



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

Original Post Date: 04/16/2026

Amended Post Date:

The following documents are included in the packet for the County Board meeting on April 21, 2026:

- 1) Amended Agenda
- 2) Minutes – 03/17/2026
- 3) County Manager Update
- 4) ADRC/Aging Unit Report
- 5) Children & Families Report
- 6) Employee Recognition
- 7) Resolution 09-2026 Resolution for Recognition of Service to the Green Lake County Board
- 8) Resolution 10-2026 Resolution Creating County Memorial Tree Program
- 9) Ordinance 06-2026 Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn – Jonathan J. & Donna M. Schulz
- 10) Annual Reports
- 11) Budget Adjustment



Green Lake County Board of Supervisors
Meeting Notice

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors will meet in person and via virtual communication in Room #0902 in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin on Tuesday, the **21st day of April, 2026 at 9:00 AM** for the organizational meeting of the Board. Business to be transacted include:

Amended* AGENDA

County Board of Supervisors

- Dist. 1 Nancy Hoffmann*
- Dist. 2 Charles Buss*
- Dist. 3 Andy Brendemihl*
- Dist. 4 David Abendroth*
- Dist. 5 Mike Skivington*
- Dist. 6 Brian Floeter*
- Dist. 7 Bob Schweder*
- Dist. 8 Nancy Hiestand*
- Dist. 9 Bill Boutwell*
- Dist. 10 LuAnn Mirr-Frank*
- Dist. 11 Harley Reabe*
- Dist. 12 Charlie Wielgosh*
- Dist. 13 Don Lenz*
- Dist. 14 Dennis Mulder*
- Dist. 15 VACANT*
- Dist. 16 Joe Gonyo*
- Dist. 17 *Robert Grim*
- Dist. 18 Sarah Allen*
- Dist. 19 Gene Thom*

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.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY MISSION:

- 1) *Fiscal Responsibility*
- 2) *Quality Service*
- 3) *Innovative Leadership*
- 4) *Continual Improvement in County Government*

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Reading of the Call**
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 5. Oath of Office – Judge Mark Slate**
- 6. Election of Chair**
- 7. Election of Vice-Chair**
- 8. Election of Highway Committee**
- 9. Introduction of County Board Supervisors**
- 10. Minutes of 03/17/2026 meeting**
- 11. Announcements**
- 12. *Organization Direction to Committees and Adoption of Rules of the County Board**
- 13. Public Comment (3 min. limit)**
- 14. Appearances**
 - Monthly update from County Manager Jason Jerome
 - Report from Aging/Long Term Support Department
 - Report from Children & Family Services Department
 - Conservation Poster Contest Awards – 9:45
 - Student appearances relating to County Government Day – 10:30
 - Legislative Report from Rep. Alex Dallman
 - Presentation on Flock cameras – Sheriff and Chief Deputy
- 15. Employee Recognition Awards for 2025**
- 16. Resolutions**
 - Res. 09-2026 Recognition of Service to GLC
 - Res. 10-2026 Creating County Memorial Tree Program
- 17. Ordinances**
 - Ord. 06-2026 Relating to Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn – Jonathan J. & Donna M. Schulz
- 18. 2025 Annual Reports**
- 19. Budget Adjustment**
 - *Radio Tower Driveway- Sheriff/Admin
- 20. Committee Appointments**
- 21. Departments to Report on May 19, 2026**
- 22. Future Agenda Items for Action & Discussion**
- 23. Adjourn**

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin, this 16th day of April, 2026.

Samantha M. Stobbe, Green Lake County Clerk

This meeting will be conducted and available through in person attendance or audio/visual communication. Remote access can be obtained through the following link:

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GREEN LAKE COUNTY

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 2026

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 4:30 PM via remote access and in person for the regular meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by Chair David Abendroth. Roll call taken – Present –17, Absent – 1(Brian Floeter – District 6), Vacant – 1 (District 18)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Nancy Hoffmann (remote)	1
Charles Buss	2
Curt Talma	3
David Abendroth	4
Mike Skivington	5
Bob Schweder	7
Nancy Hiestand	8
Bill Boutwell	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Charlie Wielgosh	12
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Nita Krenz	15
Joe Gonyo	16
Keith Hess	17
Gene Thom	19

READING OF THE CALL

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- READING OF THE CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MINUTES OF 02/17/26 MEETING
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- CORRESPONDENCE

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- Wisconsin Historical Society – Upper Lone tree Farm Historic District

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

APPEARANCES

- Monthly update from County Manager Jason Jerome
- Department Reports from UW-Extension Agents

COUNTY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

RESOLUTIONS

- Res. 06-2026 Resolution Relating to Salary for County Sheriff 2027-2030
- Res. 07-2026 Resolution Relating to Salary for Clerk of Circuit Court 2027-2030
- Res. 08-2026 Resolution Relating to Governmental Responsibility for Targeted Runoff Management Grant

ORDINANCES

- Ord. 03-2026 Relating to Rezone in the Town of Berlin – Eugene F. & Kathleen A. Thom
- Ord. 04-2026 Relating to Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn – John R. Witte
- Ord. 05-2026 Amending Green Lake County Code Chapter 9

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON APRIL 21, 2026

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 13th day of March, 2026.

Samantha Stobbe

Green Lake County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MINUTES OF 12/16/2025 MEETING

2. **Motion/second (Lenz/Schweder)** to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026 County Board meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. The next County Board meeting will take place on April 21, 2026 at 9:00AM.

CORRESPONDENCE

4. Chair Abendroth informed the committee that the Upper Lone Tree Farm Historic District was listed on the State Register of Historic Places by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

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5. Linda Wilkins, W872 Leslie Lane, spoke about her concerns regarding an ICE agreement that was set to be signed by the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office.
6. Doug Knutson, W3596 South Park Way, spoke on keeping the current advisories in place as opposed to creating a new ordinance regarding Wake Boats.

APPEARANCES

7. County Manager Jason Jerome provided an update on recent activities. Samantha Stobbe has assumed her role as the County Clerk. The AP/Payroll Coordinator positions should be filled shortly. Finance Department meetings continue to take place. Green Lake County's Task Force is running and accepting applications for where the money should be distributed. Budget season has started for the County Manager's office.
8. Bill Boutwell took the opportunity to commend the Highway Department on the fine job they have done cleaning up the latest snowstorm.
9. Pat Wagner introduced the UW-Extension staff. Brandon Springer talked about the 4H programs – both what they have done previously and what they hope to add this coming year. Pat Malone discussed her part in the UW-Extension office including programs being held and the comprehensive plan. Adam Hartfield spoke on his position as the Livestock Educator, focusing mainly on beef but also working with other local livestock. Adam went over the previous year's events. Pat Wagner stated that a new Regional Crops Educator should be hired within the next month.

COUNTY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

10. **Motion/second (Mulder/Boutwell)** to approve and sign the County Manager Employment Agreement. Motion carried with no negative vote.

RESOLUTIONS

11. Resolution 06-2026 Resolution Relating to Salary for County Sheriff 2027-2030. **Motion/second (Wendt/Reabe)** to adopt Resolution 06-2026. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 06-2026 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 1 (Wielgosh), Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 (Floeter), Vacant – 1 (District 18). Resolution 01-2026 passed as adopted.
12. Resolution 07-2026 Resolution Relating to Salary for Clerk of Circuit Court. **Motion/second (Thom/Lenz)** to adopt Resolution 07-2026. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 07-2026 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 1 (Wielgosh), Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 (Floeter), Vacant – 1 (District 18). Resolution 07-2026 passed as adopted.
13. Resolution 08-2026 Resolution Relating to Governmental Responsibility for Targeted Runoff Management Grant. **Motion/second (Buss/Skivington)** to adopt Resolution 08-2026. **Motion/Second (Schweder/Reabe)** to suspend the rules and let Todd Morris, County Conservationist speak on the resolution. Discussion held.

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Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 08-2026 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – (Floeter), Vacant – 1 (District 18). Resolution 08-2026 passed as adopted.

ORDINANCES

14. Ordinance 03-2026 Relating to Rezone in the Town of Berlin – Eugene F. & Kathleen A. Thom. **Motion/second (Mulder/Boutwell)** to enact Ordinance 03-2026. Discussion held. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 03-2026 – Ayes – 16, Nays – 0, Abstain – 1 (Thom), Absent – 1(Floeter), Vacant – 1 (District 18). Ordinance 03-2026 passed as enacted.
15. Ordinance 04-2026 Relating to Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn – John R. Witte. **Motion/second (Thom/Buss)** to enact Ordinance 04-2026. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 04-2026 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 (Floeter), Vacant – 1 (District 18). Ordinance 04-2026 passed as enacted.
16. Ordinance 05-2026 Amending Green Lake County Code Chapter 9. **Motion/second (Lenz/Thom)** to enact Ordinance 05-2026. Discussion held. **Motion/second (Reabe/Buss)** to change line 91 from County Administrator to County Manager. Roll call vote on motion to enact Ordinance 05-2026 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1 (Floeter), Vacant – 1 (District 18). Ordinance 05-2026 passed as enacted.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

17. Chair Abendroth requested approval for the following committee appointments:
 - Sue Kiener to the HHS Transportation committee
 - Briann Eagan to the Future Fairgrounds AdHoc Committee

Motion/second (Buss/Schweder) to approve the committee appointments as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON APRIL 21, 2026

18. Aging/Long Term Support and Children and Family Units will be present department reports in April.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

19. Requests were made for State Representatives Alex Dallman and John Jagler to discuss the State legislation being voted on. Highway committee members were notified that the Bill requiring a certain number of hours on machinery in order to get hired failed earlier Tuesday.

ADJOURN

20. Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 5:28PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Samantha Stobbe
County Clerk

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Green Lake County

County Board
April 21st, 2026

County Manager Update

As we begin a new term of service, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of the County Board - both our returning Supervisors and those joining us for the first time. Your willingness to serve our community is deeply appreciated, and I look forward to our work together in the months ahead.

To our returning Supervisors, thank you for your continued commitment and the valuable experience you bring to the Board. Your insight provides stability as we advance ongoing priorities and address emerging needs.

To our newly elected Supervisors, congratulations and welcome. We appreciate your dedication to public service and your readiness to step into this important role. County staff and I are fully committed to supporting your transition and ensuring you have access to the resources and information needed to participate confidently and effectively in Board activities.

During this term, I would like to collaborate with the Board to develop a formalized onboarding process for new Supervisors. This initiative would focus on providing clear, accessible materials and offering structured opportunities for orientation, department briefings, and introductions to key staff. The goal is to equip all Supervisors with the knowledge and context necessary to perform their duties efficiently and to support stronger, more informed governance.

This upcoming year presents opportunities to strengthen county operations, enhance service delivery, and improve outcomes for residents. With the diverse perspectives and expertise represented on this Board, I am confident that we will continue to make thoughtful and informed decisions that benefit our community.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or to department leadership as you settle into your roles. We look forward to a productive year and the meaningful progress we can achieve together.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Jerome

County Manager



Aging Programs
Receives referrals for individuals 55 or older who are in need of in-home services and do not qualify for Long Term Care Services which could include: cleaning, respite, caregiving, lawn care and other needs.



Kristen Dorsch
Aging/ADRC Coordinator
Plans, coordinates, and implements a variety of programs and services aimed at improving the quality of life for older adults in our community and those with disabilities. Provides direct support and coverage to all Aging/ADRC staff.


Ryan Bamberg
Aging/ADRC Unit Manager
Provides oversight to all programs under the Aging / ADRC umbrella.


Jason Wickstrom

Resource Specialist
Assists the elderly and adults with disabilities to live a self-determined life age 17.5 and older. Key tasks include: providing information about resources, long term care program options, completing functional assessments to determine eligibility, and assisting with completion of Medicaid applications.


Lisa Zimmerman

Caregiving Programs
Oversees the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) and Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP) which provide funding and services to those who qualify. Also facilitates the Caregiver Support Group.

Dementia Care Specialist
Assists and educates individuals and families living with dementia, memory loss or cognitive changes allowing them to continue to be active and independent as long as possible in the community.

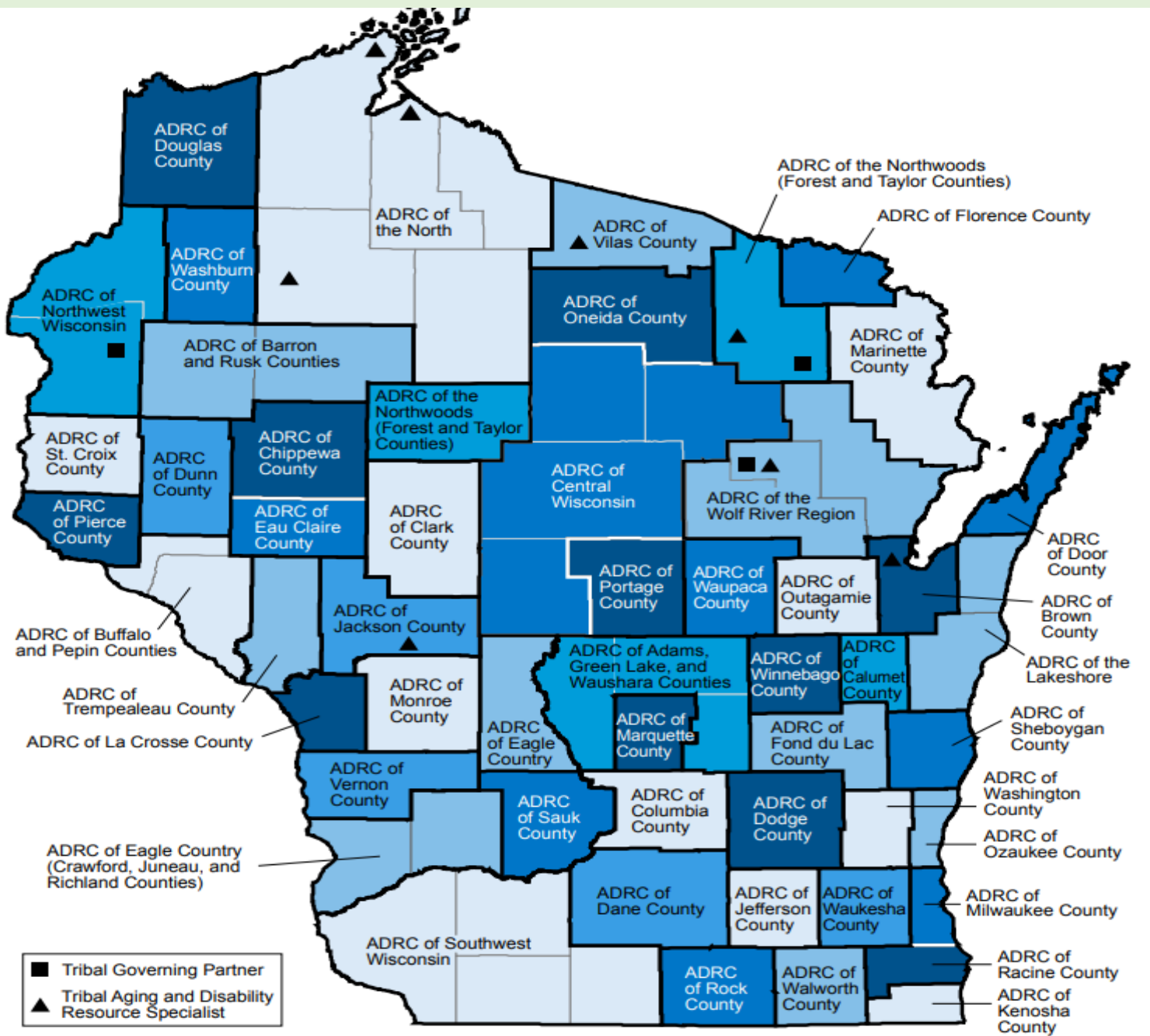
Benefit Specialists


Kathy Mulhern
Nutrition Coordinator
Monitors / supervises all functions involved with meal sites to ensure meals provided are of good quality, presentation and maintenance of high food safety and sanitation standards are followed. Receives and provides oversight to referrals for Home Delivered Meals.


Jenni Piontkowski
Food Pantry Coordinator
Oversees the operations of the food pantry, including but not limited to supervision and coordination of food pantry volunteers, purchasing and restocking of food pantry items, cost and quality control, coordination of food delivery program, monthly statistics and reports as required.


Mabel Plueddeman
Disability Benefit Specialist
Provides trusted and confidential advice to people with disabilities who are between the ages of 18 and 59. Assists people with disabilities by answering questions and solving problems related to: Health Insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, Public and Private Benefits.


Kristine Biesenthal
Elder Benefit Specialist
Provides trusted and confidential advice to adults ages 60 and older about benefits, including health care and programs that could save them money.



Discover your possibilities with ADRC.

Are you caring for a family member and would like accurate information about available resources? Has a disability left you with so many questions that you don't know where to begin?



Start with the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Provides unbiased information for older adults and those living with disabilities as well as those who care for them.

Connects you with available resources such as:

- In-home personal care and nursing
- Housing options
- Housekeeping and chore services
- Home modifications
- Adaptive equipment
- Transportation
- Health, nutrition and home-delivered meal programs
- Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security
- Caregiver support and respite



The information ADRCs provide is free.
To learn more, contact Green Lake County ADRC at 833-694-0192.

ADRC

- **ADRC** – local ADRC can help decide if someone is eligible for publicly funded long-term care.
- In addition, the ADRC will provide:
 - Information about Wisconsin’s long-term care programs and help with local resources.
 - Information on living options, the kind of help you or your loved one needs, where to receive care, and how to pay for it.
 - One-on-one counseling to determine the best options based on personal needs, values, and preference
- 2025 was the first year Green Lake County ADRC became a single County entity. Previously was in a Tri-County ADRC with Waushara and Adams County
- 2025 served a total of 591 individuals
- Most Common Topics:
 - Adaptive Equipment
 - General Resource Material
 - Assisted Living Facility Info
 - Caregiver Programs
 - Food
 - Home Services
 - Housing
 - Public Benefits (Long Term Care Programs, Medicaid, Nursing Homes)
 - Transportation

Benefit Specialist

- **Disability Benefit Specialist-** Disability benefit specialists are available to help adults ages 18 to 59 who have a disability. Elder benefit specialists are on-hand to help adults over age 60 who have a disability.

- Specialists can answer your questions related to benefits, such as:

- FoodShare
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Private health insurance
- Social Security

- 2025 92 cases opened

- **Elder Benefit Specialist-** Elder benefit specialists are on-hand to help adults over age 60 who have a disability.

Specialists can answer your questions related to benefits, such as:

- FoodShare
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Private health insurance
- Social Security

- 2025 150 cases opened

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is funded by TEFAP and private donations from fundraisers and local donors

Food Pantry	2025	2024	2023
Average households served monthly	242	226	221
Average number of individuals	527	505	492

Nutrition Program

- **3 sites Berlin, Markesan, Princeton**– Senior dining centers (congregate) give older adults a place to enjoy a fresh, healthy meal with others. Centers offer a space for community, friendship, and a place to receive resources / education. Home-delivered meals are for older adults who must stay at home or have limited ability to leave the home. It may be hard to travel due to health or other reason.

	2025	2024	2023
Meals served at meal sites	4,690	4,846	4,700
Congregate Meal Donation Dollars	\$15,080.05 (Avg \$3.21)	\$14,919.82 (Avg \$3.07)	\$10,653.52
Homebound meals delivered	18,706	20,183	22,973
Homebound meal donation dollars	\$81,575.14 (Avg \$4.36)	\$83,763.60 (Avg \$4.15)	\$69,643.10

Caregiver Support Programs

- 3 programs (National Family Caregiver Support Program, Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program and Title IIIB). The purpose of the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) is to assist families and other informal caregivers in caring for loved ones at home for as long as possible. Research shows that caregivers experience high levels of emotional, physical, and financial stress which often leads to diminished health of the caregiver.
 - In total Green Lake County was able to provide assistance to 34 Consumers / Families.
 - Lawn Care / Snow Removal
 - Transportation
 - Ramps
 - Cleaning Services
 - Personal Care Services

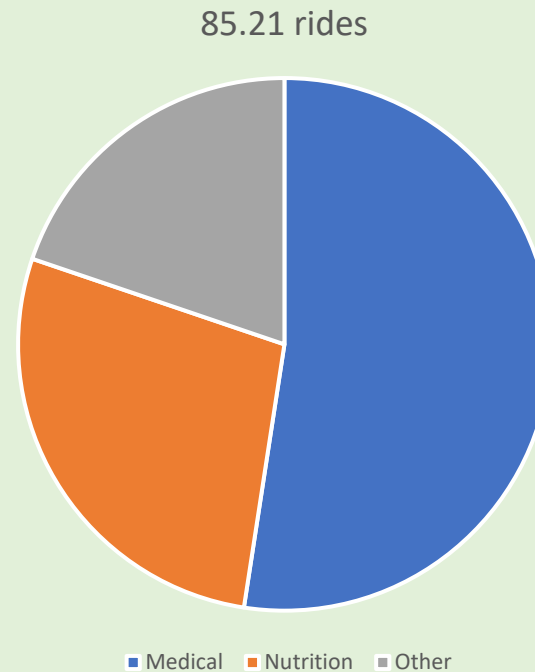
Dementia Care Specialist

- Provide free information and support to adults with dementia and caregivers. Help create places where people with Dementia can remain active and safe.
 - Reducing Demetia Risks
 - Memory Café
 - Powerful Tools for Caregivers
 - In Home Consultation
 - When is it time to think about facilities

Transportation

- The Aging Unit receives and administers the 85.21 State Grant monies, \$79,889.00. Service priorities are MEDICAL TRIPS, NUTRITION-RELATED ACTIVITIES, WORK-RELATED ACTIVITIES, and SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

	Total
Senior, ambulatory	1698
Senior, non-ambulatory	131
Disabled, non-	0
Disabled, non-senior, non-	0
Other	0
Total	1829
Purpose	
	Total
Medical	959
Employment	0
Nutrition	508
Education/Training	3
Social/Recreational	76
Personal Business	240
Other	43
Total	1,829



Health Promotions

- Contract position with Waushara County
- The ADRC offers community health and disease prevention education programs, with an emphasis on falls prevention, physical activity and chronic disease self-management.

Tai Chi Prime – Green Lake (17 participants)

Stand Up for Your Health – Berlin (4 participants)

Stepping On – Berlin (15 participants)

Mind Over Matter – Markesan (canceled)

Stepping On – Markesan (5 participants)

Tai Chi Fundamentals – Green Lake (13 participants)

Tai Chi Prime – Green Lake (23 participants)

Other Activities

- Senior Newsletter Bi – Monthly
 - 1150 distributed
- Health and Wellness Fair
 - Hosted 3rd Health and Wellness Fair. This Fair included 40 plus vendors. The event included food and music for social engagement for the participants. Over 250 people attended the event. New for 2025 was Speed Friending Event. 10 people participated in this event at the Fair. vendors and 300 participants
- Support Group -
 - An active support group for caregivers has been established. The support group meets monthly at Town Square. The group consistently has 10+ individuals attend each meeting.
- The ADRC partnered with local youth organizations to create greeting cards and crafts to be distributed to Seniors in the Community. The organizations included Princeton 5th graders, Green Lake 4H Clovers, and individuals connected with Town Square. The ADRC also assisted local Nursing Homes in creating Holiday Cards. This included having a photographer provided by the ADRC visit local Nursing Homes and take pictures of residents. The pictures were then created into holiday cards for residents to send to their family members. ADRC information was included with these cards as well.

