449.00
Other Charges				
	Freight	1	\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00
	Setup	1	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
	Other Charges Total			\$ 385.00
Suggested Price				\$ 21,834.00
Customer Discounts				
	Customer Discounts Total		\$ -4,258.00	\$ -4,258.00
Total Selling Price				\$ 17,576.00

# Q U O T A T I O N

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INTEGRITY LAWN SERVICE & SUPPLY, INC  
526 E Fond du Lac St  
Ripon, WI 54971  
Phone #: (920)748-5013

PHONE #:  
CELL #:  
ALT. #:  
P.O.#:  
TERMS: Net 10 1st&15th  
SALES TYPE: Quote

DATE: 2/19/2025  
ORDER #: 31514  
CUSTOMER #: 102241  
CP: Ashley R  
LOCATION: 1  
STATUS: Active

## BILL TO 102241

GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
571 COUNTY RD A  
GREEN LAKE, WI 54941 USA

## SHIP TO

GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
571 COUNTY RD A  
GREEN LAKE, WI 54941 USA

MFR	PRODUCT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	NET	TOTAL
FER	5901929	IS2600 24hp Yanmar Diesel w/60" deck	1	\$23,594.00	\$23,594.00	\$23,594.00
****	DISC	DISCOUNT- Government Account	1	\$0.00	-\$5,229.00	(\$5,229.00)

Prices reflected on this quote are valid for 10 days and while current supplies last. However, prices are subject to change if the program or promotion the prices were quoted under is no longer in effect.

All special orders require a 50% down payment prior to the order being placed.

Effective Jan 1st 2025 there will be a 3% surcharge added to all invoices paid via credit card. This surcharge does not exceed our actually fees. The surcharge can be avoided by paying with cash, check or debit card.

SUBTOTAL:	\$18,365.00
TAX:	\$0.00
ORDER TOTAL:	<u>\$18,365.00</u>

Authorized By: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXPENDITURE DETAIL LISTING

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks

**ACCOUNT NAME:** CAPITAL OUTLAY - PARKS

**ACCOUNT #:** 25-400-00-57100-012-000

Ferris Zero Turn 60' Mower  
(Replacement)

\$ 19,345

**Total**

**\$ 19,345**

## Weir, Scott

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**From:** simpkinsfamily@charter.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2025 11:57 AM  
**To:** Maintenance  
**Subject:** New submission from Contact Us

[CAUTION: EXTERNAL SENDER This email originated from outside Green Lake County. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.]

### Department

Maintenance & Parks

### Your Email Address

[simpkinsfamily@charter.net](mailto:simpkinsfamily@charter.net)

### Name

Melanie Simpkins

### Email Subject

New Parks Plan

### Your Message

Scott, I wondered if you have a new 5 year parks plan?  
Thx,  
Melanie Simpkins  
Green Lake Greenways Board



**Parks & Recreation  
Action Plan  
2025-2030**

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**Dodge Memorial Park**

Add 1 unit of playground equipment  
Remove outdated playground equipment  
Create ADA access to water/swim area through beach  
Plant additional trees for shade (Replace dead trees)

**Sunset Park**

Create a small safe access area for swimming  
Add 2 small units of playground equipment

**Twin Lake Park**

Add small post frame shelter  
Resurface access and parking area

**Spring Valley Park**

Resurface parking area  
Add small post frame shelter

**Spring Lake Park**

Add 1 unit of playground equipment  
Resurface parking area

**Lake Maria Park**

Resurface access road  
Resurface parking area  
Add trees around property

**Zobel Park**

Add 1 unit of playground equipment lower park

**Mascoutin Valley State Trail**

Update all trail signage

**Multi Use Recreation Trails (Motorized/Non Motorized)**

Continue to improve existing trail system

Investigate areas for additional multi use trails

In coordination with Highway Department/Townships, investigate opportunities along state roads, county roads, town roads for the possibilities for multi-use trails when feasible

### **County Wide**

Investigate acquisition of lands for parks, nature areas, camp ground areas when feasible