Green Lake County DHHS

Children and Families Unit

2025 Statistical Report

Jordyn M. Knetzger, CSW, Initial Assessment Social Worker

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The Children and Families Unit provides and administers an array of Federal, State and County mandated social services.

These include but are not limited to:

Child Welfare Services

- ❖ Child Protective Services & Child Welfare Services
- ❖ Supportive Services – AKA ‘Wrap Services’
- ❖ Juvenile Court Intake and Dispositional Services

Currently the Unit is comprised of:



Wisconsin's CPS Program is State-Supervised and County-Administered in 71 Counties

The Role of the County is to:

- Determine if information received meets the State definitions.
- Initiate and Complete Investigations.
- Determine if a child is safe.
- Determine if the child & family need services.

2025 Statistics

Total Reports- 226

Total # of Child Abuse/Neglect - 183

- Screened In- 40
- Screened Out – 143

Service Reports – 43

- This is where some 'wrap' referrals come in.
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TOTAL Youth Justice Referrals - 53

2025 Statistics (Cont.)

Of 226 CPS Reports –

40 reports were screened IN by maltreatment type...

- Physical Abuse - 14
- Neglect - 17
- Sexual Abuse - 11
- Emotional Damage – 1
- Unborn Child Abuse – 0

** Some reports include more than one category/allegation.

16 Child(ren) in Need of Protection and/or Services (CHIPS) Petitions were Filed with the Court

We continue to prioritize family first and to utilize Protective Plans and In Home Safety Plans more often than not, keeping from having to remove children from their homes or settings that they are comfortable in.

Yearly Comparisons

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Number of Access Reports	226	238	287	264	323
Number of Child Abuse/Neglect Reports	183	186	231	218	261
Number Screened in	40	40	55	59	80
Number Screened out	143	146	176	158	181
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Physical Abuse	14	11	27	22	35
Neglect	17	43	43	36	40
Sexual Abuse	11	13	7	9	9
Emotional Abuse	1	2	3	1	2
Unborn Child Abuse	0	0	2	2	4
Service Reports Received	43	52	56	46	62
# Screened Out	31	29	25	22	37
Child Welfare Screened in Reports	12	23	31	24	35
Youth Justice Referrals	53	38	49	67	85
Kinship Care Applications	1	4	12	0	1
Court Ordered Study	0	0	0	0	0
Adoption Related	0	0	0	1	0
Re-open closed care	0	0	0	0	1
Drug Affected infants	0	0	0	0	0
Inter-state Compact	0	2	1	0	1

Physical Abuse (ss. 48.13(3)) defined:

- 'Physical injury inflicted on a child by other than accidental means'.
- Includes:
 - Fractured Bones
 - Lacerations
 - Burns
 - Internal Injuries
 - Severe or frequent bruising or great bodily harm.

Injuries related to use of “physical discipline” --



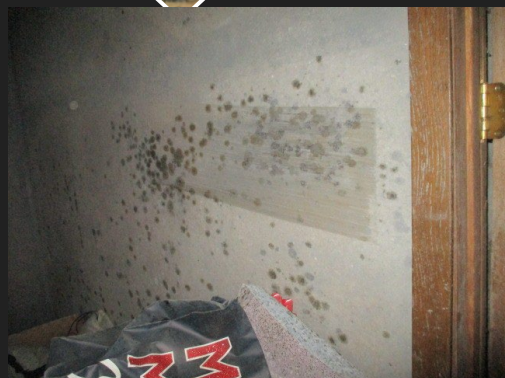
Mothers boyfriend used a belt to discipline a 10yo child after a report home from school for misbehavior.

Neglect

Per the Wisconsin State Statutes, Neglect is defined in s. 48.981(1)(d), Stats., as "failure, refusal or inability on the part of a caregiver, for reasons other than poverty, to provide necessary care, food, clothing, medical or dental care or shelter so as to seriously endanger the physical health of the child."

DIRTY HOME –
Neglect 48.13(10)





**More Dirty
Homes**



Drug Endangered Children

Definition:

- Children who are harmed by parents' use, distribution, or manufacturing of illegal drugs or prescription medications.

Mission:

- Collaborative teaming between Law enforcement, Human Services, Courts and other community partners
- Intervention
- Effective investigation and prosecution
- Treatment/service



Drug Bust that pushed for DEC creation in Green Lake County



Drug Effected Children (DEC)



- Mother and Father arrested
- 2 children placed in foster care
- Parents criminally charged for maintaining drug trafficking home

Sexual Abuse

- **Per the Initial Assessment Standards, "Any of the follow types of intentional touching, whether direct or through clothing, if that intentional touching is either for the purpose of sexually degrading or for the purpose of sexually humiliating the complainant or sexually arousing or gratifying the defendant or if the touching contains the elements of actual or attempted battery under s. 940.19(1), Stats." "Intentional touching by the defendant or, upon the defendant's instruction, by another person, by the use of any body part or object, of the complainant's intimate parts." "Intentional touching by the complainant, by the use of any body part or object, of the defendant's intimate parts or, if done upon the defendant's instructions, the intimate parts of another person."**
- Sexual intercourse with a child
- A person inducing a child to engage in sexually explicit conduct.
- A person encouraging or permitting a child to engage in sexually explicit conduct.
- Any person causing a child to view or listen to sexual activity
- Any person exposing genitals to a child
- Any person permitting or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution

Emotional Damage

Emotional damage is defined in Wisconsin State Statute 48.02(1)(gm) as "emotional damage for which the child's parent, guardian or legal custodian has neglected, refused or been unable for reasons other than poverty to obtain the necessary treatment or to take steps to ameliorate symptoms".



Forensic Interviewing Technique -

- *The process of disclosure, and the impact of language and development, effects of trauma, and question strategies that contribute to dynamics of memories and suggestibility.*
- *FI's are used to conduct developmentally appropriate interviews of a child alleged to be a victim of abuse or neglect, or children who have witnessed abuse or neglect.*
- *Forensic interviews have the purpose of gathering accurate information from children about events they experience.*
- **As of 2026, IASW Knetzger has conducted over 500 forensic interviews and qualifies as an expert witness. Therefore, she can provide expert testimony for forensic interviewing in Court, not just within Green Lake County.**



Shatter the Silence

END CHILD ABUSE NOW

SEE SOMETHING? HEAR SOMETHING?
SAY SOMETHING!!

2025 Employee Recognition Awards

- 5 Years: Erika Herwig
Jessica McLean
Amy McClelland
Allison Meyer
Mabel Plueddeman
Kyla Respalje
Lisa Rollin
Breanna Seuffer
Becki Sonnenberg
- 10 Years: David Cornelius
Jordan Dornfeld
Allison Kavanaugh
Elizabeth Matuszeski
Deb Mirr
Jon Vandeyacht
Bonnie Walker
- 15 Years: Sara Radloff
Lynn Ryan
Ron Severson
Claire Wendt
Jennifer Zeleske
- 20 Years: Becky Pence
- 25 Years: Dawn Brantley
Kelli Schueler
Amy Thoma

RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-2026

Relating to Recognition of Service to the Green Lake County Board

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 21st day of April, 2026, does resolve as follows:

1 **WHEREAS**, the Green Lake County Board wishes to go on record recognizing the loyal
2 and devoted service the following County Board Supervisors have bestowed to the
3 people of Green Lake County and to formally acknowledge such service given and to
4 extend the thanks of the people of Green Lake County for the many contributions of
5 time and effort they have made during their time in office, and the substantial
6 contribution of good judgement and responsibility in the Government of this county;

7 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Green Lake County Board in regular
8 session on the 21st day of April, 2026 does hereby extend its unqualified appreciation
9 and gratitude for the service so generously given to the Board by:

10	Supervisor Curt Talma	April 2018 – April 2026
11	Supervisor Sue Wendt	April 2012 – April 2026
12	Supervisor Nita Krenz	April 2022 – April 2026
13	Supervisor Keith Hess	Sept 2024 – April 2026

Roll Call on Resolution No. 09-2026

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this 21st day of April 2026.

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain ,
Vacant

Submitted by Administrative
Committee

/s/Dave Abendroth

Dave Abendroth, Chair

/s/Bob Schweder

Bob Schweder

/s/Dennis Mulder

Dennis Mulder

ABSENT

Gene Thom

ABSENT

Brian Floeter

/s/Joe Gonyo

Joe Gonyo

County Board Chairman

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:

Corporation Counsel

/s/Nany Hoffmann

Nancy Hoffmann

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-2026

Resolution Creating County Memorial Tree Program

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 21st day of April, 2026, does resolve as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Green Lake County believes that a memorial tree planting program would
- 2 offer community members the opportunity to honor the memory of deceased loved ones
- 3 while assisting in the grieving process; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, memorial trees could be planted at various county parks and maintained by
- 5 the County Parks Department.
- 6 Fiscal note is attached.
- 7 A majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. 10-2026

Submitted by Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee:

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain 0

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this 21st day of April, 2026.

/s/Bob Schweder

Bob Schweder, Chair

/s/ Mike Skivington

Mike Skivington, Vice Chair

/s/Nancy Hiestand

Nancy Hiestand

/s/Nita Krenz

Nita Krenz

/s/Bill Boutwell

Bill Boutwell

/s/David Albright

David Albright

County Board Chairman

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:

Corporation Counsel

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Green Lake County authorizes the
9 creation of a memorial tree planting program that shall be managed by the County
10 Parks Department; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** said memorial trees shall be made available for donors
12 to purchase while remaining under the ownership of Green Lake County; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that memorial trees shall be planted, depending upon
14 space and needs of the property, at one of several County parks of the donor's
15 choosing; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that trees shall be maintained by the County Parks
17 Department for the duration of the tree's lifespan, after which the Parks Department
18 may opt to replace or remove the tree; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that discretion to relocate trees and/or remove dead,
20 unsightly or hazardous trees shall remain with the County Parks Department.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2026

**Relating to: Rezone in the Town of Brooklyn
Owner: Jonathan J. & Donna M. Schulz**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 21st of April 2026, does ordain as follows:

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that the Green Lake County Zoning Ordinance,
2 Chapter 350 as amended, Article IV Zoning Districts, Section 350-26 Official Map, as
3 relates to the Town of Brooklyn, shall be amended as follows:
4

5 **Owner:** Jonathan J. & Donna M. Schulz, **Agent:** Donald W. Lenz, **Location:** N7297
6 County Road FF, **Parcel:** 004-00015-0000. **Legal Description:** Located in the NE ¼ of
7 NE ¼ of Section 1, T16N, R13E, Town of Brooklyn, ±3.5637 acres. **Request:** The owners
8 are requesting a rezone of ±3.5637 acres zoned A1, Farmland Preservation District, to
9 R4, Rural Residential District. To be identified by Certified Survey Map.

10 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage
11 and publication.

Roll Call on Ordinance No. 06-2026

Submitted by Land Use Planning &
Zoning Committee:

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain

/s/ Chuck Buss

Chuck Buss, Chair

Passed and Enacted/Rejected this 21st
Day of April 2026.

ABSENT

William Boutwell, Vice Chair

ABSENT

Sue Wendt

County Board Chairman

/s/Gene Thom

Gene Thom

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:

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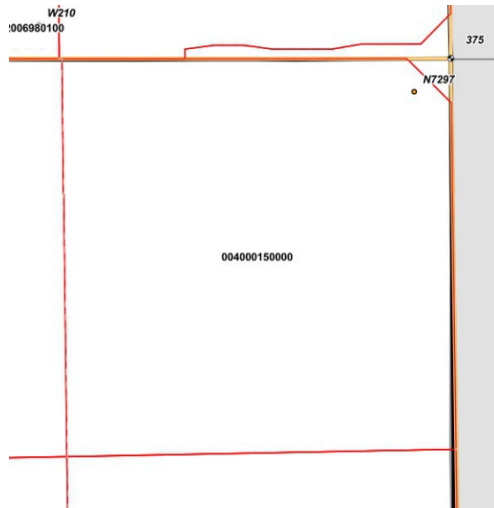
Curt Talma

Jeffrey Mann, Corporation Counsel

Jonathan J. & Donna M. Schulz
Town of Brooklyn
N7297 County Road FF, Parcel #004-00015-0000
NE ¼ of NE ¼, Section 1, T16N, R13E

Existing Configuration

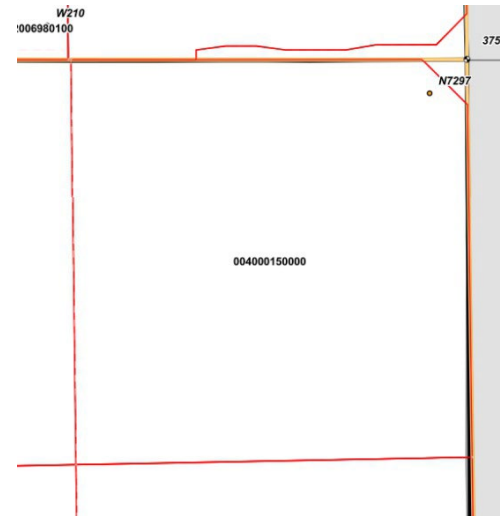
1 = ±40.1893-acre parcel zoned A1, Farmland Preservation District.



Proposed Configuration

1 = ±3.5637-acre parcel zoned R4, Rural Residential District.

2 = ±36.6256-acre parcel zoned A1, Farmland Preservation District.





GREEN LAKE COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

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February 17, 2026

To: Green Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Jason Jerome, County Manager

As Chief Administrative Officer of Green Lake County, performs managerial and leadership functions including but not limited to internal policy, operations, finances, external relations and human resources in compliance with Wisconsin State Statute §59.19.

I was appointed Interim County Administrator on February 11th 2025 and on December 16th 2025 I was appointed County Manager. This report represents a summary of some of the highlights of 2025. There was much more accomplished, and many more people to thank than what is seen in this report.

In collaboration with Department Heads the monthly in-person Department Head meetings were reinstated. They have allowed the Department Heads to learn more about each other's Department's, while also building a sense of comradery and teamwork within the management team.

Early in 2025 I collaborated with the County Finance Team to ensure that all financial functions were being completed timely and we also began the process of reorganization, a process that is ongoing. I would like to thank Jessica McClean, Stefanie Meeker, Samantha Stobbe, Kayla Yonke, and Becky Pence for their knowledge and ongoing efforts to stabilize and reorganize the County financial functions.

In February the County purchased land to construct the long planned new Highway building. I worked with the County Finance team, Highway Commissioner along with the County Board chair, Highway Committee, Finance Committee and full County Board on securing the necessary bonding to complete this project. Now as we move into 2026 the new Highway facility has a planned completion date of November 2026.

The first part of the year was also spent gathering feedback and information on the County's structure. This included conversations with Department Head's, Manager's, Committee's and the full County Board. I learned through this process that the longtime County Clerk Liz Otto planned on retiring in early 2026. This increased the sense of urgency in looking into reorganizing our Human Resources and payroll functions. I would like to thank Liz for her time and knowledge, as our numerous conversations helped me to gain institutional knowledge, and helped to shape the vision for the future. Out of these conversations with all the various individuals and groups came the job description for the newly created Human Resources Coordinator position. A panel of Department Heads went through applications and interviews, and the Human Resources position was filled with Sophia Walters starting in that role at the beginning of 2026.

In May the budget process was kicked off. The 2026 budget process was driven by Department Heads and their oversight committees. Department Heads have done a great job of taking ownership of and being accountable for their own departmental budget line items. The County Manager and Finance Director's role in the budget process was to compile and meet with Department Heads individually and as a group to learn about and better understand their budgets while also guiding and ensuring they along with their oversight committees took the time to ensure we were ultimately presenting a fully balanced budget to the Finance Committee and County Board. In November the County Board adopted the 2026 Green Lake County Annual Budget after a smooth and cooperative budget development process.

As part of the budget process, I constructed a work group consisting of myself, the Highway Commissioner, IT Director, Register of Deeds, County Clerk, Chief Deputy, and Finance Director to review our current wage plan and structure. We met approximately 5 times over the course of 3 months. We aged our current scale using appropriate inflationary measures, reviewed other counties practices, and evaluated our existing pay rates. We then proposed a wage plan that would be aged on a yearly basis and included a step structure at years 1,3,5,7 and 10. We also reintroduced a yearly employee evaluation. The group proposed these structural changes to the plan and asked for the financial means to fully implement the plan for 2026.

Later in 2025 the Opioid Task Force group was convened. This group has met to develop a system and process to allow the County to begin dispersing the opioid settlement funds we have received. This group has developed an application, budget template, scoring rubric, and a reporting process to ensure the funds are being used as proposed, and producing the desired results.

During 2025 we welcomed Mike Van Meel, filling the Maintenance & Parks Supervisor position. Mike's knowledge and professionalism have proven to be a huge asset to our County.

Goals for 2026 include but are not limited to; With HR now part of the group we will continue to meet to look at and update the policy and procedure manual, while also continuing to discuss and brainstorm creative and effective ways to reward current employees while also responding to market pressures as needed. A work group has been established to create and present a Capital Improvement strategic plan to the full County Board. We are looking forward to having another exciting and productive year in 2026!

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Jerome

Jason Jerome

Green Lake County Manager

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January 29, 2026

Chairman Joe Gonyo
Green Lake County Government Center
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RE: Circuit Court Annual Report – Year End 2025

Dear Chairman Gonyo:

Attached is the annual report which encompasses the Circuit Court, Family Court Commissioner and Register in Probate's Annual Report. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. If you need any additional information, or believe the County Board would find it helpful, please let me know.

I would ask that you place this item on the next Public Safety and Judicial Committee agenda so that it may further be discussed. As always, it has been a pleasure to serve the citizens of Green Lake County and I look forward to doing so in this next year.

Very truly yours,

Mark T. Slate
Circuit Court Judge

CIRCUIT COURT | FAMILY COURT COMMISSIONER | REGISTER IN PROBATE
2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The Circuit Court is the trial court of general jurisdiction in Wisconsin. It has original jurisdiction in both civil and criminal matters unless exclusive jurisdiction is given to another court. It also reviews State agency decisions and hears appeals from municipal courts. Jury trials are conducted only in circuit court.

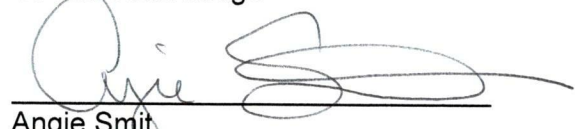
Attached to this report is a list of the cases that have been handled by the Register in Probate and Juvenile Clerk. Case filings fluctuate from year to year and it is hard to see any consistent trend. Angie Smit has been the Register in Probate and Juvenile Clerk since August of 2022.

The Family Court Commissioner, John Blazel, has been in his position since 2023. Commissioner Henry Conti, the previous Family Court Commissioner, continues to be available for cases if needed, such as a conflict of interest. The Family Court Commissioner hears stipulated divorces, post judgment placement issues and oversees mediation for family law and small claims cases, to name a few of the many things he covers.

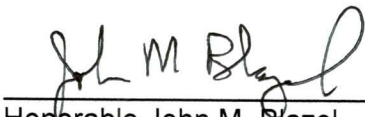
Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me, the Family Court Commissioner, or the Register in Probate. We would be happy to assist you in any way we can.



Honorable Mark T. Slate
Circuit Court Judge



Angie Smit
Register in Probate
Juvenile Clerk



Honorable John M. Blazel
Family Court Commissioner

Register in Probate's Annual Report 2025

Below are the case numbers for 2024 and 2025 that the Register in Probate oversees.

<i>Case Type</i>	2024	2025
Probate	07	16
Informal	31	41
Involuntary Mental Commitments	45	21
Juvenile Mental Commitments	08	03
Termination of Parental Rights	03	04
Adoptions	02	01
*Juvenile Adoptions new case code in 2024	02	02
Juvenile Children in Need of Protection and Services	11	16
Juvenile Delinquents	11	09
Guardianships	13	17
Juvenile Guardianships	6	01
TOTAL	139	131

As you can see, overall, there was only a slight decrease in cases that are handled by the Register in Probate's Office. There was a small increase in probate cases however, the most noticeable difference would be the decrease in Involuntary Mental Commitments that were filed by the Corporation Counsel's Office in Green Lake County from 2024 to 2025.



Green Lake County Clerk of Circuit Court

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941 920-294-4142

AMY S. THOMA
Clerk of Circuit Court

2025 ANNUAL REPORT - CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Board of Supervisors for Green Lake County.

Please accept this letter as the annual report for the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office.

STAFF

Clerk of Circuit Court - Amy S. Thoma
Chief Deputy Court Records Clerk - Cindy Werch
Deputy Court Records Clerk - Joy Schwark
Deputy Court Records Clerk - Rachel Belter
Deputy Court Records Clerk (part-time) until 10/3/2025 - Allison Kavanaugh

The office of Clerk of Circuit Court is the custodian of record. Record keeping for the courts is governed by state statute and Wisconsin Supreme Court rule. These require that clerks maintain records of all documents filed with the courts, keep a record of court proceedings and collect various fees, fines and forfeitures ordered by the court or specified by statute. A sampling of the responsibilities, but not inclusive, include:

- ✓ File circuit court cases and provide proper case maintenance of said cases through the Wisconsin Consolidated Courts Automation Program (CCAP). This includes preparation of court notices and distribution; review files as to the status of each case; preparation of court orders/judgments at the direction of the Circuit Court Judge; receipt filing fees, fines/forfeitures, court costs, and various surcharges and follow through with collection of said debt if unpaid.
- ✓ Clerk hearings - swear in all witnesses called to testify; follow through on any court orders/directives given by the Circuit Court Judge; mark all exhibits offered and received into evidence and maintain said exhibits through the appropriate appeal time period.
- ✓ Jury - annual change in juror lists; summons jurors; prepare vouchers for payment of jurors, bailiffs, and misc. expenses; submit an annual jury analysis pursuant to Wisconsin Supreme Court Rule 73.01.
- ✓ Miscellaneous responsibilities - file various tax warrants, liens, and satisfactions; monitor for collection reimbursements for Guardians ad Litem and Court Appointed Counsel; prepare monthly disbursements to the county and municipalities; prepare quarterly interpreter and juvenile reimbursement report; prepare annual restitution report to the State, and prepare an annual report of costs to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS

JURY TRIALS

This office sent out a summons for seven jury trials in 2025. Of this number, jurors reported for four trials. Of these trials, two ended in guilty verdicts, one settled the day of the trial, and one ended in a mistrial. Charges for these trials were Disorderly Conduct, Intentionally Point Firearm at Person; Operate with Controlled Substance 5th offense; Burglary, False Imprisonment. Strangulation/Suffocation, Battery; 1st Degree Child Sexual Assault.

The cost for these trials totals approximately \$10,600.00. This amount includes per diem and mileage payments to jurors, payment of jury bailiffs, meals, and supplies.

CASE COMPARISON & FINANCIAL INFORMATION

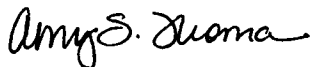
I have attached a 5-year case filing comparison. I have also attached financial information for 2025 that outlines costs and fees our office received, along with expenditures, payment received by the State of Wisconsin and payments collected for, and submitted to the State of Wisconsin, and to county municipalities.

STAFF CHANGES

My part-time Court Records Clerk, Allison, resigned her position on October 3, 2025 to begin full-time employment with the office of Corporation Counsel. At this time, the position is unfilled on a trial basis. I have shifted her job duties around, including to myself. I am confident my staff and I will be able to assume these extra duties, providing the same exceptional service, without the need to fill the position, thus being a cost savings to the County.

The goal of our office is to continue to work together to provide consistent, effective, and professional services to the citizens of Green Lake County, as well as other departments and agencies we work with.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy S. Thoma
Clerk of Circuit Court

5 YEAR CASE FILING COMPARISON

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Criminal Misdemeanor	224	256	206	191	182
Criminal Felony	198	218	159	159	138
Crimnal Traffic	145	122	132	174	156
Traffic	1093	1306	1201	1426	1307
Forfeiture	147	119	177	234	280
Juvenile Ordinance	10	7	6	19	13
Civil	89	119	119	137	126
Small Claims	280	248	309	329	272
Complex Forfeiture	2	32	11	11	3
Family	79	75	66	57	72
Paternity	16	11	8	10	8

2025 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

COSTS AND FEES RECEIVED

Circuit Court Filing Fees	\$ 21,996.01
Mailing Fees	\$ 440.00
Other Clerk Fees	\$ 4,010.75
Copy Fees	\$ 4,089.00
Interest on Judgments	\$ 1,718.32
Municipal Service Fee	\$ 60.00
Search Fees	\$ 20.00
Transmittal Fees	\$ 90.00
Non-Sufficient Funds Fees	\$ 120.00
Witness Fees	\$ 92.26
FCC Mediation Fees	\$ 1,455.00
Child Support Fee	\$ 280.00
Jury Fees	\$ 1,368.00
Driver Improvement Surcharge	\$ 20,916.91
Forfeitures - State	\$ 25,915.48
Forfeitures/Fines - State	\$ 2,845.19
Forfeitures - County	\$ 73,412.56
Jail Surcharge	\$ 13,824.26
Ignition Interlock Surcharge	\$ 2,762.54
Costs for Extradition	
District Attorney Assessment	\$ 2,383.06
Mediation Fee Reimbursement	\$ 314.45
Court Apptd Atty Reimbursement	\$ 46,242.82
GAL Reimbursement	\$ 50,355.51
Bail Forfeiture	\$ 5,850.50
Blood Test Cost Reimbursement	\$ 2,683.89
Payment Plan Fee	\$ 2,367.83
Drug Reimbursement Buy Money	\$ 10.00
Medical/Psych. Reimbursement	
Occupational License Fee	
TOTAL	\$ 285,624.34

**Fines, Costs & Fees collected
and paid to the State of Wisconsin**

\$ 547,188.75

Forfeitures collected and paid to:

City of Berlin	\$ 2,344.75
City of Green Lake	\$ 67.60
City of Markesan	\$ 130.50
City of Princeton	\$ 118.86

EXPENDITURE VOUCHERS ISSUED

Guardian ad Litem	\$ 33,464.99
Court Appointed Counsel	\$ 46,183.55
Bailiffs	\$ 1,597.50
Dues	\$ 125.00
Interpreters	\$ 6,701.31
Jury Expense	\$ 8,748.16
Law Library	\$ 1,175.40
Psychological Evaluations	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 3,901.60
Registration/Conferences	\$ 936.45
Transcripts	\$ 1,479.00
Print Management	\$ 156.77
Travel	\$ 224.00
Witness Expense	\$ 501.88
Mediation	\$ 40,000.00
Court Commissioner Expense	\$ 42,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 187,195.61

GRANTS/PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE

Court Support Payment	\$ 63,637.00
Guardian ad Litem	\$ 23,965.00
Interpreter	\$ 9,436.00
TOTAL	\$ 97,038.00



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

Jeffrey A. Mann
Corporation Counsel

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FAX: 920-294-4069

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Committee
FROM: Jeffrey A. Mann
DATE: January 27, 2026
RE: 2025 Department Annual Report

Members of the Administrative Committee:

Please accept the following as an annual report of activities occurring within the Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC) during 2025. The OCC welcomed its newest member, Allison Kavanaugh. Allison has been the Assistant to Corporation Counsel since early October and previously worked in the Clerk of Courts Office. Her familiarity with court processes and legal filings have facilitated a near-seamless transition, and the department is very grateful for her efforts.

Interdepartmental

The Office of Corporation Counsel maintained regular contact with nearly every department comprising Green Lake County in 2025. For instance, OCC and the Child Support Agency cooperated by bringing numerous actions establishing and enforcing child support orders. Additionally, the Child Support Agency continued receiving reimbursement for the time OCC spent each month working with it on these same cases. The table below illustrates the hours logged between January and December, 2025.

Month	Hours billed¹
January	9.2
February	8.6
March	5.9
April	6.5
May	9.3
June	8.4

¹ Hours billed by Corporation Counsel only and do not include time billed by OCC assistants.

July	8.6
August	11
September	5.4
October	10.4
November	7.9
December	10.1

Similarly, OCC and Child Protective Services combined to ensure the safety of multiple children residing within Green Lake County. Notably, both departments emerged successful following a rare administrative substantiation appeal hearing held last April.

In August, OCC and the Land Use Planning & Zoning Department met to discuss and refine the procedure for reviewing and prosecuting private onsite wastewater treatment system (POWTS) violations. These discussions proved productive and included at least one meeting with an area pumping service to identify ways in which the overall procedure could be improved.

Finally, as of late December, the OCC and Treasurer’s Offices are pleased to report that the County was able to return a deed to an owner on property which the County had previously acquired through in rem proceedings. The owner complied with a bankruptcy plan by paying the County previously owed back taxes on said property.

Training

2025 was a year for both providing and receiving training. In April, Corporation Counsel attended a multi-day training session, provided by the Wisconsin Department of Justice and hosted by the Green Lake County District Attorney’s Office, focusing on child maltreatment. In June, Corporation Counsel attended training provided by the County’s Health and Human Services Department which examined the County’s long-standing connection with the Amish community and its culture. Corporation Counsel also spoke, in June, to the various County department heads regarding the timely issue of First Amendment Audits. Moving into the autumn months, Corporation Counsel attended the 2025 Wisconsin Counties Association Conference in September while also presenting to the County Board on rules of procedure in October. In November, OCC spoke with Adult Protective Services about the nuances of emergency protective placements.

New Legislation

First enacted in March 2024, the Judicial Privacy Act became effective statewide on April 1, 2025. The law is designed to protect the *personal information* of judicial officers and their immediate family members. OCC spent significant time meeting with the County Manager, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds and law enforcement to ensure that the new law would be implemented as smoothly as possible. This culminated in the creation of the *Green Lake County Judicial Shielding Procedures (Act 235)* which have since been incorporated into County policy.

The Year Ahead

OCC spent a significant amount of time in 2025 corresponding with third-party organizations and legal counsel involved with various aspects of the building of the new highway facility, including: the Wisconsin Historical Society (identifying and handling gravesites on the new property); accountants and legal counsel drafting resolutions pertaining to the issuance of general obligation promissory notes; and legal counsel negotiating agreements with the engineering firm.

Preliminary ground-breaking on the new highway facility commenced in late 2025, and construction will continue in 2026.

The Future Fair subcommittee also called upon OCC to examine the steps necessary for the County to partner with a nonprofit organization to carry out the responsibilities associated with the annual County Fair. Thus far, several proposed business plans are being considered, and a resolution is likely forthcoming in 2026.

Conclusion

As illustrated above, the Office of Corporation Counsel was active in the courtroom, consulted with department heads and advised County supervisors throughout 2025. As several new projects are scheduled to begin in 2026, this trend is sure to continue.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey A. Mann".

Jeffrey A. Mann
Corporation Counsel



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

Elizabeth Otto
County Clerk

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

COUNTY CLERK 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Activities in the County Clerk's office for 2025 included:

- ❖ 2025 was our “easy” year for elections. We had a February Primary and an April Spring Election in 2025. The municipal clerks that I work with are an outstanding group of people that help to make my job easier as the Chief Election Official of the county. We all continue to strive for transparency, fairness and accuracy for each election and I believe that is accomplished on all levels here in Green Lake County. 2026 will be another busy election year with an August Primary and November General Election along with the Spring Election.
- ❖ Marriage licenses were on the increase in 2025 over the previous year with 130 total applications taken. We changed the process in 2025 to require appointments which has worked out very well for staffing purposes.
- ❖ Passport application processing for 2025 was at 237. We are the only passport agent in Green Lake County so it is a valuable service to area residents. Annual training is required to keep our certificates up to date and to provide accurate information for each situation and questions that arise. We also offer the photo processing option which many agents don't provide so this gives applicants the convenience of a “one stop shop” for their passports. We changed the process in 2025 to require appointments for passports as well which has increased efficiency in staffing.
- ❖ DNR licenses continue to be a small revenue source in this office. We had 63 transactions last year. I'm sure in the future this will be phased out on the DNR side but in the interim it is another service to the public that we can offer.
- ❖ Upon the retirement of my part-time deputy in January of 2025, I initially planned on filling that position. However, with input from Karissa Rohde, my full time deputy, we decided to try running the office on our own. We changed a few office processes and Karissa took on all of the remaining duties so this resulted in a savings of approximately \$42,000 to the county.
- ❖ Other services my office currently provides in addition to those mentioned above include:
 - Agendas, minutes, meeting notice requirements, and publication of county board proceedings
 - Annual county directory
 - DNR license sales
 - Door and badge security programming for the Government Center
 - Benefits and COBRA administration for all employees including WRS, all insurance, flex spending, and Nationwide retirement options
 - County payroll
 - Insurance requirements such as property, liability, vehicle, and worker's comp
 - Mail distribution and management of postage costs
 - Purchasing and distribution of office supplies

- Snowmobile maintenance grant funding and the SNARS system
 - Timecard management through the Time Management system
- ❖ All year end 2025 reports have been completed including W2's, 1095C's, and retirement reconciliation with the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS). This always makes for a busy January!
- ❖ This is my final report as I am retiring on February 27, 2026. I have been working with Samantha Stobbe to transfer all of my duties with payroll and County Clerk over to her. I'm sure it will be a smooth transition as Samantha is very familiar with this office due to her previous work experience here. I hope she enjoys this position as much as I did!

As always, feel free to contact Samantha or myself with any questions or comments you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Otto

Elizabeth Otto

County Clerk

2025 ANNUAL REPORT (Revenues Only)

TO: THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY

COUNTY CLERK		2024	2025
FISH & GAME LICENSES	Gross license fees remitted to state (63)	\$1,241.00	\$1,048.00
	License fees retained by County	\$41.90	\$42.00
	Interest	\$1.09	\$1.36
DOG LICENSES	License fees collected	\$7,901.30	\$6,849.05
	License fees remitted to state	\$439.20	\$377.85
MARRIAGE LICENSES	130 marriage licenses at \$75.00/each	\$9,525.00	\$9,750.00
	Waivers: at \$25.00/each	\$200.00	\$200.00
	Fees remitted to state (130 @ \$25.00)	\$3,175.00	\$3,250.00
MAILINGS	Postage - county offices	\$57,067.46	\$64,529.73
	Municipal mailings - fees to the county (Real Estate tax bills and Plat Book postage)	\$6,693.56	\$7,289.61
PASSPORTS	237 Acceptance Fees collected at \$35.00/each	\$10,150.00	\$8,295.00
	Passport Photo Fees (\$10.00 each)	\$2,670.00	\$2,520.00
ELECTION CHARGES	WisVote entry charges/supplies/S&H	\$6,149.41	\$4,699.93
ELECTION NOTICES	newspapers notices submitted by the county	\$3,655.00	\$2,524.62

PAYROLL STATISTICS

PAYROLL	Total county payroll	\$12,154,799.99	\$12,508,855.29
	W2's for 2025 - 248		
	New Hires	26	31
	Exits	20	36
	Retirements	3	5
	Terminations	0	8
	Voluntary	16	23
	Job Elimination	1	0

Respectfully submitted,
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RE: Annual Report

Dear Supervisors,

Please accept this letter as my annual report to the committee regarding the District Attorney's Office.

Case Analysis:

1051 Referral cases (includes civil traffic/ordinance violations, review only, all criminal violations, death reviews, search warrants and any state civil prosecution (eg., open meetings complaints, DNR violations). The cases that stand out for purposes of public concern would be 127 drug related cases, 98 domestic related, 80 OWI cases, (civil felony and misdemeanor), 17 sexual assault cases, 12 gun related cases. Of the referrals received this year, 254 were felony case referrals, 406 were misdemeanor case referrals and 53 were juvenile delinquency case referrals.

In 2025, we received 20 more domestic related referrals, 28 less drug related referrals and 3 less sexual assault referrals.

Four cases went to jury trial. One case involved convictions for Operating While Intoxicated 5th Offense and Disorderly Conduct. One Case resulted in a mistrial. One case involved a conviction for Operating While Intoxicated 5th Offense. The last trial resulted in convictions for Disorderly Conduct-Use of a Dangerous Weapon and Pointing a Firearm at Another.

In addition to case filings, we assisted law enforcement with 87 search warrants or subpoenas in 2025.

In addition we handled the following types of cases with post-disposition activity: 8 Prison Petitions for Sentence Modification, 14 Sentencing After Revocation, 1 Parole Consideration, 2 Pardon Application and 1 Post Conviction Relief Motion.

Local Comparisons Filed Cases:

In 2025 our neighboring counties of similar size (Waushara/Marquette) had similar caseloads. Waushara County typically has a larger amount than Green Lake or Marquette and does have an additional prosecutor.

Green Lake: Felonies - 138, Misdemeanors - 182, Criminal Traffic - 156
Waushara: Felonies – 198, Misdemeanors – 189, Criminal Traffic - 96
Marquette: Felonies – 114 , Misdemeanors – 100, Criminal Traffic - 112

Case Management Systems

The majority of our cases are being stored in an electronic format with the exception of some privileged and sensitive documents. Our office continues to utilize an electronic referral procedure with our law enforcement agencies within the county. This is done by Spillman (the law enforcement database) and Protect (the DA database) being linked. Protect is also connected with the courts database, also known as CCAP, which allows court filings to be done electronically as well.

Digital Media Discovery

We have seen the volume and amount of digital media discovery produced and recovered in criminal investigations increase this year. Digital media in the form of body cam video/audio recordings, squad cam video/recordings, video/audio recordings from private cameras (such as “Ring”) and public cameras (Flock), cell phone video/audio recordings and an increase in the volume of digital social media information is being generated and collected more consistently. This trend is only expected to increase. This trend is being experienced statewide. While DAIT – (the State District Attorney IT Office) is working with prosecutorial offices to identify needs and possible long-term solutions for seamless receipt, storage, retention and dissemination of ever-increasing amounts of discovery, the ever-increasing volume and amount of this type of discovery will at some point require more resources in our office to receive, document, redact, disseminate, so as to fulfill our ethical and discovery obligations.

Small County Attorney Shortage Impact

Statewide prosecutor and public defender offices continue to struggle to attract and retain attorneys due to non-competitive wages. This is even more difficult in small counties like ours. Equally challenging across the State is the difficulty in finding experienced attorneys that will accept public defender appointments or private bar attorneys who practice in small counties. The lack of private attorneys willing to take on public defender appointments and, the overall low number of attorneys that practice in and around small counties like ours can significantly negatively impact the entire criminal justice system by contributing to longer wait times for defendants to obtain representation which in turn delays the delivery of justice to victims and our community. This is an important issue that impacts public safety.

Green Lake County is fortunate to have two seasoned prosecutors with decades of experience working alongside very experienced and talented administrative staff. In 2026, we will continue to work to improve efficiencies in our work flow and processes that will enhance our existing victim sensitive and community accountable work.

Sincerely,



Gerise M. LaSpisa
District Attorney



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To: Green Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Kayla Yonke, Finance Director

2025 Finance in Review

The Finance Department of Green Lake County experienced a year of transition in 2025. Despite leadership change and staffing challenges early in the year the department remained focused on maintaining fiscal integrity, meeting statutory requirements and supporting county operations.

Key Events

- Finance Director retired January 31, 2025
 - o This led to transitions
- Newly created County Manager
 - o Feb 11th 2025 County Board appointed Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome. On December 16th County Board Appointed Jason Jerome as Green Lake County Manager. This brought fresh leadership and an opportunity for renewed collaboration and alignment between departments
- Assembly of a Finance Team
 - o Interim County Administrator formed a finance team consisting of Jessica McClean, Stefanie Meeker, Samantha Stobbe, Kayla Yonke, and Becky Pence too ensure the financial tasks of the County continued running smoothly throughout the transition
- Audit Completion Effort
 - o After the retirement of the finance director and assembly of the finance team. Green Lake County successfully completed the 2024 annual audit, ensuring compliance with reporting requirements and minimizing disruptions. 2024 audit was presented/completed 2 months earlier than 2023 annual audit.

Accomplishments

- 2026 budget completed timely and balanced
- Maintained continuity of essential financial operations.
- Strengthened teamwork
- Implemented LINQ upgrade May 15th
- Supported departments and committees with timely financial information and guidance
- Worked closely with CLA to resolve continued audit issues
- Assisted with land purchase and financing for the new highway facility
- Assisted with securing two-year highway financing for County roads and bridges
- Oversight of the vehicle rental agreements with Enterprise
- Created a user-friendly report to present to the finance committee, showing an overview of each department.

Goals moving forward

- Work with CLA on 2025 Audit to improve timely audits and findings
- Cash and Investment reconciliation completed monthly
- Implement accounting policies to standardize our transaction processing
- Revise how transactions/vendors are processed and created to enhance 1099 reporting.
- Stabilize and strengthen the Finance Team
- Collaboration and communication within the finance team and Department Heads.
- Long term financial planning includes developing or updating accounting policies and procedures.

The Finance team demonstrated the ability to adapt and displayed exceptional dedication throughout the challenges of 2025. Despite significant changes, the department remains committed to fiscal responsibility and service to the County. Moving forward the focus will be on stability, continuous improvement and proactive financial management to support the County's goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Yonke
Finance Director
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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

To: The Residents of Green Lake County, The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County and the Green Lake County Health & Human Services Committee.

We respectfully submit for your consideration the 2025 Annual Report for the Department of Health & Humans Services (DHHS).

DHHS provides a vast array of programs and services intended to protect individuals and the public. These services are provided within a framework of requirements and regulations developed at the State and Federal level. This funding does not keep pace with increased costs and demands for these services. DHHS would be unable to provide these mandated and needed services to the citizens of Green Lake County without the funding allocated by local officials.

DHHS is constantly challenged to adapt and find creative and innovative ways to deliver needed services to citizens and strengthening existing partnerships within the County and outside agencies. I am fortunate and humbled to work with a group of individuals who take pride in the services they provide while supporting each other and working as a team to deliver these services to the citizens of Green Lake County.

Attached you will find unit specific reports outlining services provided by the Department. Each unit has provided an excellent overview of their respective unit responsibilities, services provided and related data. Since it is not possible to include everything accomplished in this type of report, I would encourage each of you to visit Health & Human Services in Green Lake and Fox River Industries in Berlin for a tour and more detailed review of the services provided and programs available.

Our ability to continue and provide quality services to the residents of Green Lake County is a tribute to the Health & Human Services Board, County Board and a very talented and dedicated staff of professionals.

We look forward to the challenges ahead and the opportunity to continue to provide services which best meet the needs of Green Lake County.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Jerome



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From: Kayla Yonke, Health and Human Services Finance/Business Manager

2025 HHS Admin in Review

The Administration Department supports the daily operations of Health & Human Services by handling calls, walk ins, budget monitoring, financial tracking, grants, contracts, and general administrative support. While our work often happens behind the scenes, it plays a key role in making sure programs have the resources they need to serve the community effectively and responsibly.

Throughout the year, the department focused on maintaining strong financial oversight, supporting program staff, and responding to changing operational needs. Despite ongoing challenges related to staffing, funding requirements, and increasing service demands, the team continued to keep core functions running smoothly.

What We Do

The Administration & Finance Division provides support across all Health & Human Services programs in several key areas:

- Providing administrative support to leadership and program staff
- Preparing and monitoring the department's budget
- Tracking expenditures and revenues throughout the year
- Process and submit insurance billing
- Manage Claims, payments and follow-up with insurance carriers
- Support program billing and fee-based services
- Managing financial reporting and year-end close
- Supporting grant funding, reimbursements, and compliance
- Assisting with contracts, purchasing, and vendor payments

Our goal is to make financial and administrative processes as clear and efficient as possible so program staff can focus on service delivery.

Highlights from 2025

Some of the division's key accomplishments during the year included:

- Managing the department's budget while staying within approved funding levels
- Supporting audits and reviews and responding to requests in a timely manner
- Maintaining compliance with multiple funding sources and reporting requirements
- Ensured services provided to the community were financially supported
- Improving communication with program managers around budget status and spending
- Adapting to staffing changes while maintaining continuity of operations
- Providing regular financial updates to department leadership

These efforts helped ensure that programs remained financially stable and able to meet service demands.

Goals moving forward

In the coming year, the division will continue to focus on improving processes and supporting the department's long-term stability. Key priorities include:

- Strengthening budget planning and financial tracking
- Continuing to improve internal processes and documentation
- Supporting grant sustainability and compliance
- Expanded support for fee-based and grant-supported programs through improved billing coordination
- Cross-training staff to improve coverage and efficiency
- Exploring ways to streamline administrative tasks where possible

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Yonke
Health and Human Services Finance/Business Manager
Green Lake County, Wisconsin



Green Lake County
Health Department

2025 Annual Report



Prepared by:

Green Lake
County Health
Department Staff

Presented by: Rachel Prellwitz, Health Officer



Green Lake
County Health Department

Prevent. Promote. Protect.



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Message from the Health Officer

Reflecting on the past year, I am very proud to present this annual report. Our department has made progress in meeting the needs of Green Lake County residents by carrying out the 10 essential foundations of public health and addressing our top 3 health priorities as identified in our Community Health Assessment: Access to Care (Medical and Dental), Mental Health and Substance Misuse.

We are a very small department where all staff need to wear multiple hats. With Green Lake County being rural with limited resources, staff often need to think outside of the box and be creative when addressing health needs. Unstable, and inconsistent funding is also a huge challenge for our department.

A few highlights from this past year include:

- Holding our first annual Community Day and Sports Camp at Princeton School on July 17th. In partnership with Terrace Shores Church, middle school and high school students had the opportunity to attend a ½ day sports camp choosing from 5 different sports options. We also held a resource fair which included free haircuts, diaper giveaway, sports physicals, numerous local vendors and a free community meal. It was very well attended, and we look forward to an even more successful 2nd year!
- Growth of our Green Lake County United for Prevention Coalition. The coalition has continued to have consistent attendance at meetings, chosen a name, developed a vision statement and logo, and held several trainings. See page 20 for more information.
- Our Diabetes Prevention Program. Late in 2025 Nancy and Lisa started their 10th cohort of this year-long program. They have worked tirelessly to ensure the sustainability of this program by collecting over \$10,000 in insurance claims through Medicare. In 2025, 32 new participants (in 3 separate cohorts) joined the Diabetes Prevention Program. One group completed their year-long program with a total of 147 pounds lost collectively!

We have a lot to be proud of this year but also can't forget to thank all of our new and continued partners that help support the work we do. Please enjoy this summary of our programs and activities we have accomplished throughout 2025.

Sincerely,



Rachel Prellwitz, RN



Meet Our Team



LAUREN OLSON DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER

As Deputy Health Officer and Health Educator of Green Lake County I work on a variety of health topics; from tobacco prevention, physical activity and nutrition, car seat education, substance use prevention, community outreach, education on a variety of topics, working with our schools, and our community health improvement plan (CHIP).

Highlight of 2025: Building a strong substance use prevention coalition, Green Lake County United for Prevention. It's exciting to see all the partners that come together to work on these efforts to prevent and reduce substance use within Green Lake County.