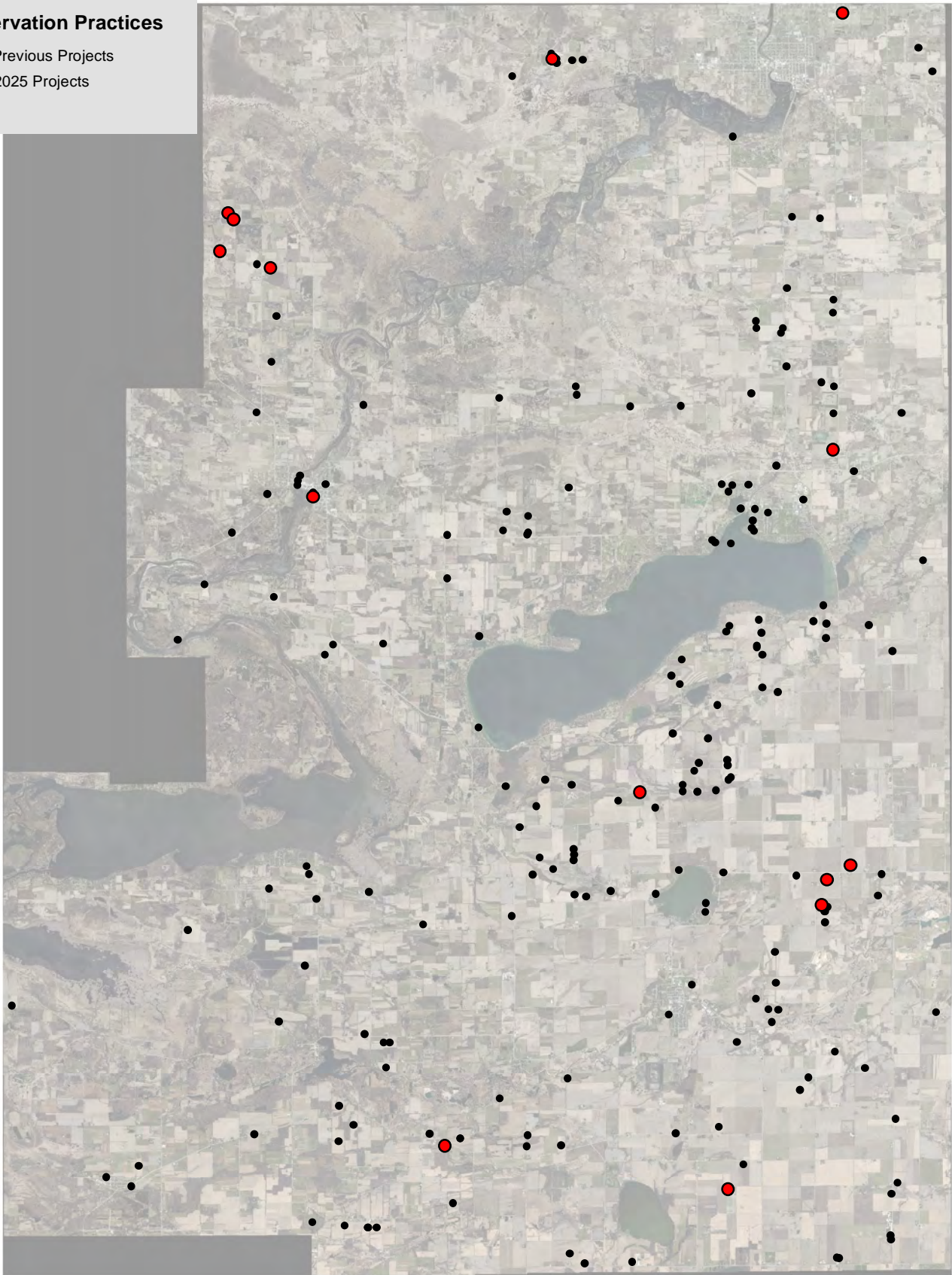
2025 Soil & Water Resource Mgmt Applicants as of 3/7/2025  
Total 2025 Cost Sharing Available \$45,700 BMP/\$30,000 NMP



**Legend**

**Conservation Practices**

- Previous Projects
- 2025 Projects





# BUDGET ACTION CHECKLIST

*This checklist is designed to help you keep track of your actions in support of WI Land+Water's budget priorities.  
Complete the checklist and share your advocacy successes with Matt Krueger, [matt@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:matt@wisconsinlandwater.org)*



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<b>Get to Know the Issues</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> View budget one-pager	<b>NOTES</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Review our Policy Priorities	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend a Leg/Admin Meeting	
<b>Engage with Your Reps</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Share your county's top three	<b>NOTES</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Organize a visit	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet and make your ask	
<b>Show Your Support</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend a Listening Session	<b>NOTES</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass a resolution	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Write an Op-Ed	

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## 2025-2027 BIENNIAL BUDGET PRIORITIES



### OUR TOP PRIORITY: COUNTY CONSERVATION STAFFING

Support Wisconsin farmers and landowners by allocating \$20.2 million in base funding for county land and water conservation department (LWCD) technical professionals, from the DATCP budget.

#### REASONS TO INCREASE LWCD BASE FUNDING

- » LWCD staff carry out a range of the state's agricultural and resource management programs to reduce non-point pollution, preserve farmland, limit aquatic invasive species, protect waterfront property, manage forests, and reduce floods.
- » Without county staff support, vital state programs like DATCP's Farmland Preservation Program simply would not function.
- » LWCD staff assist Wisconsin's farmers in many ways, including supporting producer-led watershed groups, developing nutrient management plans, and improving profitability.
- » LWCD staff maintain relationships with landowners, building trust and partnerships that have major water quality benefits, like preventing soil erosion and protecting our drinking water.

County conservation staff are the key to unlocking dollars for Wisconsin communities.



For every \$1 of county staffing provided in the state biennial budget, LWCDs leverage \$2 in additional local, state, and federal funding.\*

*\*Determined using data from DATCP*

### ADDITIONAL CONSERVATION PRIORITIES

Addressing the following issues at the state level would better allow LWCDs to meet the needs of their communities.



#### AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE AREAS

Protect farmland by increasing the statewide Agricultural Enterprise Area cap to 3 million acres, meeting increased farmer demand for Farmland Preservation Program participation.