ALLISON MEYER PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Allison's focus is primarily on investigating all communicable diseases, updating emergency preparedness plans and providing immunizations to adults and children. We carry most vaccines including flu, tetanus and all childhood vaccines. She also provides home visits to the Amish and provides a variety of health education individually and in classrooms. Allison is also a Certified CPR Instructor and Stop the Bleed trained.

Highlight of 2025: Held 24 CPR classes with 158 participants throughout the county. Participants included law enforcement, teachers, 7th and 8th graders, daycare staff, and general residents who want to learn CPR.



NANCY GIMENEZ PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Nancy is primarily responsible for the following areas at Green Lake County Health Department: Managing the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), coordinating the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, and providing outreach to all postpartum moms/families following the birth of a baby to assure families have the needed resources and services to succeed. She also provides 1:1 advance care planning, and assists the other PH staff with vaccinations, community events and more.

Highlight of 2025: Hosted the tenth cohort of the Green Lake County DPP, with a milestone of over 1,000 collective pounds lost!

Meet Our Team



LISA ROLLIN
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Lisa maintains close collaboration and engagement in the Diabetes Prevention Program as a Lifestyle Coach. She also participates in ongoing efforts of our Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan as a facilitator of our substance use prevention coalition, Green Lake County United for Prevention. As a part time employee, she assists in other areas of focus as needed by the team.

Highlight of 2025: Facilitating the Diabetes Prevention Program and co-facilitating Green Lake County United for Prevention. It is just amazing seeing people work together for common goals in our community!



KYLE ALT
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

As the health inspector Kyle licenses and inspects food facilities, lodging facilities, campgrounds, pools and rec-ed camps. The other large part of his job is responding to human health hazards in the community. Kyle uses chapter 154, health and sanitation, of Green Lake County's code of ordinances to address these concerns." Highlight of 2025: Successful transition to Rural Environmental Health Alliance.

Our Organization

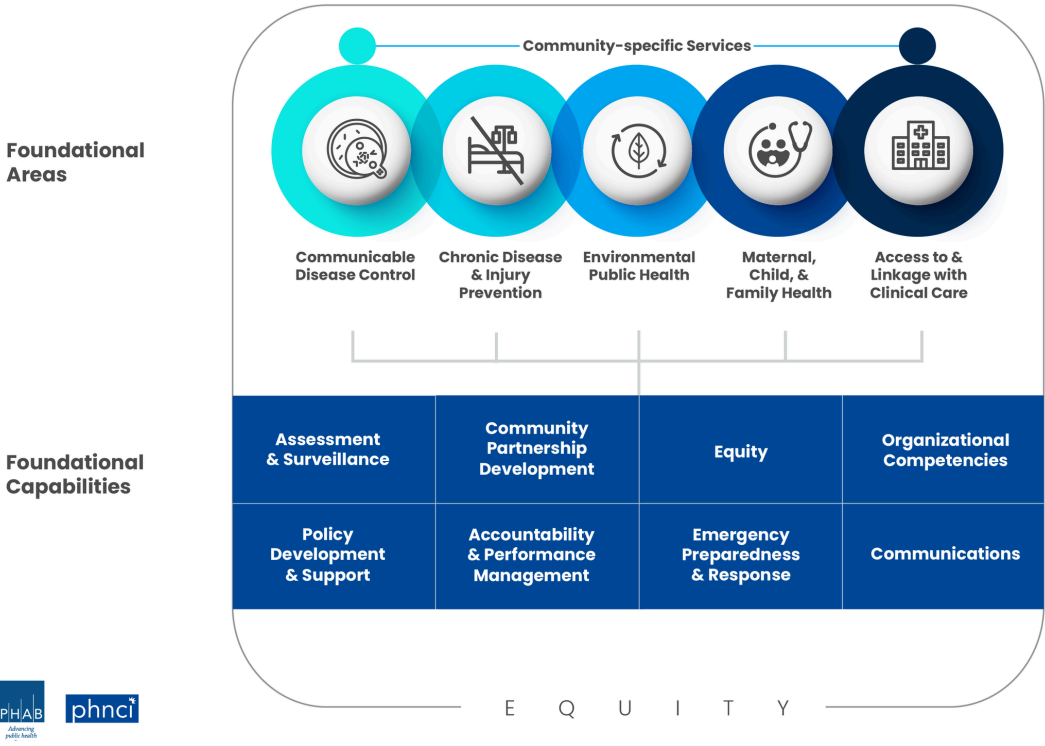


Mission

The mission of the Green Lake County Health Department is to promote and protect health and prevent disease.

Vision

We will become a leader in public health in Green Lake County promoting healthy people, thriving communities and safe environments.



Health Equity

In order to create social and physical environments that promote good health for all we must approach problems through a health equity lens. The Green Lake County Health Department is committed to ensuring health equity for all residents. In the past year, we continued to make improvements in addressing health disparities and promoting health equity through our programs, partnerships, and initiatives.

Equality gives us all the same resources.

Equity gives us what we need.

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Every 5 years, Green Lake County Health Department, pulls together organizations, agencies, and community members, to gather information about the health needs of our county and make a plan with strategies to address any gaps. A description of these strategies is shown below with an update of what was completed during year two.



Access to Care-Medical

Improve access to health care, including medical and dental services in Green Lake County.

- Distribution of outreach materials aimed to bring awareness to free or discounted preventative medical services available to Green Lake County Residents.



Access to Care-Dental

Improve access to health care, including medical and dental services in Green Lake County.

- Continued to pursue possible opportunities, through various organizations and agencies, for bringing mobile dental care for those on Medicaid/BadgerCare in Green Lake County.



Substance Misuse

Prevent or reduce substance misuse among youth and adults in Green Lake County.

- New Narcan distribution outreach efforts have been made to make it more accessible to residents.
- Through our Central WI Health Partnership consortium, efforts are being focused on supporting those in recovery and building a recovery community.

*See page 20 for more information related to Green Lake County United for Prevention, our substance use prevention coalition.

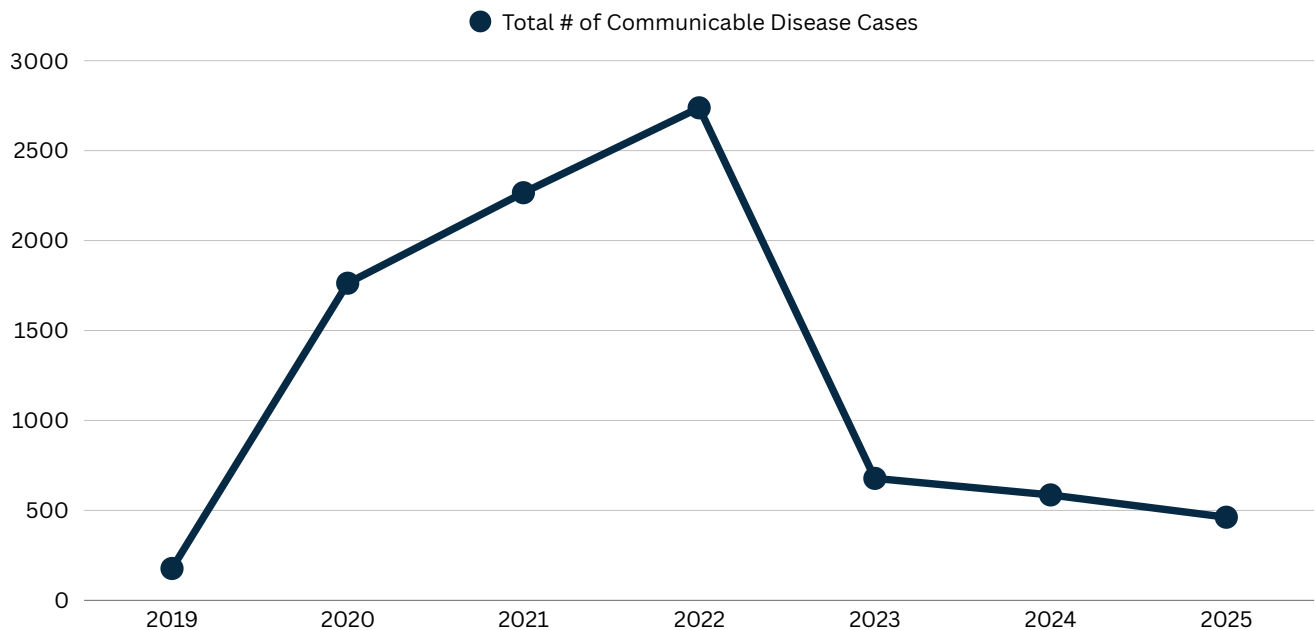


Mental Health

Build a culture of mental wellness throughout Green lake County.

- Green Lake County HHS continues its efforts of Zero Suicide and work towards system wide transformation towards suicide prevention and promoting resources available.
- Working with all school districts to support youth groups within the schools to work on positive mental health efforts and sharing resources.

Disease Control and Prevention



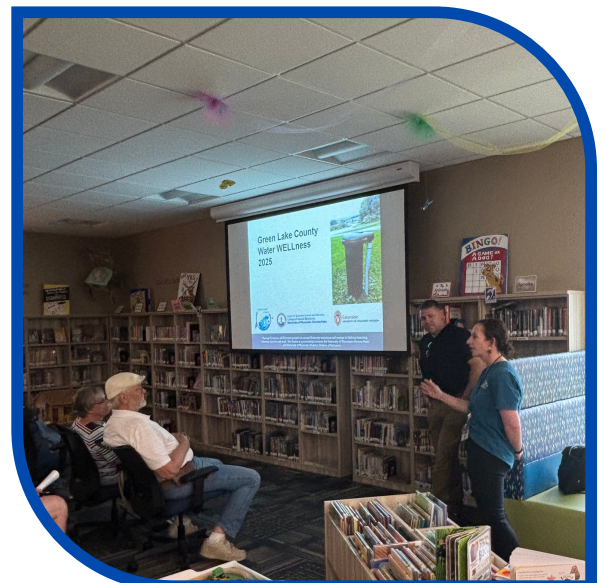
Public Health is required by state statute to follow up on acute and communicable diseases. Using the WI Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS), we are able to monitor trends and track outbreaks as they occur. The above graph shows total number of cases reported to Green Lake County Health Department over the last 7 years.

Respiratory illnesses continue to be Green Lake County's most reported communicable disease with Influenza being the highest. COVID-19 and RSV remained high in 2025. However, Pertussis was down from 26 cases in 2024 to 11 in 2025.

Other diseases that remain high were Lyme disease and Chlamydia. One disease that was higher than typical for Green Lake County was Latent Tuberculosis (LTBI). LTBI is not contagious to others but does need to be investigated and treatment provided. Based on some DHS WI requirements, some clients on treatment need to be observed weekly taking their medications. This is called Directed Observed Therapy (DOT). LTBI with treatment and LTBI is not a disease reported frequently in Green Lake County. However, in 2025 there were 7 LTBI cases investigated. 3 of those 7 clients needed treatment with 1 of them requiring DOT for 12 weeks.

The Health Unit continues to partner with the Green Lake Association (GLA) and Green Lake Sanitary District (GLSD) on the Blue Green Algae and E. Coli beach monitoring program. The GLA & GLSD tested water samples at locations around Green Lake for the presence of blue-green algae toxins and E. Coli. Results were used to inform the community of potential beach advisories or closures by the health department. Throughout this testing season, six beach advisories/closures were issued. Once conditions improved, beach closures were lifted. We also partnered with UW Stevens Point and GLC Land Conservation to hold our annual well water testing program.

Pictured: Todd Morris (GLC Land Conservation Dept) and Rachel Prellwitz (GLC Health Dept.) at June 11th GLC Water WELLness presentation at Princeton Library



Public Health Preparedness



Allison Meyer is our Public Health Preparedness Program Coordinator for Green Lake County. We continue to be an active member in the Region 6 Healthcare Coalition attending monthly meetings and participating in various preparedness exercises throughout the year. In addition, we are also active partners in the Local Emergency Planning Committee with Emergency Management.



This year in emergency preparedness, Allison has been working with the All Saints Regional Catholic School and Law Enforcement to develop an emergency action plan for them. In August, Allison held a table top exercise for the staff at the school. The focus of this exercise was to prepare staff for an active shooter within the school.

Allison participates in several emergency preparedness workgroups and coalitions.

- The bi-monthly Fox Valley Healthcare Emergency Response Coalition (FVHERC) meetings, along with the Fox Valley Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) meetings.
- The Association of Public Health Nurses Emergency Preparedness & Response Committee is preparing a paper on the importance of nurses in emergency preparedness.
- The Wisconsin Public Health Emergency Management (WPHEM) advisory group. The purpose of this group is to create a Wisconsin professional certification program to be recognized as a professional field of practice among public health and emergency management.

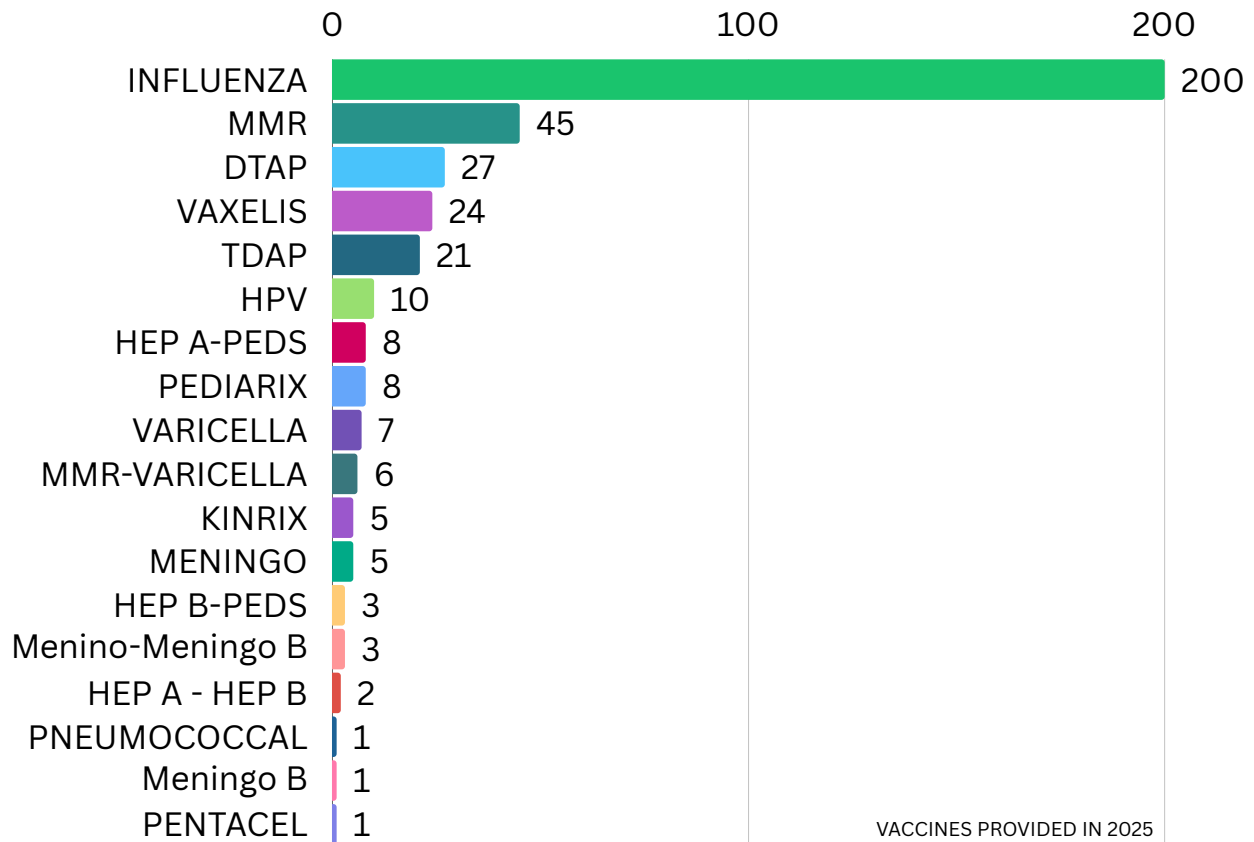
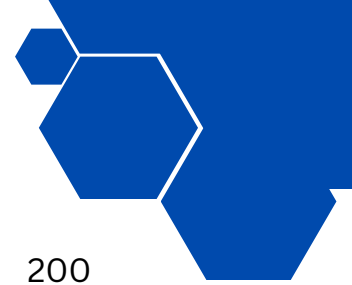
Measles Table Top Exercise

In May, the Health Department hosted a Measles Table Top Exercise for the staff and board members of the Care4U Clinic in Dalton. Members attending included the Care4U volunteer nurses, physicians and Amish Community members from Green Lake County, Marquette County and Columbia County. Public Health staff from the previous three counties also attended.

The focus of the exercise was to refresh the staff's knowledge of measles and develop a plan of action if a suspect measles patient presented to the clinic.



Immunizations



In 2025, we have provided 377 vaccines throughout the year. We have continued our home visitation program to provide immunizations to the Amish community and have observed an uptake in vaccine acceptance particularly with the MMR vaccine. The Health Department is also focusing efforts to increase vaccination rates in all communities with adding new locations for vaccination and this fall we provided vaccinations at a Saturday clinic.

44%

of Green Lake County children who turned 2 years old in 2025 are fully vaccinated per DHS recommendations



Right: Picture of Green Lake County staff providing vaccines in schools.

Dental

Dental services to Prairie View Head Start children in Green Lake County for the end of school year 24-25 were provided by Carrie Knurowski, Dental Hygienist. At the start of school year 25-26, Prairie View transitioned to having services provided by Bridging Brighter Smiles, which also serves students in all 4 school districts within Green Lake County. Going forward, Bridging Brighter Smiles will provide dental cleanings, sealants, and fluoride treatments to all school-aged children in Green Lake County.

319

Total number of children who were screened and provided fluoride treatments

272

Total number of children that had prophylactic cleanings performed

282

Total number of children that had sealants placed

6

Number of referrals given for further care and treatment

This program provides dental needs in our county that are greatly unmet due to providers not accepting patients with MA/Badgercare.

**Please note that previous annual reports included data from Marquette County

NUTRITION/WIC



WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children – offering nutrition education, healthy foods, breastfeeding support, and referrals for healthcare providers and community services to those participating.

2025 WIC Participation

All served by Noble Community Clinics formerly Family Health La Clinica

924

Total number of individuals served

46

Pregnant women served

178

Infants under 12 months

198

Postpartum women

502

Children ages 1-4

\$3,800 **Impacted by budget delays/cuts

Spent on fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets from June-October with the Farmers Market Nutrition Program

WIC CLINIC UPDATES AND OUTREACH

Green Lake County WIC has continued operating hybrid under ARPA waivers. This temporary waiver is expected to expire in September 2026. WIC continues to have monthly clinics at the Tri County Boys and Girls Club and the Green Lake County Government Center. They also have a clinic in Princeton every other month at the library.

Unfortunately, WIC was extremely understaffed for all of 2025 and were not able to implement any new programs or initiatives. They were able to offer their Dental Day in 2025, but this has cancelled for 2026 due to lack of interest.

WIC continues to build connections with local healthcare providers to optimize referrals and sharing of health screening data (height, weight, hemoglobin).

Lastly, WIC continues to partner with Jake's Network of Hope/The Hub/Eastern WI Diaper Bank to provide families in need with diapers or pull ups on a recurring basis.



Childhood Lead

Lead assessment and education is a service provided by Green Lake County Health Department. It is an important service provided through a partnership of a Public Health Nurse and a shared Environmental Health Specialist with Marquette County.

*In 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated the blood level reference value to 3.5 mcg/dL (Previous value was 5mcg/dL). Any child with a venous blood lead level of 3.5mcg/dL or higher is considered to have lead poisoning.

At Green Lake County Health Department, all families who have a child with a blood lead level of 3.5 mcg/dl or over (venous or capillary),

- **are contacted by phone to perform an assessment and provide education.**
- **followed by an e-mail containing supplemental educational handouts and county contact information.**

Families that the nurse is unable to contact, have letters sent to their home, and the health care provider is notified.

For children presenting with a *capillary test* above 3.5 mcg/dl, parents are instructed about the need for confirmatory venous blood lead testing.

In 2024 Wisconsin DHS recommended universal lead testing for:

- ALL children at age 1
- ALL children at age 2
- Any child between ages 3-5 without a previous test

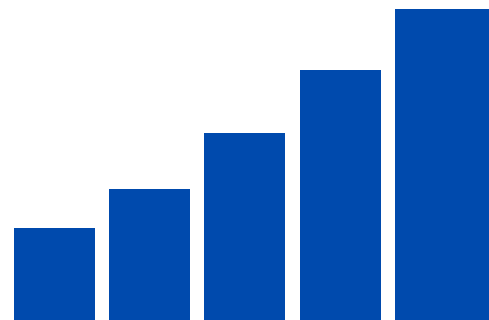


206

Total blood lead level tests completed for children residing in Green Lake County in 2025

4

Children with elevated confirmatory venous blood lead levels (VBLL) ranging from 3.5- 8.8 mcg/dL



Mother, Child and Family

To help support healthy family development, Green Lake County Health Department provides outreach and education to all families when a baby is born. Outreach is done through phone support and mailings.

 **209**
Births in 2025
vs. 207 in 2024

3.35%
Smoked during pregnancy
vs. 4.83% in 2024

6.22%
Babies born low birthweight
vs. 4.83% in 2024

61.24%
Women received prenatal care beginning in the first trimester vs. 61.35% in 2024

Programs and resources that families have been referred to because of our outreach include Children’s Wisconsin Program, First Breath, Wisconsin Works, Well Badger Resource Center, various lactation consultants, dental services and WIC.

“Women who receive early and regular prenatal care are more likely to have healthy infants,” (American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Guidelines for Perinatal Care, eighth ed., 2017).

CAR SEAT PROGRAM

The Green Lake County Health Department offers car seat checks to anyone in Green Lake County free of charge. The Health Department has two certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs) who educate caregivers on the proper selection, installation, and use of car seats and booster seats. This program allows eligible, low-income caregivers to receive car seats and booster seats for free. It is supported by local and state grant funds and/or donations.



2025 ACTIVITIES/OUTREACH

- Both Certified Car Seat Technicians attended the Car Seat Conference to earn their CEUs needed for their bi-annual recertification.
- Car seat education and outreach through social media reached over 4000 people!

38
Total number of car seats were given to families along with education.

95%
Of those who had a car seat installation check reported having a significant or moderate increase in knowledge of proper car seat use.

Mother, Child and Family

PLAIN COMMUNITY HOME VISITING

Currently, Lauren and Allison provide bi-monthly home visits to the Plain Community. They provide immunizations, free car seats, water testing, well baby checks, resource information and answer any health questions. Many times, they go to a home expecting to provide one service and end up providing others as well.

While many Amish groups actively prohibit tobacco and alcohol, it was brought to our attention this year that the nation-wide youth vaping epidemic had hit our local Amish families. Through our bi-monthly mailings, we devoted a month to sending vaping and nicotine education and awareness to families. We worked with a local retailer to help with signage to discourage purchasing products for underage youth. We also worked with our local Amish Liaison, with our Sheriff's Office to meet with the Amish School Board Representative to discuss the possibility of education in the schools or to parents. We continue to have conversations with families that reach out seeking assistance with this issue.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN PUBLIC HEALTH PLAIN COMMUNITY COALITION

The Central Wisconsin Public Health Plain Community Coalition started several years ago with Green Lake County, Columbia County and Marquette County public health. All three counties provide home visiting and services in the same Plain Community.

This coalition meets quarterly throughout the year. We coordinate education topics and share the knowledge and information we learn in the Plain Community during our home visiting.

67

Home Visits

111

Immunizations

13

Water Tests

13

Carseats

5

Carbon Monoxide
Detectors

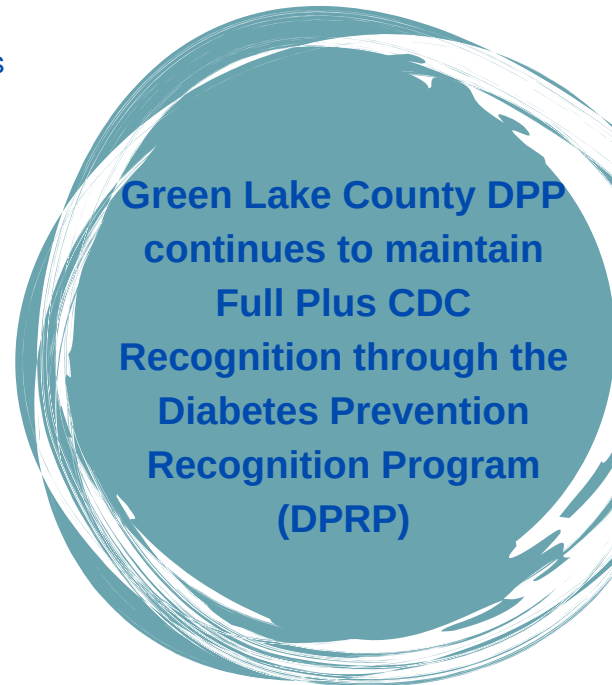


Diabetes Prevention Program



Diabetes and prediabetes remain overwhelming problems in our county like the rest of the country. It is estimated that more than 1 of every 3 adults now has prediabetes, yet most aren't aware.

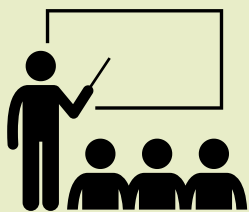
When left unaddressed, prediabetes generally becomes diabetes within 5 years. It is well known that when diabetes is not well controlled, it can lead to serious complications including heart attack, stroke, kidney disease, limb amputation, blindness and more. The best strategy is prevention. In 2022, Green Lake County Health Department initiated a CDC recognized diabetes prevention program (DPP), which has positively impacted **102 individuals!**



Green Lake County DPP continues to maintain Full Plus CDC Recognition through the Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP)



Continue to be a Medicare supplier which supports sustainability of the program!



2025 Program Highlights



Testimonial from a participant who lost 30 pounds in the program:

In 2025 the Green Lake County DPP saw a few important milestones: The program held its 10th cohort and surpassed a combined weight loss of **1,000 pounds!**

"I have learned so much. The class was a judgement free zone. There is a great sense of accomplishment when you start feeling better and stronger, and moving into smaller sizes wasn't bad either!"- Anonymous



Average weight loss per participant is 10 pounds, but some have lost over 50 pounds in the program!

Rural Environmental Health Alliance



The Rural Environmental Health Alliance makes sure that the food we eat, the water we drink, and the conditions of our homes are safe by:

- Inspecting and licensing establishments
- Monitoring beaches in partnership with other organizations and well water testing
- Investigating home lead hazards and providing radon test kits
- Performing human health hazard and nuisance investigations
- Monitoring rabies cases

During the calendar year of 2025, the following was completed in Green Lake County:

FACILITY INSPECTIONS

34

Pre-inspections

247

Routine inspections

7

Re-inspections

6

Complaint investigations

OTHER ACTIVITIES

40

Animals Quarantined

6

Number of animal samples processed

0

Housing Abatements

6

Nuisance/Other Abatements

2

Well water concerns/investigations

65

Water test kits distributed

40

Radon test kits distributed

To raise awareness around radon in homes, the Health Department sells home radon test kits for \$7. During Radon Action Month in January, test kits are discounted to \$5.

Radon Test Kits Available

Why test for radon?

- Radon is an odorless, invisible gas
- Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers
- Radon is present in 10% of Wisconsin homes

Short term test kits are available for purchase at the Green Lake County Health Department for: **\$7**

Visit dhs.wisconsin.gov/radon to learn more!

JANUARY IS RADON ACTION MONTH

TEST KITS AVAILABLE

Green Lake County Health Department
571 County Road A, Green Lake
Questions? Call 920-294-4070

Available during normal business hours
Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

Short-term test **Only \$5**
January 1 Through January 31, 2024

The Health Department again participated in the annual well water testing project in collaboration with the Land Conservation Dept. distributing 150 free water test kits to residents, with focus on wells located in the Townships of Princeton and Kingston. A community meeting was held on June 11th to go over results and provide education/resources on remediation for wells that tested over public health standards.



Community Health and Prevention



TRI-COUNTY DEATH REVIEW TEAM

Green Lake County, in partnership with Marquette and Waushara Counties, formed a joint death review team in August of 2023. The Joint Death Review Team's purpose is to examine the circumstances surrounding a death, typically focusing on preventable factors, to identify systemic issues and recommend changes in policy or practice to prevent similar deaths from occurring in the future. → Cases Reviewed in 2025: 6

TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Green Lake County is a member of the East Central Alliance for Nicotine Prevention. This multi-jurisdictional coalition is made up of Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara and Fond du Lac Counties, with Fond du Lac being the lead.

The Tobacco Coalition worked with a community member to present to Berlin City Park & Rec Committee to educate and discuss having smoke free parks. It was approved through Park & Rec as a recommendation to the city. Education and awareness of smoke free parks continues to happen.



94%

Tobacco compliance rate for retailers checked.

5

Public and media outreach activities completed

WI WINS

The Wisconsin Wins (WI Wins) campaign is a science-based, state-level initiative designed to decrease youth access to tobacco products. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services contracts with local partners to conduct investigations to establish retailer compliance with the law. Direct outreach is done with tobacco retailers and the community throughout the year.

VAPING PREVENTION EDUCATION

CATCH My Breath is an evidence-based youth vaping prevention program for grades 5-12 that has been proven to substantially reduce students' likelihood of vaping. Starting in September we transitioned to the Stanford University program, You and Me Together Vape Free, which is also an evidence-based program including elementary to high school programs.

156

5th- and 7th grade students received vaping prevention education.



Community Health and Prevention



ADVANCED CARE PLANNING (ACP)

Advance Care Planning helps adults at any age or stage of health understand and share their personal values and preferences regarding future medical care. It is a gift you give your loved ones to help them make choices about your care.



ACP is a partnership of our Public Health Nurse, Nancy Gimenez and Kristen Dorsch in the Aging Unit, who are both certified Advance Care Planning Facilitators through Respecting Choices.

Kristen and Nancy continue to offer ACP community presentations to increase awareness and encourage creation of ACP documents before they are needed. One on one training is also available, includes all material needed, and is **FREE!**



GENERAL OUTREACH

The Health Department continues to work to educate the public through news, social media outlets, and our website.

Articles published in local newspapers totaled **32** in 2025.

Content published on Facebook reached **307,858** accounts in 2025.

FLU VACCINE CLINIC
Hosted by the Green Lake County Health Department

Tuesday, October 14, 2025
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Green Lake County Government Center,
571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI
NO registration. Walk-in only

FIGHT THE FLU!

Adults on Medicare or Medical Assistance can receive their vaccine with no upfront cost. You MUST bring your Medicare card & Supplement Card or Forward Card. Adults with private insurance can receive the vaccine for a cost of \$40.00. Adults with no insurance, please call our office to discuss eligibility. **ALL school aged children (3-19) are eligible to receive their flu vaccine for no cost.**

High Dose flu vaccine available for those age 65 and over.

Flu Vaccine is recommended for everyone age 6 months and older.

May is

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

→ The best way to prevent lyme disease is to prevent tick bites.

Summer FOOD Safety

Food should not sit out long than **2 hours**, or **1 hour** if the outdoor temperature is **above 90°F**.

Toss perishable foods if left out longer to be safe.



www.facebook.com/glcdhhs

Community Health and Prevention



SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION

COALITION WORK

Health Department staff continue to lead efforts of Green Lake County United for Prevention, a county substance use prevention coalition which has been active since August 2024. The coalition hosts regular meetings with individuals from various organizations and agencies that serve within Green Lake County.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY
**united for
prevention**



LANGUAGE MATTERS EVENT

With grant funding that the coalition received, an event titled, “Unraveling Stigma Through Language and Prevention,” was held in September. This event aimed to spotlight that how we speak about substance misuse and mental health matters to those that it affects. This event included separate presentations for professionals and the general public.



120
People attended the Language Matters event.



100 Deterra drug deactivation kits were distributed to participants of Meals on Wheels in Green Lake County to prevent substance misuse.

104lbs Of expired or unused prescription and over the counter medications were collected through the permanent drop boxes located throughout the county. Grant funding received through the coalition helps to support law enforcement to maintain the drop boxes.



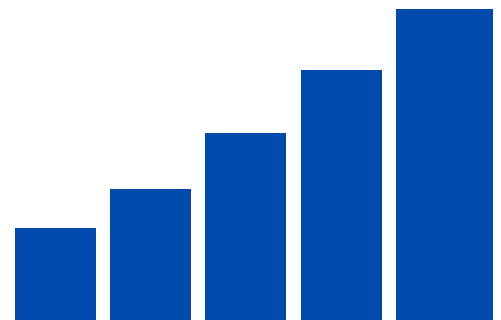
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CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES UNIT

The Unit is comprised of the Unit Manager and eleven (11) staff members. There is one (1) Initial Assessment Worker for Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations, and one (1) Juvenile Court Intake Worker, three (3) Dispositional Social Workers, four (4) Wraparound Case Managers/Coordinated Service Team facilitators and of those four staff, two (2) are also In-Home Therapists. Then we have one (1) Alternate Care Coordinator (part time) and one (1) Birth to Three Coordinator/Children's Community Options Coordinator.

In 2025, the Children and Family Unit remained the same as the year prior with positions and employees. There has been consistency and no turnover. Below is a list of activities that the unit has completed above and beyond their daily duties in 2025.

Ongoing worker, Kate Thompson, developed a human trafficking curriculum and presented it for The Wisconsin Emergency Preparedness Coalition ahead of the NFL Draft. The presentation was attended by over 200 people.

Jordyn Knetzger, our initial assessment worker, has forensically interviewed over 500 children and she is now an expert in the field and can be used to testify as an expert in court hearings throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Jen Zeleske, an in-home therapist and wraparound facilitator helped develop a new mental health group for women called, Radical Self-Acceptance Group. The group had 4 attendees and was six weeks long. All participants reported improved mental health symptoms and feelings about themselves.

Breana Seuffer put together the Angel Tree program again this year, which takes a tremendous effort. We served 100 families and total of 286 children. Beth Meyer helped

organize and put on Shop with a Hometown Hero in Berlin, this was the 25th Anniversary program and they served 100 children.

The Children & Family Services Unit is responsible for the provision of several programs and services available to individuals and families in the community. The following is a summary highlighting activity in 2025.

Access/Child Abuse Neglect/Child Welfare

The ACCESS staff for the Unit receive referrals that are logged into the eWiSACWIS system. These numbers include the Child Abuse/Neglect Reports, Child Welfare Intakes, and other Service requests. 226 total referrals were received. They were as follows: 183 total reports of Child Abuse/Neglect and 43 services reports. 40 reports were screened in for a response from the Initial Assessment Worker; 143 reports were screened out. The reports screened in had a total number of 75 children that were identified as potentially being child victims. The total number of victims in all reports was 255. The screened in reports by maltreatment type were 14 -Physical Abuse; 17 -Neglect; 11 -Sexual Abuse; 1 -Emotional Abuse and 0 – Unborn Child Abuse. 43 Service Reports were received. These were comprised of 12 screened in for response and 31 screened out. There were 16 Children in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petitions filed in 2025. We continue to prioritize family first and to utilize Protective Plans and In Home Safety Plans more often.

CPS staff are on-call twenty-four hours a day for the purpose of Juvenile Intake/Detention, Child Abuse/Neglect and Energy Assistance.

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Number of Access Reports	226	238	287	264	323
Number of Child Abuse/Neglect Reports	183	186	231	218	261

Number Screened in					40	40	55	59	80
Number Screened out					143	146	176	158	181
					2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Physical Abuse					14	11	27	22	35
Neglect					17	43	43	36	40
Sexual Abuse					11	13	7	9	9
Emotional Abuse					1	2	3	1	2
Unborn Child Abuse					0	0	2	2	4
Service Reports Received					43	52	56	46	62
# Screened Out					31	29	25	22	37
Child Welfare Screened in Reports					12	23	31	24	35
Youth Justice Referrals					53	38	49	67	85
Kinship Care Applications					1	4	12	0	1
Court Ordered Study					0	0	0	0	0
Adoption Related					0	0	0	1	0
Re-open closed care					0	0	0	0	1
Drug Affected infants					0	0	0	0	0
Inter-state Compact					0	2	1	0	1

Juvenile Court – Delinquency/Youth Justice

In 2025, the Youth Justice staff received 53 referrals. This is the first year that we have seen an increase in referrals to our agency. 12 new delinquency petitions were filed in 2025. Nineteen (19) YASI pre-screens were completed, and six (6) full screens were completed, seven (7) reassessments were completed.

No (0) new youth were placed in the Serious Juvenile Offender Program in 2025. No (0) youth were placed in residential care facilities. No youth were placed out of their home during the 2025 calendar year.

Below are the numerous groups that were offered to youth in our community from the staff of the Children and Family Unit. Half of the staff members are involved in facilitating one or more groups throughout the year.

- Boys summer group. Five (5) youths were served in the boys group.
- The Girl Boss group was conducted in conjunction with local businesses that are female owned. This group averaged four (4) females per week.
- Drugs, Alcohol & Vaping Curriculum- we served 7 youth.
- Social media & Sexting Curriculum, no youth were referred to.
- Truancy group- Four (4) youth completed.
- Aggression Replacement Training (ART)- 2 youth completed this group.

Juvenile Court staff are on-call twenty-four hours per day for the purpose of Juvenile Intake/Detention, Child Abuse/Neglect and Energy Assistance.

Electronic Monitoring/GPS Monitoring

2 youth were on electronic monitoring in 2025. This consisted of one (1) male. And one (1) female. The monitors are used in lieu of secure detention.

Parent Training/Education

The Family Training program provided services to twelve (10) families with a total of 17 children in 2025. They provided both parent training and education and parent aide services.

Progressive Parenting LLC also provided parent-mentoring services in addition to Comprehensive Community Services team facilitation. Green Lake County continued their contract for additional parenting services with the Professional Services Group (PSG) in 2025.

PSG provided parenting for one (1) family in 2025 and safety services to two (2) families in 2025.

In-Home Therapy/Targeted Case Management/Comprehensive Community

Services/Coordinated Services Teams:

There were 7 children referred to the wraparound program in 2025 through the school districts that we serve. In addition to these referrals, we had 49 child/youth teams (TCM/CST/CCS) active during calendar year 2025. The agency now has five (5) staff working in two (2) units (Children & Families & Behavioral Health) as well as two (2) contract staff that work facilitating teams in the TCM/CST/CCS wrap-around programs. One (1) additional facilitator carries a limited caseload.

Foster Care/Kinship Care/Like Kin

The state has made substantial changes to the foster care and kinship care programs in 2025. Governor Evers expanded the definition of relatives, creating a new definition of like-kin. The new definition went into effect on January 1, 2025. Below is the new definition.

“Wisconsin Stat. Ch. 48.02(12c) “like-kin” means an individual who has a significant emotional relationship with a child or the child’s family that is similar to a familial relationship and who has not previously been the child’s licensed foster parent. For an Indian child, “like-kin” includes individuals identified by the child’s tribe according to tribal tradition, custom or resolution, code, or law.”

This new definition is a way towards keeping children and youth connected to those who know and love them.

There is also a change to the Wisconsin Administrative Code DCF 56 which governs Foster Home Care for Children. The updated version is in effect as of December 1, 2025. There are

quite a few changes in the memo, however the biggest change that will affect the department is the new licensing requirements for relatives and like kin.

PLACEMENTS

Foster Care, Kinship Care, Group Homes and Residential Care facilities are used for children who are unable to reside in the home of their parents or guardians. All the unit staff are certified to perform the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment (CANS).

In 2025, there were eleven (11) children placed in out of home care throughout the calendar year. At year's end, there are still nine (9) children in out of home care. The breakdown of placements for these children is, three (3) in foster care, two (2) in relative foster care, two(2) with a relative but not licensed and then two (2) are in trail reunification with their birth parent. Green Lake County continues to have a very low number of out-of-home placements. The average length of stay for children in out-of-home care in Green Lake County is 9.66 months.

There were no new subsidized guardianships filed in 2025. The total number of Subsidized Guardianships is four (4).

In 2025, we had one case that went to Termination of Parental Rights. The rights were terminated and that child has since been adopted.

In 2025, seven (7) children were in voluntary Kinship Care placement(s). All cases completed an annual re-assessment of eligibility.

Licensing

Green Lake County has three (3) Level 2 foster homes. When children are placed with family, licensing the family for foster care is a priority for the state and this helps the family receive the highest monetary help for caring for the child or children in their home. In 2025, three (3) relative homes became licensed to take the placement of their relatives.

Courtesy Supervision/Interstate Compact

Courtesy Supervision for both Child in Need of Protection and Services as well as Juvenile Justice Cases was performed for other Wisconsin Counties. In addition to courtesy supervision, home checks to confirm safe environment (CSE) for other counties. Our agency requested one (1) Interstate Compact on Juveniles (ICJ) to Montana due to the child moving to his father's home.

Contractual Services

The unit in home therapists served families through Mental Health Crisis planning and services. These two therapists worked in conjunction with an Independent Contractor, Wellhoefer Counseling to provide in-home therapy services to youth and their families and KD Counseling Services. The Unit also contracts for parenting services from both the Family Training Program, Progressive Parenting LLC. and the Professional Services Group (PSG).

Birth-3

The Birth-3 position supports families in the home with children who have developmental delays and diagnosed conditions who are under the age of 3. The children must demonstrate a delay or have a diagnosed conditions to be eligible for services. The coordinator and one of the therapists on her team (one speech therapist, one occupational therapist, and one physical therapist) complete the evaluation. Once a child is eligible for the program then the coordinator writes the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) with the family to determine goals and frequency of services. These services are based in the home and/or the community. We have still been unable to fill the physical therapy role on the team. During 2025, our speech therapist resigned and we were able to fill this with a new provider.

2025:

There were 52 new referrals to the program in 2025. 32 children had active IFSP's throughout the year. There were a total of 73 children/families served in the calendar year due to some of the children still eligible from the previous year. 5 of the children were found not eligible as they were age appropriate in all areas of development. 16 children were found eligible and an IFSP was written to receive support from Birth-3. 4 children were screened out at an intake appointment and did not move forward for further evaluation. 5 children are still scheduled for evaluations and the remaining children's families either declined evaluation, declined services once eligible or had no further contact.

CCOP

This is the Children's Community Options Program. This program is run by the Birth-3 Coordinator and moved to the Children and Family Unit as stated above. This program is a payment for support and services that a family can't get through their insurance or Medicaid, and the child is under 22 years old, has a disability and lives in the home and meets eligibility on the functional screen that is completed by the coordinator.

One (1) child was served through CCOP in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schiessl

Children & Family Services Unit Manager

2026 ANNUAL REPORT **ECONOMIC SUPPORT UNIT**

~ Providing and Coordinating Resources to Strengthen Families ~

Access to resources and quality customer service are the focus of the Economic Support Unit. Our goal is to provide accurate, timely, and effective financial and case management support services for all our participants.

Economic Support provides eligibility services for people who are applying for or are enrolled in programs like Medicaid, Badger Care Plus, Food Share, and Child Care.

These eligibility services include:

- Answering questions about eligibility and benefits.
- Applying for benefits.
- Conducting Food Share interviews.
- Processing:
 - Applications
 - Benefit changes
 - Benefit renewal
 - Documents provided as proof or verification
- Renewing benefits.

Four Economic Support workers, an Economic Support Lead Worker and a Unit Manager make up the Economic Support Unit for Green Lake County.

Green Lake County Economic Support is part of the Consortium, East Central Income Maintenance Partnership (ECIMP). This “partnership” consists of eight other counties: Calumet, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marquette, Outagamie, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago.

Each consortium operates a call center to help with eligibility services. Each county in ECIMP is responsible for “staffing” the call center. Green Lake County is scheduled 52+ hours per week in the call center. ECIMP’s call center receives approximately 13,182 calls per month in 2025. The time scheduled increases as the call volume increases. ECIMP have maintained the required performance standards.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

~ The Economic Support Programs serve to provide financial stability for low-income households and those experiencing a financial loss~

Economic Support partners with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to help participants apply for or enroll in programs such as: Badger Care Plus, Medicaid and FoodShare.

Requests for programs assistance are made by contacting either the call center at 1-888-256-4563, through www.access.wi.us, contacting Green Lake County Health and Human Services asking to speak to the intake worker, or by coming into the agency. Participants can manage their benefits on the MyACCESS Mobile App.

The caseload for Green Lake County was stable for 2025. Green Lake County has seen an increase in applications requesting Long Term Care services this year. Long Term Care services include Community Waivers (Family Care) and Nursing Home.

Medicaid in Wisconsin

Wisconsin Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that helps more than 1.1 million residents get:

- High-quality health care coverage.
- Long-term care.
- Other services that promote physical and mental health and well-being.

There are many types of Medicaid Programs. Each has certain requirements that must be met if a participant wants to enroll.



Children



Older adults



Adults



Pregnant people



People with disabilities

In 2025, 3340 individuals (17.27% of residents) were enrolled in Medicaid, Badger Care Plus, and other state-funded programs that provide health care insurance coverage. 40% of the individuals were enrolled in an Elderly, Blind, or Disabled Medicaid or in Long Term Care Medicaid.

Food Share Wisconsin

You've probably heard of food stamps or SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). In Wisconsin, we call the program FoodShare. The goal of this program is to stop hunger.

You can use Food Share benefits at most stores. They can also be used at many farmers' markets, to buy fresh fruit and vegetables.