#### CLEAN DRINKING WATER

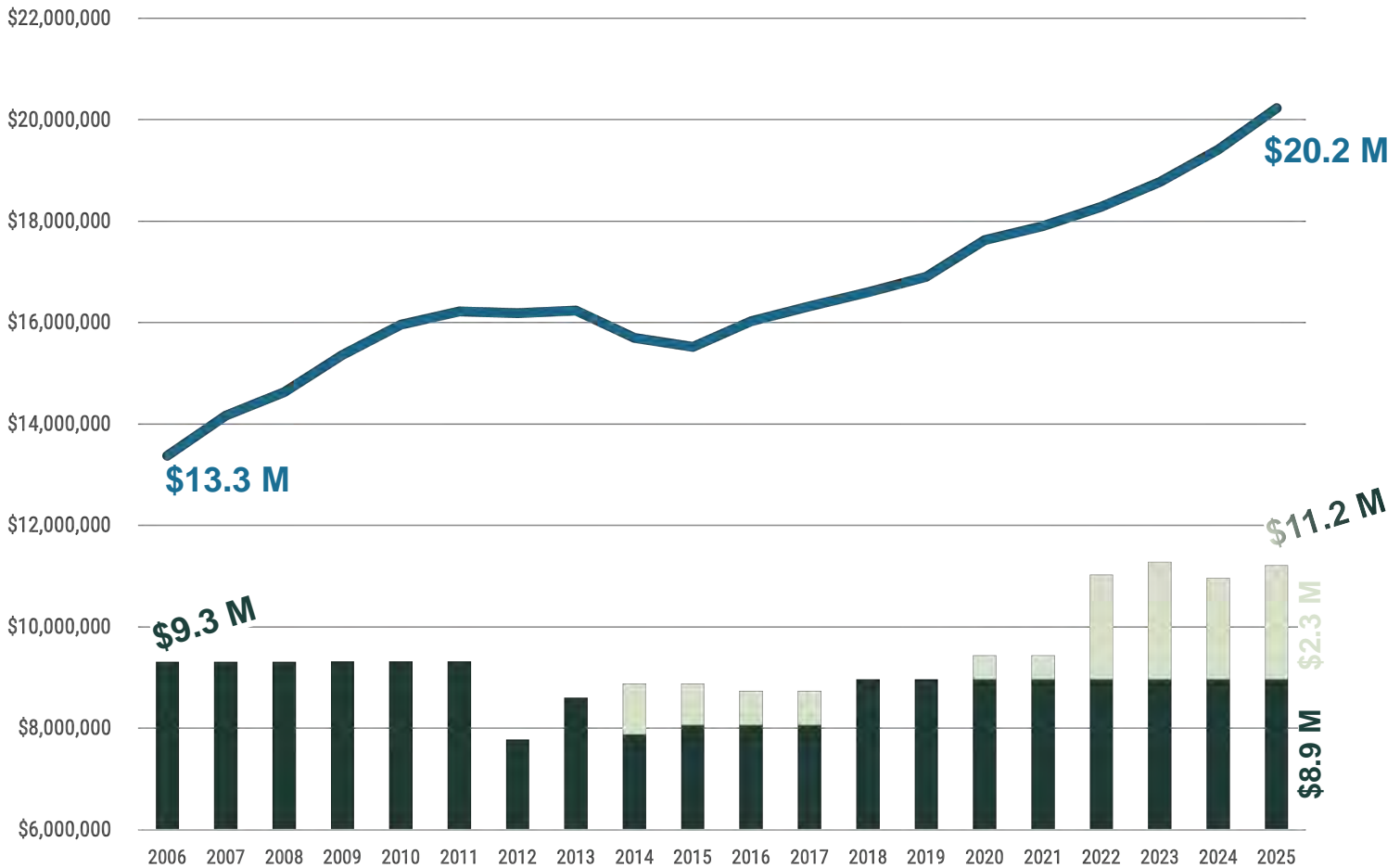
Give Wisconsinites with contaminated wells access to safe drinking water by expanding eligibility for well replacement or whole home filtration via the Well Compensation Program.



#### PROTECT WATERWAYS

Develop a science-based framework that minimizes the impacts of wake boats (shoreline erosion, water quality degradation, aquatic invasive species introduction and transport) while promoting local control.

# County Conservation Staffing Budget Allocation



## BASE FUNDING

- » In 2006, the state allocation of \$9.3 million—all of it base funding—met 70% of the county staffing need of \$13.3 million.
- » In 2025, the base funding allocation of \$8.9 million only met 46% of the county need.
- » In the 19-year period from 2006 to 2025, base funding relative to county staffing needs decreased by 26%.
- » Base funding provides stability, allowing LWCDs to leverage external funds and build partnerships with landowners.

## ONE-TIME FUNDING

- » In recognition of the important role LWCDs play, between 2020 and 2025, the total state allocation was increased above the base funding of \$8.9 million, using one-time funding.
- » One-time funding provides a temporary increase, but it lapses back to base funding at the end of the budget.
- » This does not provide LWCDs with the stability required to meet the needs of landowners and carry out conservation programs, and limits their ability to leverage additional dollars for their communities.

## COUNTY NEED

- » County staffing needs are based on actual expenses, as defined in Wis. Stats 92.14(6)(b).
- » Rising landowner demand for sustainable practices and the need to protect against unpredictable weather have increased department expenses to address evolving land use challenges.
- » Fully funding the needs of LWCDs enhances financial and technical support for landowners while boosting local economies by creating jobs that support conservation projects.