People all over Wisconsin get help from FoodShare. We help people of all ages who:

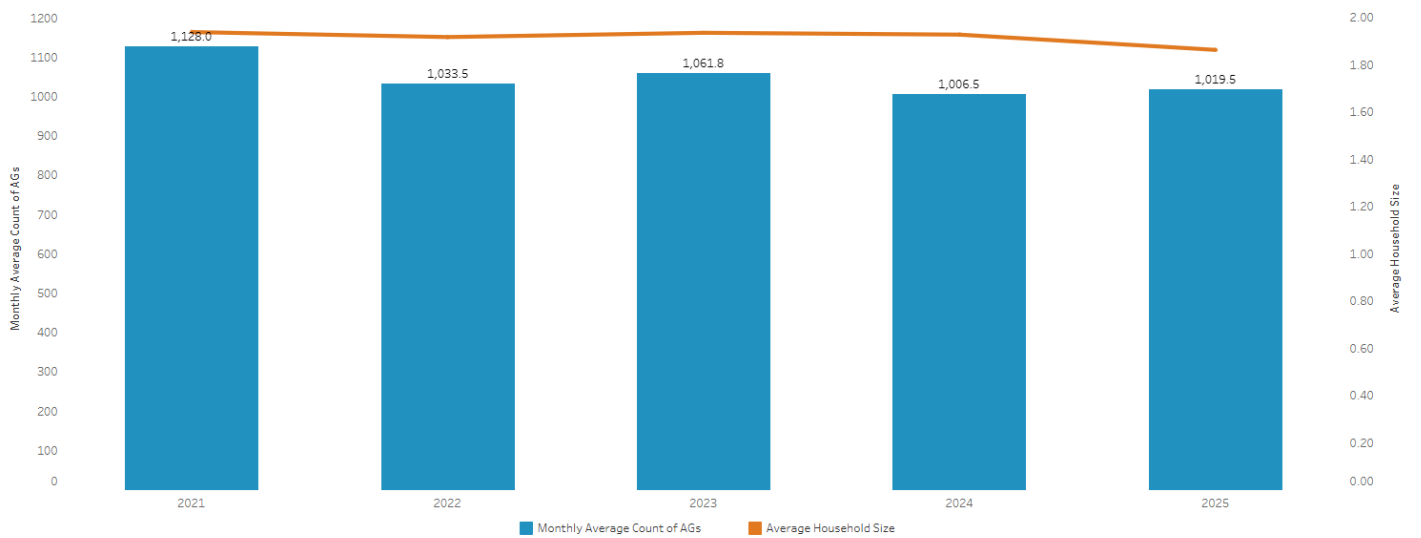
- Have low-income jobs.
- Live on a small or fixed income.
- Are retired.
- Have lost their jobs.
- Are disabled and cannot work.

Who received FoodShare benefits in Green Lake County in 2025?



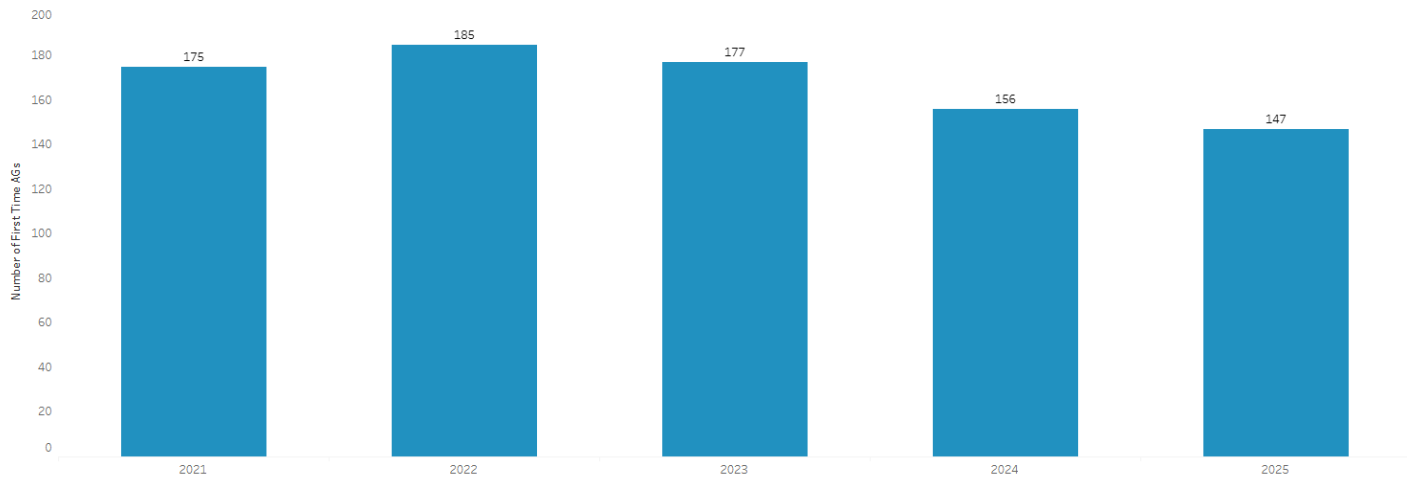
What was the FoodShare AGs household size?

The average number of distinct AGs per month was 1,050 and the average household size was 1.9 in the last 5 years.



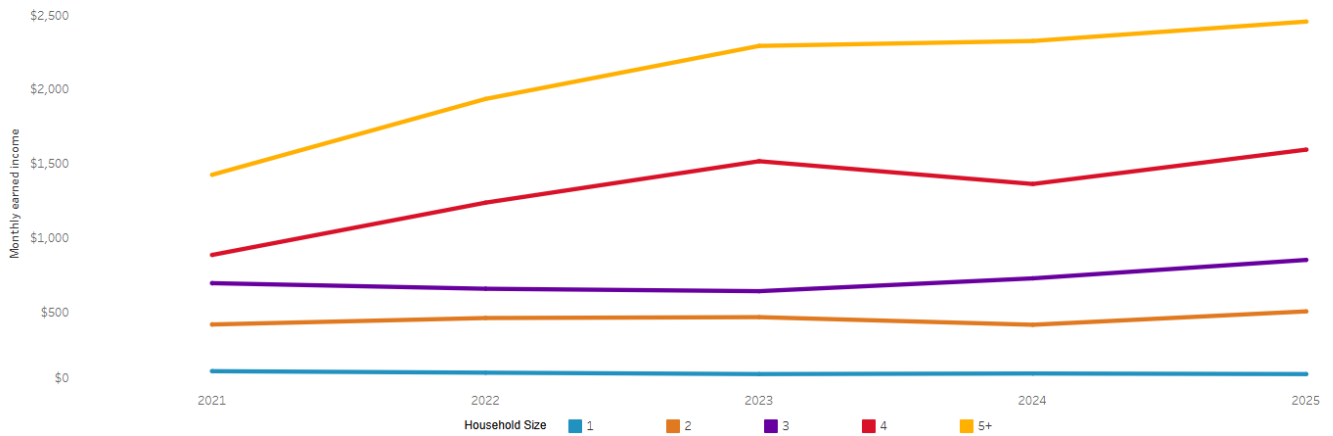
How many FoodShare AGs were first-time recipients?

First-time AGs are households where no one received benefits in the past 60 months. The average number of first-time AGs per year was 168.0 in the last 5 years.



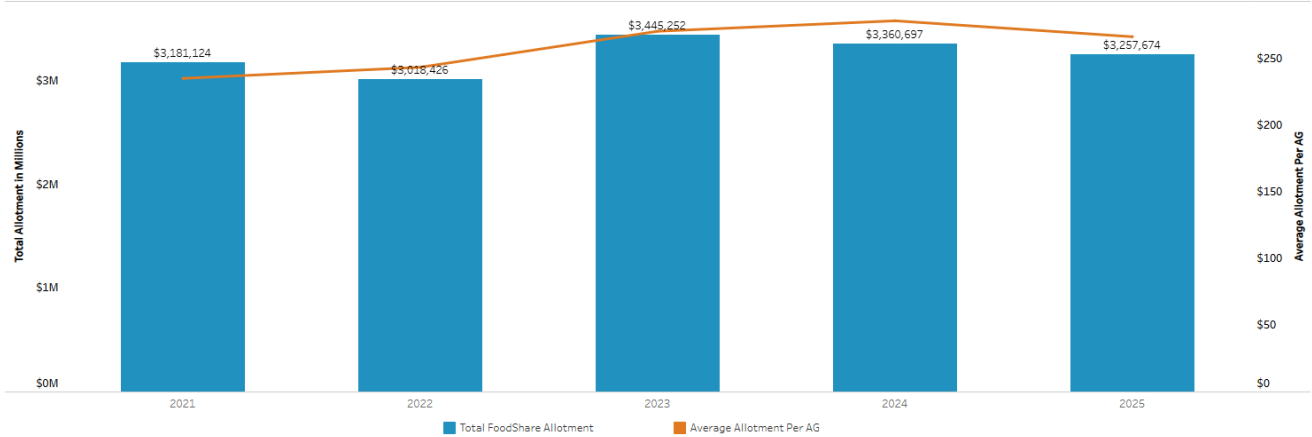
What was the average monthly earned income of an AG?

In the last 5 years, the average income of AGs, regardless of employment status, was **\$402** each month.



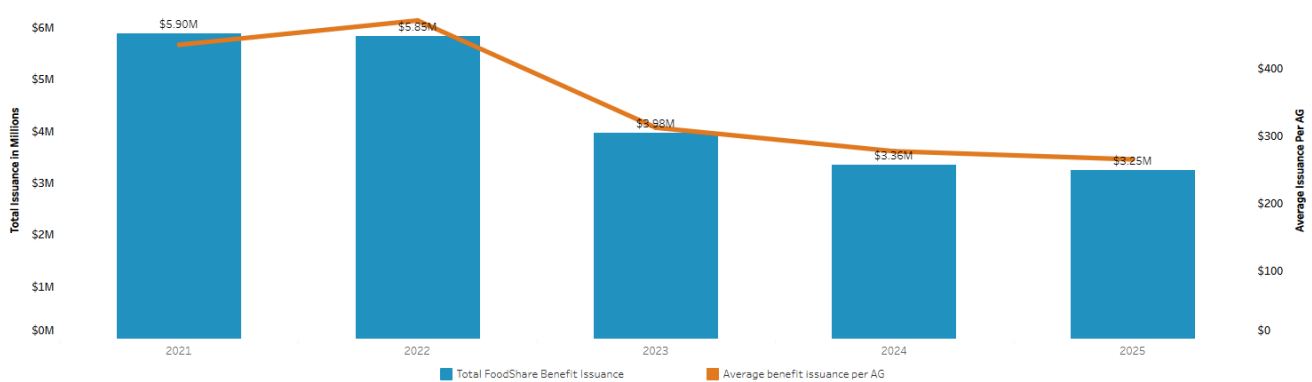
What was the allotment in the past 5 years?

In the past 5 years, the average total allotment amount per year was **\$3,252,635**. The average monthly allotment for AGs was **\$258** in the past 5 years.



What was the issuance in the past 5 years?

In the past 5 years, the average benefit issuance per year was **\$4,469,148**.



Late October 2025 the federal government shutdown extended into its third week, with the USDA advising that funding for SNAP (FoodShare) would expire at the end of October. November 1, 2025, a federal government shutdown caused temporary, significant delays for over 330,000 Wisconsin households (nearly 700,000 residents) relying on FoodShare, with benefits initially paused. Local pantries experienced a surge in demand. Economic Support staff were required to handle high volumes of inquiries from worried participants. Following court orders and legislative action, full benefits were released by early November, with the shutdown formally ending on November 13. Even though benefits were eventually issued in November, the initial, legally mandated, and later restored payments caused a week-long delay in accessing food for many households.

Wisconsin Shares-Child Care

The vision of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) is that all children have access to high-quality early care and education. We reinforce that vision with our mission to support low-income working families by sharing the cost of childcare and promoting the social well-being of all children and families through safe, high-quality early education experiences.

In 2025 Green Lake County provided Childcare assistance to 18 families / 27 children. Average monthly benefit per child was \$4,174.58. Total benefits received was \$112,713.70. Green Lake County saw a 34% jump in the number of families receiving Childcare assistance in 2025. 36% of the children receiving Wisconsin Shares – Child Care are under 2 years of age.

Inter-county Support and Training Assistance

Beginning in December 2023, Green Lake County's Economic Support team provided ongoing operational support to the Economic Support Unit in Kewaunee County in response to their staff shortages. This assistance continued throughout the past year to ensure continuity of services and minimize disruption to their operations.

This support has been particularly challenging due to ongoing staff turnover in Kewaunee Economic Support. Despite these challenges we remained consistent in managing portions of their workload, provided procedural guidance, and delivered hands-on training to staff. These efforts have helped maintain service levels, strengthen staff capacity and promote greater operational stability during a prolonged period of transition.

In addition, I worked closely with Kewaunee County's leadership to help facilitate the addition of a Lead Worker position within their staff structure. This adjustment was intended to provide stronger internal oversight, improve workflow coordination, and support long-term sustainability.

This support is currently anticipated to conclude on June 30, 2026.

Submitted by: Shelby Jensen
Economic & Child Support Unit Manager

Department of Health and Human Services Fox River Industries Unit



MISSION:

NAVIGATE POSSIBILITIES IN ORDER TO REACH FULL CAPABILITIES

VISSION:

To Provide Programming Options that Assist Participants in Fostering Meaningful Community Relationships that Lead to Increased Independence

CORE VALUES:

- Compassion
- Collaboration
- Community
- Choice

SERVICE ARRAY:

- DAY SERVICES
- FACILITY BASED PREVOCATIONAL SERVICES
- COMMUNITY BASED PREVOCATIONAL SERVICES
- SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
- REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE SERVICES
- TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Fox River Industries (FRI) is a division of Green Lake County Health and Human Services and a provider agency of long-term care services, including day programming, vocational training, transportation, and representative payee services.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) established the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Settings Rule. This rule mandates that all Medicaid-funded long-term care services, like those provided by Fox River Industries, be provided in integrated, community-based environments rather than institutional or segregated ones. This directly impacts Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRPs) providers by tying their Medicaid reimbursement to strict compliance with "community-facing" standards. This directly affects how we view our mission and services.

FRI's services are designed to support adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities in overcoming barriers that limit independence and participation in daily life and to grow their connections with community. All services are determined through an ongoing, member-centered planning process involving the participant and their care team.

Fox River Industries, Inc. operates as a nonprofit 501(c)(3), guided by a board of directors that meets twice annually. The board provides advisory oversight related to the subcontract work and contracts held that provides an opportunity to earn a wage while practicing the skills needed to work toward a job in the community.



FEDERAL/STATE UPDATES

HIGHLIGHTS

- The most significant federal update is the formal withdrawal of the proposed rule that would have phased out subminimum wage certificates.
- In order to standardize processes and ensure compliance with the Affordable Care act, Community Rehabilitation Providers (CRPs) are adult long-term care (LTC) waiver service providers therefore were mandated by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to self-enroll directly with Wisconsin Medicaid via the Forward Health Portal in order to receive reimbursement by Medicaid.

CHALLENGES

- Due to a state budget shortfall, The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) implemented an "Order of Selection", the first in over 10 years. This may cause a delay in new referrals as applicants are placed on a waitlist for DVR services.
- Other funding risks exist due to methodology changes within the Center for Medicaid Services, (CMS) and how they calculate Direct Care Workforce Payments and their history of under payment and late payments.

AGENCY AND SERVICE UPDATES

HIGHLIGHTS

- Identified Focus Groups to support our Core Values
- Completed the Longterm Care Waiver Provider Enrollment into the Forward Health Portal in order to be eligible for reimbursement for services provided.
- Launched our inaugural year of fundraising and outreach events for FRI which exceeded our expectations and expanded our community footprint. Within the first few months we noted an increase in community awareness, support, as well as unsolicited donations.
- Increased the number of contracted services we are eligible to provide by increasing service array with some Managed Care Organization's (MCO) or newly enrolling with other MCO's, making our services more obtainable to all residents of Green Lake County.

CHALLENGES

- Difficulty filling a vacancy of a Direct Support Provider as of September 2025 leads to inability to maintain the same level of services, eliminated the ability to be flexible with program options, and reduces revenue. Caregiver shortages is a nationwide crisis.
- MCO's are frequently authorizing services for shorter windows (e.g., 3 months instead of 12) with the expectation that the provider phase down the level of care, this is not always the best plan of action for those we serve nor is it person centered.
- Our aging facility hinders our ability to engage in program advancements, to serve those with higher care needs, or to meet some expectations of the Home and Community Based Settings Rule such as private areas, a conference room, etc.

PROGRAM UPDATES

DAY SERVICE PROGRAM

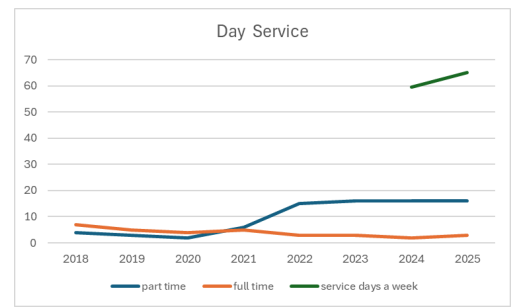
OUR ADULT DAY SERVICES PROGRAMS PROVIDE STRUCTURED, PERSON-CENTERED CARE DESIGNED TO ENHANCE INDEPENDENCE THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SUPPORTS. FROM SKILL-BUILDING AND PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY-INTEGRATED RECREATION, CONTRIBUTIONS AND PHYSICAL WELLNESS, WE OFFER SAFE AND ENGAGING OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWERS OUR PARTICIPANTS TO BE ACTIVE WHILE PROVIDING VITAL RESPITE FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

- Began contracting with Berlin School District to provide transition services to adults who will be graduating out of the high school system but not interested or ready for employment.
- Engaged in a mission to cross train staff between our two day service programs, as well as the opportunity for participants to engage in either setting depending on interest and ability based on days agenda, creating a stronger program as well as more as opportunities for self-direction.
- Support participants to transition from passive observers to active, recognized community members through experiences that prioritize relationship-building and civic participation.

LOOKING FORWARD

- Ensuring flexible programming options in order to meet participants where they are at to best meet their needs and/or interests, as well as supporting other departments.
- Continue to create diverse opportunities to allow each participant the opportunity to experience new things, engage in things they enjoy, and be actively engaged in the community.



FACILITY BASED PREVOCATIONAL PROGRAM

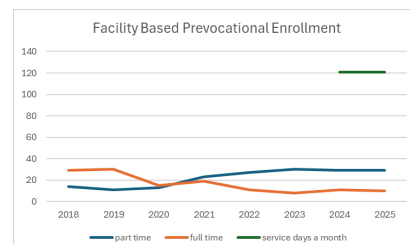
PREVOCATIONAL SERVICES FOCUS ON CULTIVATING STRENGTHS AND TRANSFERABLE SKILLS THAT ENHANCE EMPLOYABILITY. BY PROVIDING HANDS ON TRAINING ON WORK RELATED TASKS AS WELL AS IMMERSIVE COMMUNITY-BASED WORK EXPERIENCES, WE PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS WITH THE PRACTICAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL SOFT SKILLS NECESSARY TO SUCCEED IN A DIVERSE WORKFORCE.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

- Commitment to our core values by focusing less on traditional subcontracting models of service and more on development of community-based learning experiences and building relationships in order to create person-centered opportunities for participants.
- Successful elimination of the Facility Based Prevocational Services wait list.
- Enhanced service capacity by shifting a staff member into a direct support provider position, directly increasing the number of support hours available to program participants without increasing the number of staff.

LOOKING FOWARD -

- Alignment with Home and Community -Based Services standards, with a focus on prevocational services teaching transferable soft skills in a variety of environments based on participant choice if a strong focus on community.
- Continued focus on our goal of working toward increased success in meeting our designated benchmark of participants involved in prevocational services that are engaged in the community integrated employment process. 2025 average success rate was 33%.



COMMUNITY BASED PREVOCAIONAL PROGRAM

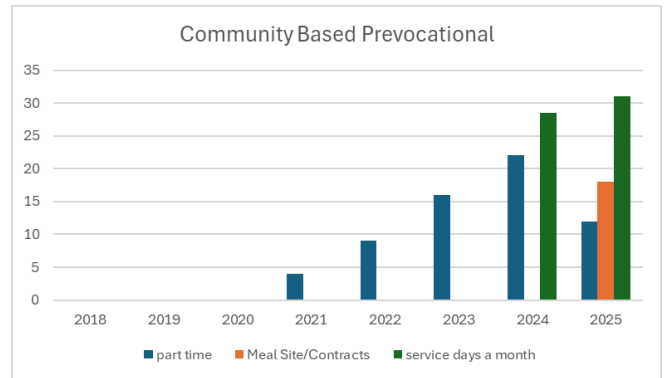
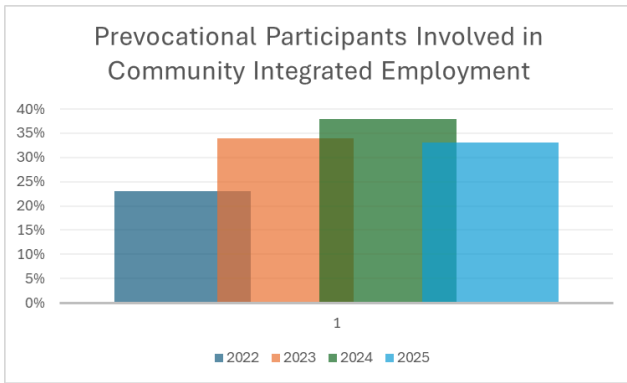
COMMUNITY BASED PREVOCAIONAL SERVICES PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE EMPLOYMENT TRAINING IN AN INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SETTING VERSUS IN A FACILITY WHERE THEY ARE ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY THRU SERVICE, VOLUNTEERISM, AND EDUCATION ON AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

- Demonstrated strong progress in creating diverse opportunities that extend beyond inclusion, enabling individuals to contribute, reciprocate, and take on valued, citizenship-building roles within our community.
- Successful refining of curriculum by implementing streamlined, person-centered skill-building plans that emphasize individual strengths and self-paced development. These enhancements are supported by improved documentation and communication. .

LOOKING FOWARD -

- Continued Exploration and hopeful implementation of Youth (18-21) program opportunities.
- Continued exploration of Group Employment Program which provides a “group” of participants the opportunity to receive continuous onsite support at community-based job site thru contracts held with a local business.
- Continued partnership with other HHS units to create new learning opportunities for those served.



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

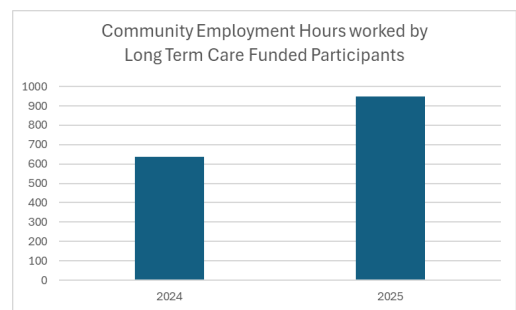
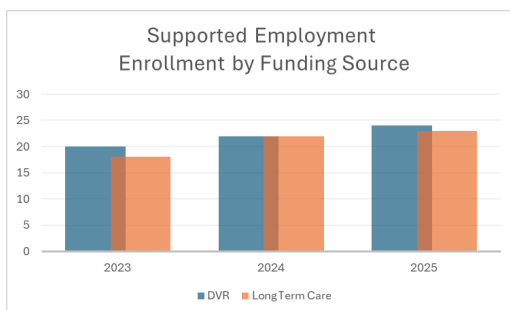
SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT ARE SERVICES AIMED TO ASSIST PARTICIPANTS WITH OBTAINING AND MAINTAINING EMPLOYMENT IN A COMMUNITY SETTING. COMMUNITY INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT IS VIEWED AS THE GOAL OF PREVOCAIONAL SERVICES.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

- 54% of DVR referrals where successful with going thru the stages of support and being hired in the community within the year.
- 95% of individuals receiving long term support maintained their employment over the past 12 months.
- Worked with five high school students thru DVR Student Work Experience services

LOOKING AHEAD-

- Continue to support program participants to remain in competitive integrated employment, meeting a one-year benchmark after hire.
- Continue to focus on outreach to expand our presence in the community which will lead to more opportunities for those we serve.



REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE SERVICES Representative Payee Services provides benefit management for Social Security beneficiaries who are incapable of managing their money payments.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024

- 100% of the 75 beneficiaries (average monthly) essential needs were prioritized and met.
- Showed record keeping integrity as noted by a successful Social Security Audit in 2025

LOOKING FOWARD -

- Continue to focus on accuracy, beneficiary wellbeing, and compliance with expectations of social security, funders, & beneficiaries.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES / DSI

WITH THE DSI FLEET OF VEHICLES WE [PROVIDE ACCESS TO SERVICES AND THE COMMUNITY FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY AND DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED & SENIOR ADULTS OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY, MINIMIZING ISOLATION AND ENSURING ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT, RECREATION, AND OTHER MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES.

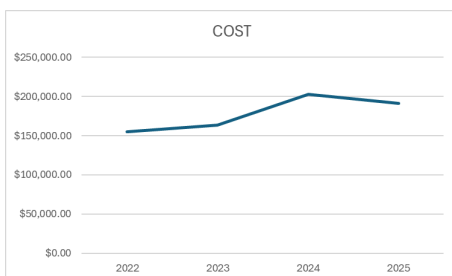
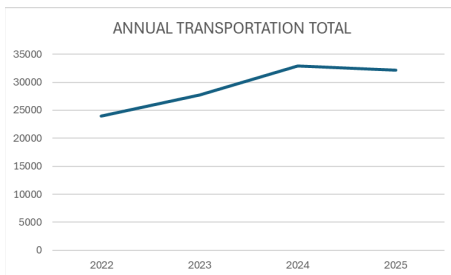
HIGHLIGHTS 2024

- Provided 32,886 rides to disabled individuals in 2025: a 1% decrease from 2024.
- Partnered with HHS Aging Unit to provide Senior Transportation Services, providing 72 medical transport rides for seniors with physical disabilities.
- Increased the amount of MCO's we contract transportation with as well as the amount of reimbursable transportation related services we are contracted to fulfill.
- Received the DOT 2024 Cycle 48 grant award: a 2025 Ford E-450 Cutaway minibus.
- Disposed of three aged vehicles that were 14-15 years old.
- Took back into possession two minivans previously subleased to Green Lake County Senior Transportation providers.
- Costs related to transportation do not cover the costs to run the program.
- Under the 2026 5310 Cycle 50 application, we were successful in being granted 75% of the cost of a minibus (\$102k) and operating funds (\$79k). Anticipated arrival of this awarded vehicle is 2027.

LOOKING FOWARD -

- Generating increased transportation related revenue thru MCO contract.
- Decrease the fleet's total cost of operation by following a replacement cycle that retires aging, high-maintenance vehicles before they reach the point where repair costs exceed the value of the vehicle being in the fleet.
- Submit an application to the Department of Transportation for operating assistance and a vehicle under the 2027 5310 Cycle 51 Grant.
- Await the 2025 Cycle 49 award of a Minivan.

FORD	STARCRAFT E350 MINI BUS	2013
DODGE	MINIVAN (BRAUN)	2016
FORD	TRANSIT STARCRAFT	2018
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DODGE	MINIVAN (BRAUN)	2019
FORD	STARCRAFT E350 MINI BUS	2020
CHRYSLER	VOYAGER	2022
FORD	E-450 CUTAWAY	2025
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2025 Behavioral Health Unit Annual Report

The Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) provides a spectrum of mental health and substance use services to residents of Green Lake County across the lifespan. New in 2025, the Behavioral Health Unit expanded to fold Adult Protective Services responsibilities into the Crisis Program. This decision was made in order to provide a staffing pattern that has capability for APS response on a 24/7/365 basis.

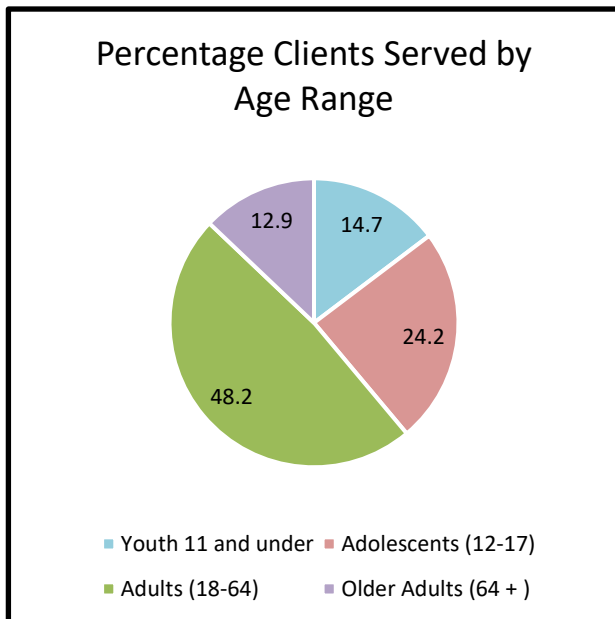
The team includes 14 full time staff, 1 contracted Intoxicated Driver Program assessor, and 1 part-time contracted psychiatrist. Many staff currently work across multiple programs within behavioral health and are included in the structure for each program that they work in. All unit staff receive cross-training in several of the unit programs including 24/7 on-call mobile crisis intervention.

Behavioral Health Trends

Mental health and substance use concerns have been continually identified in the local Community Health Assessment and as priority areas for the Community Health Improvement Plan developed by Green Lake County's Public Health unit. This is consistent with state-level data showing high prevalence of behavioral health conditions including anxiety, depression, and substance misuse.

Positive trends in the behavioral health field have included increased capacity to utilize telehealth options to increase access to services, which has been especially impactful in the rural communities. Increased access to reliable internet services has assisted with this in our area, as has overall provider and client proficiency in using available telehealth platforms.

2025 Unit Highlights



BHU includes a range of programs, collectively serving 1,050 county residents across all of its programs. Individuals served in multiple programs are only counted one time here.

- Crisis team assumed responsibility for Adult Protective Services responsibilities beginning 1/1/2025.
- Completion of a Security Risk Assessment to ensure best practices regarding electronic health record and information security
- Expanded community partnerships via leadership in I-Teams, Housing Coalition, and Zero Suicide collaborations
- Awarded State Opioid Response (SOR) funding to assist with unmet treatment and recovery needs related to substance misuse
- Internship program continues to grow in partnership with several area Counseling and Social Work programs which has helped with recruiting and training new counseling staff, and has helped us maintain a consistently reduced waitlist time

Outpatient Counseling and School Office

Green Lake County offers outpatient individual and group therapy options. Green Lake County has been designated a rural area with provider shortage in psychiatric care, however we are fortunate to have an on-site prescriber for adults on a part-time basis.

Outpatient Overview:

- **559** clients were seen for individual or group psychotherapy
- **196** clients received psychiatric care (medication management)
- **63** individuals received court-ordered Intoxicated Driver Assessments

Outpatient Clinic Highlights:

* **School-Based Satellite Offices:** BHU presently maintains satellite school-based offices in Markesan MS/HS and Elementary, Green Lake, and Berlin Middle/High Schools.

* **Evidence-based clinical practices:** All staff are required to participate in training in evidence-based treatment models. We currently offer treatment including Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT), Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (TF-CBT), brain spotting, clinical hypnosis, and more.

* **Opioid Response funding:** In 2025, we received funding to assist with treatment needs related to opioid and stimulant misuse.

1. Room and Board funding for individuals with Medicaid: Medicaid presently covers treatment costs at residential substance use treatment facilities. For many individuals with an opioid or stimulant use disorder, the room and board costs remain a barrier to treatment. This funding is a portion of the state's allotment of opioid settlement funding to be used specifically for room and board funding for people receiving Medicaid *and* requiring treatment for a qualifying substance use disorder. In 2025, we received enough funding to support all **6** treatment requests we received.

2. State Opioid Response (SOR) Unmet Recovery Needs: in Year 1 of our three year SOR grant cycle, we provided recovery supports to 12 individuals including recovery residence, case management, peer support, and transportation related to such services.

***Satisfaction Survey Data** shows positive outcomes and perceptions overall

Item	Average Score (1-4, 4 being "completely agree")
This program helped/ is helping me achieve my goals	3.7
My counselor was sensitive to my needs	3.9
My counselor treated me with respect	3.8
I would recommend this program to others	3.9
I felt heard, understood, and respected	3.8
My therapist's approach was a good fit for me	3.8
Overall satisfaction	3.9

Community Support Program (CSP)

CSP Program Goals

- 1. Increase engagement in community-based programming and reduce social isolation.**
 - Increased offerings for CSP specific activities
 - Highlights included holiday meal and light-tour, community service project
- 2. Address accessibility barriers in engaging with healthcare and mental healthcare resources.**
 - Crisis support plans shared with crisis team at each update
 - All staff offer tobacco cessation assistance
- 3. Outreach to potentially eligible community members.**
 - Outreached 5-6 potential cts via crisis and outpatient referrals

The CSP program provides intensive community-based services to people with severe and persistent mental illness who may otherwise require hospitalization or residential care. Treatment is individualized and based on the person's needs and goals. Staff provide psychiatry, counseling, transportation assistance, case management, medication management, crisis services, social opportunities, assistance with activities of daily living, and assistance with vocational rehabilitation. CSP provides services almost exclusively in the community. **CSP served 22 consumers throughout 2025.**

CSP highlights

- Social opportunities are designed to offer peer interaction and facilitated social skills training, involving a combination of community-based outings and onsite activities.
- CSP staff and leadership attended training on integration of Assertive Community Treatment model in rural settings

- CSP staff facilitated several well-received community opportunities including a client service-project (making blankets for area housing/ homeless assistance programs) and a Holiday Meal and trip to Celebration of Lights

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) The Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program is a strength-based consumer driven psychosocial rehabilitation recovery program. This program utilizes the consumer's identified strengths to support their goal-directed recovery process. CCS receives Medicaid funding and requires each individual enrolled in the program to have Medicaid, have a mental health and/or substance use diagnosis, be

motivated to work on self-identified recovery goals, and utilize a collaborative team based model emphasizing natural supports in recovery.

CCS provides community-based services, working to support people in their communities rather than in hospitals or residential treatments. CCS works closely with the Children & Family Unit to help provide services to keep children in their homes instead of foster care placement and to help return a child back to their home with the proper supports. **In 2025, CCS served 59 consumers,** consistent with recent years and a significant increase over the past 5 years. CCS supports a

Basic Needs	Community Living Skills	Crisis Prevention and Management
Education	Employment	Finances and Benefits
Housing	Legal Status	Life Satisfaction
Medication Management	Mental Health	Physical Health

variety of treatment modalities including flexible options such as in-home family systems therapy, which allows clients to find a true array of services and receive the types of therapy that best meet their needs. CCS staff are committed to providing consumer-driven care. The Behavioral Health Unit/ CCS program actively participates in our Regional CCS Consortium, approved by the state of Wisconsin. The consortium includes six surrounding counties working together. Due to consortium efforts, medically necessary services provided to CCS consumers can be reimbursed at a rate of 100% for the services we provide CCS consumers.

Targeted Case Management (TCM)

In 2018, Behavioral Health added a Targeted Case Management (TCM) program tier. TCM is a Medicaid-funded case management program that offers support to individuals with mental health or substance abuse issues who may benefit from case management at a less intensive level or as a step-down from more intensive program option. TCM has historically been offered outside of BHU for other target populations. There are presently 23 consumers being served within the Behavioral Health TCM program.

Children's' Long Term Support Waiver

The Children's Long Term Support Waiver (CLTS) is a Medicaid Waiver program for children with developmental or physical disabilities or Severe Emotional Disturbances (SED). Families develop a person-centered individual support plan (ISP) together with their caseworker in which they identify specific supports that are not ordinarily covered by Medicaid. Examples include accessible home modifications, sensory supplies/ therapeutic aids, respite care, and service coordination.

In 2017, the State of Wisconsin announced the dissolution of the CLTS waitlist, requiring counties to develop strategies to service families presently on the state-wide waitlist. At the start of 2018 there were 10 families enrolled in CLTS, and as the process of waitlist elimination has continued, the program now serves over 70 families. Typically, once a youth is opened within this program, they will continue to receive services from the program until they transition into the adult Long Term Care system (between the ages of 18-21) or move out of the county.

When a child is referred for services, Green Lake County has an average of 16 days from the time of referral to the time that they are able to be opened for services in this program, compared to a 62 day average wait in other parts of the state.

Crisis Intervention and Adult Protective Services

During 2025, crisis intervention responded to **497** initial crisis assessments and many additional follow up contacts. Crisis workers provide crisis counseling on a walk-in basis or respond mobile to the most appropriate location (e.g. Emergency Rooms, schools, police departments) to provide assessment and intervention. BHU adheres to the philosophy that when a counselor engages face-to-face with an individual, they develop an understanding of the individual's needs and can create a safe response plan in the least restrictive environment.

The call volume this year has increased drastically, which was anticipated with the addition of Adult Protective Services responsibilities.

A **safety plan** is the least restrictive intervention provided. It may include follow up contacts, service linkage/referral, family support/ education, etc. and ensures safety without requiring the person to go into a hospital setting.

- 349 safety plans were completed in 2025
- This represents 70.2% of all contacts.

Stabilization facilities are home-like environments monitored by professional crisis workers that can help manage safety and provide peer support, but do not offer treatment or medication.

- 4 stabilization stays in 2025
- Stabilization can avoid or shorten needed stays at psychiatric hospitals.

Psychiatric hospitalization typically lasts anywhere from 2-10 days. It involves individual and group treatment along with medication management. A person may **voluntarily admit** themselves.

- 26 voluntary hospitalizations in 2025
- This represents 5.2% of all contacts

If a person poses imminent risk of harm to self or others due to their mental health condition, an **involuntary hospitalization**, known as an "emergency detention" may be used as a last resort.

- 27 involuntary hospitalizations in 2025
- Significant reduction since 2024 when 54 occurred.

In Adult Protective Services cases, **guardianship** or **protective placement** in a licensed care setting may be more appropriate than hospitalization. As with mental health, less restrictive options are always exhausted first.

- 21 guardianships in 2025, 11 of these also included protective placement
- 5 of these were emergency situations requiring immediate, emergency protective placement

Community Partnerships



Zero Suicide is an evidence-based continuous quality improvement framework for suicide prevention work in community healthcare settings. Green Lake County adopted the use of this framework in 2023. BHU leads a steering committee focused on increasing screening and outreach as well as on enhancing data collection to better understand the root issues leading to suicide ideation without our population. This fall, our team was featured in the Office of Childrens' Mental Health newsletter and on Wisconsin Public Radio.



Housing and homelessness continue to be key socioeconomic issues impacting the clients served across our programs. This year, **49** calls to our crisis line included housing and/or homelessness as a precipitant. While housing assistance is outside the scope of Behavioral Health resources, our unit has been instrumental in bringing together a Green Lake-specific subcommittee of the WinnebagoLand Housing Coalition to bring attention to this important community topic.



I-Teams is an inter-disciplinary opportunity to focus on issues related to prevention and intervention in elder abuse and neglect. In 2025, we have worked to rejuvenate the Green Lake County I-Team by updating membership and goals. The team has created shared learning opportunities about topics ranging from hearing from our Ombudsman to considerations when encountering hoarding or suspected financial abuse.

Behavior Health Unit 2026 program development areas:

Continued community and county-level support, dedication from staff, and collaboration with community partners allow the Behavioral Health Unit to continue to grow. Development areas for 2026 include:

- ◆ Expansion of evidence-based practices for mental health and substance use disorders, specifically focusing on acute treatment of suicidality
- ◆ Central Wisconsin Health Partnership
- ◆ Community partnerships to bolster the use of least restrictive, community-based interventions in mobile crisis response and Adult Protective Services programs
- ◆ Community outreach, education, and awareness related to prevention and early intervention for both mental health and substance use
- ◆ Provision of crisis debriefing services to mitigate community impact and secondary traumatic stress of critical incidents
- ◆ Reduce waiting time for enrollment into appropriate level of care for ongoing services
- ◆ Integration and collaboration between behavioral health supports and ancillary services addressing the social determinants of health impacting our community members
- ◆ Partnership with school districts to leverage school-based services options and address mental health presentation at the early childhood and elementary school levels
- ◆ Focus on recruitment and retention of qualified treatment professionals to maintain staffing of programs and reduce waitlist time for individuals seeking services

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2025 ANNUAL CHILD SUPPORT UNIT REPORT

~Protecting Children, Strengthening Families, Building Communities~

The Wisconsin Child Support Program helps parents get court orders for financial and medical support for their children. It also enforces these support orders when needed and makes sure that all money collected is paid out correctly.

Two Child Support workers and a Unit Manager make up the Child Support Unit for Green Lake County.

The Green Lake County Child Support Unit has 849 cases. Close to 90% of those cases are participants that are receiving some assistance that requires the Child Support Agency to enforce support orders. These assistance programs may include Medicaid, Child Care, Wisconsin Works, and /or children in Foster Care or Kinship Care services.

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 Green Lake County Child Support collected \$1,583,093.06 in Child Support.



Overview of Child Support Services provided to parents

All families paying and receiving child support, family support or maintenance get “financial management” services. These services include:

- Entering the information about the court case and support orders into the Wisconsin child support computer system.
- Working with employers to withhold income and support payments.
- Processing payments.
- Collecting, recording, and sending payment and/or fees.
- Providing monthly account statements.
- Providing payment coupons.
- Providing different ways to pay for customers.
- Providing payment information by phone and online.
- Correcting errors on account balances.

Case management services are available for the parents to pay child support as well as the parents getting child support. Case management services are provided by county child support agencies and can be obtained by applying for services. These services include:

- Locating the other parent and his or her financial assets.
- Scheduling genetic tests for the child and the potential father(s) of the child.
- Preparing the papers and taking the case to court to legally identify the father and set up a support order.
- Ensuring that one or both parents provide health insurance for the child(ren).
- Using all available and appropriated enforcement tools to collect support owed.
- Reviewing the support order, when necessary, in case it needs to be changed.
- Ending the support order, when necessary.

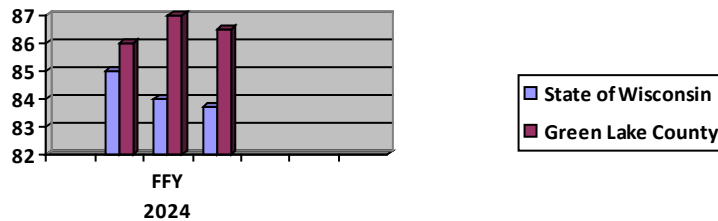
FFY 2025 Green Lake Child Support Performance

Green Lake County continues to exceed the Statewide Performance Standards average.

The following charts represent the percentage rates of the four Federal Performance measurements Statewide versus Green Lake County for the last three Federal Fiscal years. (FFY)

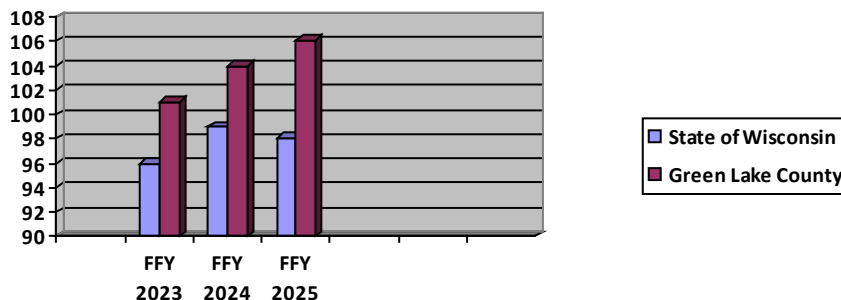
Court Order Establishment Rate

(The court order establishment rate is a performance measure used to evaluate how many child support cases have a legally enforceable support order in place. A support order is required before the state can enforce child support payments. The federal performance metric, aiming for a rate of 80% Green Lake County historically exceeds the federal standards.)



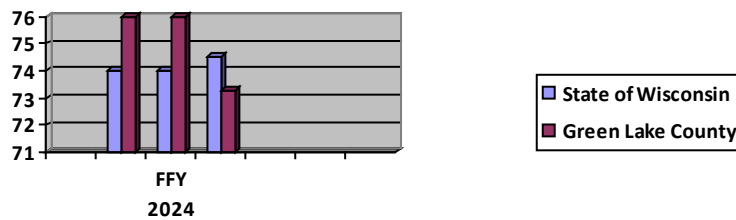
Paternity Establishment Rate

(A key performance indicator used to evaluate how effectively the state locates and legally documents paternity for children born out of wedlock. This importance because paternity must be legally established before many child support actions can proceed. The federal performance metric, aiming for a rate of 80%. Green Lake County historically exceeds federal standards.)



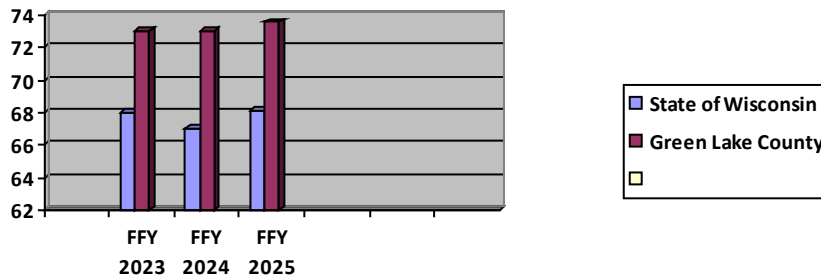
Current Child Support Collection Rate

(The percentage of child support due that is collected in the month it is due. A key performance measure. States are expected to collect at least 80% of child support due in the month it's owed to meet this performance target. The statewide average is below the 80% benchmark. Some counties are meeting/exceeding the 80% target. Green Lake County strives to find approaches to meet this goal.)



Arrears Collection Rate

(The arrears collection rate tracks the percentage of child support cases with unpaid past-due support (arrears) that received at least one payment on those arrears during the reporting period. The federal performance standard for this metric is 80%. Historically Wisconsin has not met the 80% arrears collection benchmark, neither has Green Lake County. Green Lake Child Support continues to explore approaches to improve our measurement.)



Arrears = Past Child Support that is owed and should have been paid earlier.

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Aging/ADRC Unit

The Aging/ADRC Unit provides services to Elderly and Disabled residents of Green Lake County. The staff are divided into program areas largely defined by funding source; however, the programs overlap in many areas, and the combined unit can maximize these resources to the advantage of all the people we serve.

During 2025 Staff included the Unit Manager, two Resource Specialist Social Workers, the Aging / ADRC Coordinator, 1 Meal Site Manager, the Nutrition/Volunteer Coordinator, the Elderly Benefit Specialist, the Disability Benefit Specialist, and collaboration with Fox River Industries to have participants and Staff run one of the Meal Sites. The ADRC Unit did have 1 retirement, and a new Resource Center Specialist was added at the beginning of the year.

2025 was the first full year ADRC operated as a single entity. The ADRC increased marketing and outreach in the Green Lake County area. The hope was to reach more people and help keep people informed about resources to assist individuals while they remain in their home. This was possible by shifting the Adult Protective Services Unit out of the Aging / ADRC and restructuring the Aging / ADRC Coordinator. In 2025, the ADRC completed 77 outreach activities throughout the year. Based on data of calls from when outreach started, the ADRC seen an increase in calls each month since more outreach activities started. The ADRC also put more focus on social media platforms. This included having many businesses and organizations in the County following the social media page. This resulted in more ADRC information being shared throughout the Community to people that followed the business and organizations that shared the ADRC information. Because of an increase in these 2 initiatives, the ADRC saw an increase in people served.

The Nutrition Program is another area in 2025 which saw a continued demand. Due to the continued need increase in the County, the program needed to explore ways to add support. The Nutrition Program added an intern from UW-Oshkosh Social Work Program. The intern was tasked with activities like completing and entering meal assessments, conducting program surveys, updating resource directory, completing quality checks at meal sites and more. This added support allowed the Nutrition Coordinator more time to focus on other priorities in the Nutrition Program. The program will continue to utilize an intern in future years.

Another shift with the Nutrition Program was continuing the partnership with Fox River Industries to have Staff and participants run the Markesan Meal Site. 2025 was the first full year of this partnership. Participants who attended Fox River Industries were able to volunteer at the Markesan Meal Site. This created opportunities for Participants to gain more job experiences and interact with individuals in the Community. Participants assisted with packaging meals and performing light cleaning duties at the Site. This has been a beneficial partnership on both sides.

2025 was also the first full year the Aging / ADRC Unit brought in a portion of the 85.21 Senior Transportation Program. Previous years, the program had 5 service providers that focused on different parts of the County. With Green Lake County bringing a portion in house, this brought the service providers to 3. This also allowed one provider to cover the entire Green Lake County. Green Lake County made enhancements to the program in efforts to create structure for the program and make it more user friendly. Anyone looking to utilize the program would need to contact the ADRC first to complete a pre-approval assessment. By having individuals first speak with the ADRC it resulted in a couple things. 1. Individuals were able to be educated on the purpose of the program and explain rides are prioritized for Medical, Nutrition, and Education. Individuals then are sent a rider manual outlining policies and best practices to make sure riders and drivers of the program have the best experience. 2. This created an opportunity for ADRC Staff to speak to more individuals to see if any other resources exist that could improve their quality of life. The program was able to run efficiently and people looking to access the program were able to receive a ride. 2025 data shows that majority of the rides were for medical rides. This shows the program is being utilized appropriately and if people in the Community need assistance getting to a medical appointment, they can utilize the program for that purpose.

2025 Highlights include – Hosted 3rd Health and Wellness Fair. This Fair included 40 plus vendors. The event included food and music for social engagement for the participants. Over 250 people attended the event. New for 2025 was Speed Friending Event. 10 people participated in this event at the Fair. The purpose of the event was to create an opportunity for people in the Community to meet new people and potentially connect with individuals looking for friendships. This event will look to expand in 2026. The Health and Wellness Fair will look to continue in 2026. The Leaf Collection Program continued in 2025. FRI was able to help 7 individuals. The partnership with Fox River Industries continued in 2025.

The ADRC partnered with local youth organizations to create greeting cards and crafts to be distributed to Seniors in the Community. The organizations included Princeton 5th graders, Green Lake 4H Clovers, and individuals connected with Town Square. The ADRC also assisted local Nursing Homes in creating Holiday Cards. This included having a photographer provided by the ADRC visit local Nursing Homes and take pictures of residents. The pictures were then created into holiday cards for residents to send to their family members. ADRC information was included with these cards as well.

The Food Pantry looked for ways to meet the increase demand for food while rising cost of groceries increased and State and Federal government funding support continued to decrease in 2025. The Food Pantry partnered with local meat processors in the area to promote donating venison to local food pantries during the deer hunting season. Hunters were able to donate deer harvested to meat processors. The meat processors prepared the meat to be donated to Green Lake Food Pantry for free. The Food Pantry received 800 pounds of venison. In 2024, the Food Pantry received 250 pounds. The increase was because of the marketing efforts made to promote the partnership.

Aging and Disability Resource Center

In 2025, ADRC Staff had their first full year using the new data system called PeerPlace. The ADRC had a quality improvement plan to increase awareness of the ADRC to Green Lake County Residents. This included increasing outreach activities and building business / organization followers on social media platform. Both were successfully accomplished in 2025.

What is an ADRC? The ADRC is funded by the State to provide a single point of entry to Long Term Care Services and Information and Assistance for residents of Green Lake County. Aging and Disability Resource Centers are the first place to go to get accurate, unbiased information on all aspects of life relating to aging or living with a disability. The ADRC provides information on a broad range of programs and services, helps people understand the various long-term care options available to them, helps people apply for programs and benefits, and serves as the access point for publicly funded long-term care. Below represents demographic data from the first full year of the ADRC being a single entity.

Total Served		574
Age		
	Under 60	75
	60-74	151
	75-84	94
	85+	60
	Date of Birth Missing	94
Frail / Disabled		
	Yes	18
	No	282
	Frail / Disabled Missing	246
Rural		
	Yes	450
	No	26
	N/A	98
Gender		
	Declined to answer	1
	Female	241
	Male	150
	Transgender-Female	2
	Gender Missing	180

Lives With		
	Lives Alone	114
	Lives in Facility	20
	Lives with Others	133
	Unknown	304
Poverty Level		
	Above Poverty	136
	At or Below Poverty	117
	Declined to answer	96
	Poverty Level Missing	219
Race		
	Black or African American	2
	Hispanic or Latino	3
	White	410

HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMS/TITLE III-D

The ADRC offers community health and disease prevention education programs, with an emphasis on falls prevention, physical activity and chronic disease self-management. These programs are funded by a combination of ADRC, Title III-D, and grant funding. In 2025, 7 classes were offered in Green Lake County (See more detail below). Green Lake County will continue to contract with Waushara County Health Promotion Staff to offer programming in 2026.

Tai Chi Prime – Green Lake (17 participants)

Stand Up for Your Health – Berlin (4 participants)

Stepping On – Berlin (15 participants)

Mind Over Matter – Markesan (canceled)

Stepping On – Markesan (5 participants)

Tai Chi Fundamentals – Green Lake (13 participants)

Tai Chi Prime – Green Lake (23 participants)

TEFAP – (THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

The Food Pantry is operated by the Aging/Long Term Care Unit of the Department of Health and Human Services and is available to any indigent person/family in an emergency. The Food Pantry is funded by TEFAP and private donations from fundraisers and local donors. For the year 2025 the Food Pantry was able to raise over \$73,001 dollars in Grants & Donations. The Food Pantry attempted to bring more awareness to their services by continued outreach activities.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program/Food Pantry operates every Tuesday from 10:00-12:00 as well as the first Thursday of the month between 4:00-6:00 p.m. (June – October). The Food Pantry currently has 35+ volunteers who assist with food pantry distribution, donation drops off, deliveries and pick up of donations.

Eligible residents of Green Lake County may attend once each month. Throughout 2025, the Food Pantry served an average of 242 households per month, and 527 individuals per month. Each household was provided an average of 107 pounds of food for a month totaling almost 309,891 pounds of food given for the year.

Food Pantry	2025	2024	2023	2022
Average households served monthly	242	226	221	196
Average number of individuals	527	505	492	444

AGING PROGRAMS

The County Aging Unit is the Agency designated by the County Board and authorized by the Older Americans Act to continue to develop, support, assist, and evaluate County-based programs for older adults (over age 60) with the purpose of fostering independence and enhancing the quality of life for older adults in the county.

All Federal money from the Older Americans Act, Title III, is distributed to the state, which gives it to the regional Area Agency on Aging and then to the Counties. The amount each County receives is determined by a set formula. Included in the formula is the number of elderly, low-income elderly and isolated elderly individuals within the County.

Federal Title III-B money is used for various service programs such as elderly health screening, transportation, the elderly benefit specialist, and program development for Senior Centers. Matching local funds and required In-Kind assistance provides the rest of the resources for the Aging programs. Federal Title III C-1 & 2 must be used for elderly nutrition. See below for more information on the elderly nutrition and matching In-Kind amounts.

The Aging plan was updated in 2024, 2025 marks the first full year of the Aging plan. Aging plans are required by the State for each Aging Department to receive funding. These plans are active for 3 years. The goals created in the plan will be reviewed on a regular basis at Committee meetings. The plan can be accessed online and/or requested at anytime. People could reach out to the ADRC to ask for a copy of the Aging plan. In 2025, the goals emphasized were streamline and make enhancements to the 85.21 senior transportation program and provide more education about the meal program to participants and help create a ranking system of meal items most liked and less liked to inform participants of options.

Aging Funding including IIIB, III-E, and AFCSP -

Under the Federal Older Americans Act, Green Lake County Aging Unit is provided funding to provide services to individuals 60 and older who need services. Some examples of services provided: respite care, light cleaning, yardwork, small home-repairs, and chore services. The Aging Unit continued to look for additional resources in the Community that could help fill the gaps for Residents. Through networking and resource discovery, the Aging Unit was able to establish relationships with key organizations in 2025. This included organizations like: Senior Oasis Advisors, Options for Independent Living, Wisconsin Respite Association, Seques – Senior Moving Management, Senior Medicare Patrol and more. The Aging Unit also discovered a need for safe and secure ramps at individuals homes. Individuals have become creative with building ramps so they can remain in their homes. Many of these ramps are unsafe. The Aging Unit partnered with Home Safety Innovations to build ramps for individuals in the Community. 3 ramps were provided. This will be an emphasis in 2026 as well.

IIIB & NFCSP Data

Service Type + Funder	Ind Client
Aging Information and Assistance - Title III-B	1
Assistive Devices / Technology - Title III-B	2
CG NFCSP Public Information - Title III-E (CGOA)	0
CG NFCSP Respite, In-Home General - Title III-E (CGOA)	2
CG NFCSP Supplemental Services, Assisted Transportation - Title III-E (CGOA)	1
CG NFCSP Supplemental Services, Assistive Devices/Technology - Title III-E (CGOA)	1
CG NFCSP Supplemental Services, Chore - Title III-E (CGOA)	4
CG NFCSP Supplemental Services, Consumable Supplies - Title III-E (CGOA)	1
CG NFCSP Supplemental Services, Home Repair / Modifications - Title III-E (CGOA)	1
CG NFCSP Supplemental Services, Personal Care - Title III-E (CGOA)	1
CG NFCSP Supplemental Services, Transportation - Title III-E (CGOA)	2
Chore - Title III-B	14
Home Repair and Modifications - Title III-B	1
Outreach - Title III-B	0
Personal Care - Title III-B	1
Public Information - Title III-B	0
Transportation - Title III-B	2
	total - 34

AFCSP Data

Service Type	Total Unduplicate d Clients
CG AFCSP Case Management	2
CG AFCSP Case Management	1
CG AFCSP Goods and Services	1
CG AFCSP Respite, General	1
CG AFCSP Respite, Overnight	1
CG AFCSP Support Groups	15

CONGREGATE NUTRITION PROGRAM (C-1)

The Nutrition Program assists older individuals to live independently by promoting better health through improved nutrition. It reduces the isolation of older individuals through nutrition related and supportive services. It prevents malnutrition and promotes good health through nutrition education, screening, and intervention. The Aging Unit Nutrition/Volunteer Coordinator is trained as a certified ServSafe Professional Food Manager/Nutrition Director and oversees both the Congregate and Homebound Meal Programs.

In 2025, 4,690 meals were served at Meal sites: Markesan - Calvary Chapel Church and Berlin. Volunteers play a vital role in all our Congregate and Homebound Meals Programs. In 2025 we continued to partner with FRI to provide job work experience to FRI participants. Participants were able to work at the Markesan Meal Site as a volunteer. This provided job skills training to participants and allowed the meal site to have consistent volunteers daily. Suggested Donation Contribution was increased to \$5.00. The program received \$15,080.05*

Also in 2025, an intern was brought in from UW-Oshkosh Social Work program to help provide support for the program.

HOMEBOUND MEAL PROGRAM (C-2)

In 2025, 18,706 meals were served throughout the County to persons who are unable to go to the meal sites for health-related reasons. Requests for Homebound meals come from hospital discharge planners, meal site managers, units of Health and Human Services, doctors, and families and enable the older person to remain in his or her own home if possible. Requests are referred to the Nutrition Coordinator who meets with each new enrollee to conduct a thorough nutritional assessment; these are updated annually. The meal delivery program is also a part of a support system that checks on the elder person four to five days per week depending on their location. Drivers are trained to watch for changing needs and to alert Nutrition Coordinator as necessary. Green Lake County relies on volunteer drivers to provide these meals. The program is only able to provide as many meals as the drivers can distribute. As more community members look to be added to receive HDMS, more volunteers will need to be added.

	2025	2024	2023
Meals served at meal sites	4,690	4,846	4,700
Congregate Meal Donation Dollars	\$15,080.05	\$14,919.82	\$10,653.52
Homebound meals delivered	18,706	20,183	22,973
Homebound meal donation dollars	\$81,575.14	\$83,763.60	\$69,643.10

TRANSPORTATION

One of the greatest needs for the elderly and/or handicapped person is transportation. The Aging Unit receives and administers the 85.21 State Grant monies, \$79,889.00 in 2025. Service priorities are MEDICAL TRIPS, NUTRITION-RELATED ACTIVITIES, WORK-RELATED ACTIVITIES, and SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. Fox River Industries provided support for individuals needing a wheelchair accessible vehicle. All other rides not covered by Berlin Senior Center, were covered by volunteers with the Green Lake County portion. Below are data from 2025 for Berlin Senior Center and Green Lake County Rides. Fox River Industry data not provided as funding is utilized differently compared to the other 2 service providers and data would be skewed. Out of the 1,829 rides provided 1,467 rides were for medical and/or nutrition.

	Total	
Senior, ambulatory	1698	
Senior, non-ambulatory	131	
Disabled, non-	0	
Disabled, non-senior, non-	0	
Other	0	
	Total	1829
Purpose		
	Total	
Medical	959	
Employment	0	
Nutrition	508	
Education/Training	3	
Social/Recreational	76	
Personal Business	240	
Other	43	
	Total	1,829

DISABILITY BENEFIT SPECIALIST

The Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) position aids people ages 18 to 59 who have any kind of disability, in applying for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The DBS assists people with Medicare, to find the best Medicare Part D prescription drug plans for their individual needs. The DBS also assists individuals applying for Medical Assistance and the MAPP program.

Clients Served

Total clients (unduplicated)	92
New clients (unduplicated)	90

Topic Counts

Open topics

Healthcare	1
Income - SSA programs	36
Medicaid	4
Medicare	4
Nutrition	3
Other	2

Client Demographics

Age

18 and younger	5
19-21	6
21-29	7
30-39	15
40-49	14
50-59	34
60-69	9

Outcomes

Compared coverage options	0
Favorable outcome	12
Referred to legal provider	0
Other outcome	7
Resolved without further follow-up	2
Unfavorable outcome	6

ELDERLY BENEFIT SPECIALIST PROGRAM

The Elderly Benefit Specialist coordinates information and counseling regarding public benefit programs to individuals sixty years of age and older. The Elderly Benefit Specialist assists people aged sixty and over to apply for Social Security, Social Security Disability, Medicare, Medicare Part D, Medical Assistance, and Senior Care.

Clients Served

Total clients (unduplicated)	150
New clients (unduplicated)	138

Intake Count

Carried over	0
New	252
Closed	242
Remaining	11

Topic Counts

Open topics

Income - SSA programs	2
Medicaid	5
Medicare	4

Client Demographics

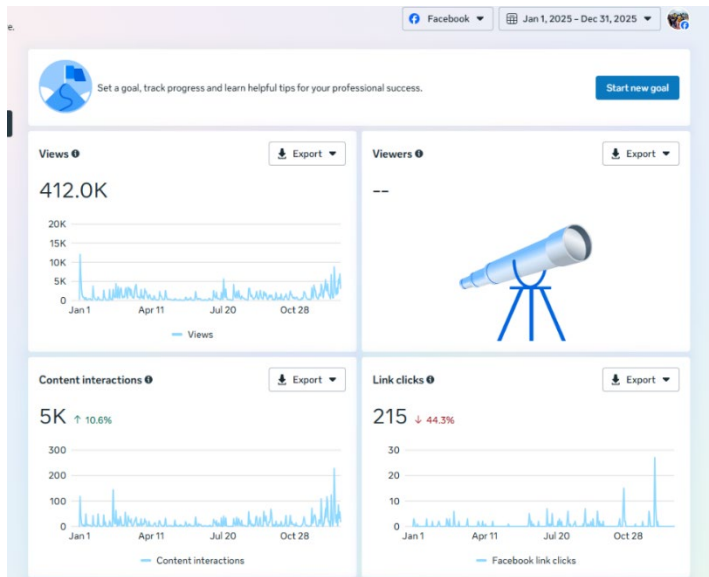
Age

60-69	74
70-79	41
80-89	27
90-99	6

Time Spent by Service Type

Case development	9
Consultation with program attorney	1
Consultation with others	0
Communication	6
General information, assistance, or referral	286
Other	0

OTHER PROGRAMS



Support Group -

- An active support group for caregivers has been established. The support group meets monthly at Town Square. The group consistently has 10+ individuals attend each meeting.

Social Media –

- The ADRC Green Lake County Facebook page had been viewed over 400k for 2025. The page has grown exponentially. This means information is being shared even more and reaching a target group that has not been reached before because information is being shared elsewhere besides just newspaper.

Department of Health and Human Services Fox River Industries Unit



MISSION:

NAVIGATE POSSIBILITIES IN ORDER TO REACH FULL CAPABILITIES

VISSION:

To Provide Programming Options that Assist Participants in Fostering Meaningful Community Relationships that Lead to Increased Independence

CORE VALUES:

- Compassion
- Collaboration
- Community
- Choice

SERVICE ARRAY:

- DAY SERVICES
- FACILITY BASED PREVOCATIONAL SERVICES
- COMMUNITY BASED PREVOCATIONAL SERVICES
- SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
- REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE SERVICES
- TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Fox River Industries (FRI) is a division of Green Lake County Health and Human Services and a provider agency of long-term care services, including day programming, vocational training, transportation, and representative payee services.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) established the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Settings Rule. This rule mandates that all Medicaid-funded long-term care services, like those provided by Fox River Industries, be provided in integrated, community-based environments rather than institutional or segregated ones. This directly impacts Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRPs) providers by tying their Medicaid reimbursement to strict compliance with "community-facing" standards. This directly affects how we view our mission and services.

FRI's services are designed to support adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities in overcoming barriers that limit independence and participation in daily life and to grow their connections with community. All services are determined through an ongoing, member-centered planning process involving the participant and their care team.

Fox River Industries, Inc. operates as a nonprofit 501(c)(3), guided by a board of directors that meets twice annually. The board provides advisory oversight related to the subcontract work and contracts held that provides an opportunity to earn a wage while practicing the skills needed to work toward a job in the community.



FEDERAL/STATE UPDATES

HIGHLIGHTS

- The most significant federal update is the formal withdrawal of the proposed rule that would have phased out subminimum wage certificates.
- In order to standardize processes and ensure compliance with the Affordable Care act, Community Rehabilitation Providers (CRPs) are adult long-term care (LTC) waiver service providers therefore were mandated by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to self-enroll directly with Wisconsin Medicaid via the Forward Health Portal in order to receive reimbursement by Medicaid.

CHALLENGES

- Due to a state budget shortfall, The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) implemented an "Order of Selection", the first in over 10 years. This may cause a delay in new referrals as applicants are placed on a waitlist for DVR services.
- Other funding risks exist due to methodology changes within the Center for Medicaid Services, (CMS) and how they calculate Direct Care Workforce Payments and their history of under payment and late payments.

AGENCY AND SERVICE UPDATES

HIGHLIGHTS

- Identified Focus Groups to support our Core Values
- Completed the Longterm Care Waiver Provider Enrollment into the Forward Health Portal in order to be eligible for reimbursement for services provided.
- Launched our inaugural year of fundraising and outreach events for FRI which exceeded our expectations and expanded our community footprint. Within the first few months we noted an increase in community awareness, support, as well as unsolicited donations.
- Increased the number of contracted services we are eligible to provide by increasing service array with some Managed Care Organization's (MCO) or newly enrolling with other MCO's, making our services more obtainable to all residents of Green Lake County.

CHALLENGES

- Difficulty filling a vacancy of a Direct Support Provider as of September 2025 leads to inability to maintain the same level of services, eliminated the ability to be flexible with program options, and reduces revenue. Caregiver shortages is a nationwide crisis.
- MCO's are frequently authorizing services for shorter windows (e.g., 3 months instead of 12) with the expectation that the provider phase down the level of care, this is not always the best plan of action for those we serve nor is it person centered.
- Our aging facility hinders our ability to engage in program advancements, to serve those with higher care needs, or to meet some expectations of the Home and Community Based Settings Rule such as private areas, a conference room, etc.

PROGRAM UPDATES

DAY SERVICE PROGRAM

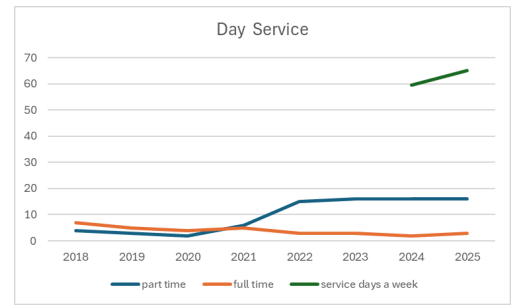
OUR ADULT DAY SERVICES PROGRAMS PROVIDE STRUCTURED, PERSON-CENTERED CARE DESIGNED TO ENHANCE INDEPENDENCE THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SUPPORTS. FROM SKILL-BUILDING AND PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY-INTEGRATED RECREATION, CONTRIBUTIONS AND PHYSICAL WELLNESS, WE OFFER SAFE AND ENGAGING OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWERS OUR PARTICIPANTS TO BE ACTIVE WHILE PROVIDING VITAL RESPITE FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

- Began contracting with Berlin School District to provide transition services to adults who will be graduating out of the high school system but not interested or ready for employment.
- Engaged in a mission to cross train staff between our two day service programs, as well as the opportunity for participants to engage in either setting depending on interest and ability based on days agenda, creating a stronger program as well as more as opportunities for self-direction.
- Support participants to transition from passive observers to active, recognized community members through experiences that prioritize relationship-building and civic participation.

LOOKING FORWARD

- Ensuring flexible programming options in order to meet participants where they are at to best meet their needs and/or interests, as well as supporting other departments.
- Continue to create diverse opportunities to allow each participant the opportunity to experience new things, engage in things they enjoy, and be actively engaged in the community.



FACILITY BASED PREVOCATIONAL PROGRAM

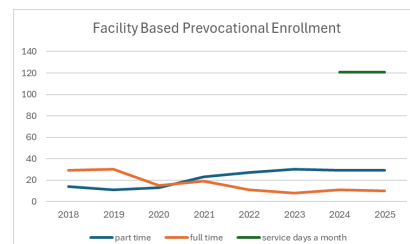
PREVOCATIONAL SERVICES FOCUS ON CULTIVATING STRENGTHS AND TRANSFERABLE SKILLS THAT ENHANCE EMPLOYABILITY. BY PROVIDING HANDS ON TRAINING ON WORK RELATED TASKS AS WELL AS IMMERSIVE COMMUNITY-BASED WORK EXPERIENCES, WE PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS WITH THE PRACTICAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL SOFT SKILLS NECESSARY TO SUCCEED IN A DIVERSE WORKFORCE.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

- Commitment to our core values by focusing less on traditional subcontracting models of service and more on development of community-based learning experiences and building relationships in order to create person-centered opportunities for participants.
- Successful elimination of the Facility Based Prevocational Services wait list.
- Enhanced service capacity by shifting a staff member into a direct support provider position, directly increasing the number of support hours available to program participants without increasing the number of staff.

LOOKING FOWARD -

- Alignment with Home and Community -Based Services standards, with a focus on prevocational services teaching transferable soft skills in a variety of environments based on participant choice if a strong focus on community.
- Continued focus on our goal of working toward increased success in meeting our designated benchmark of participants involved in prevocational services that are engaged in the community integrated employment process. 2025 average success rate was 33%.



COMMUNITY BASED PREVOCAIONAL PROGRAM

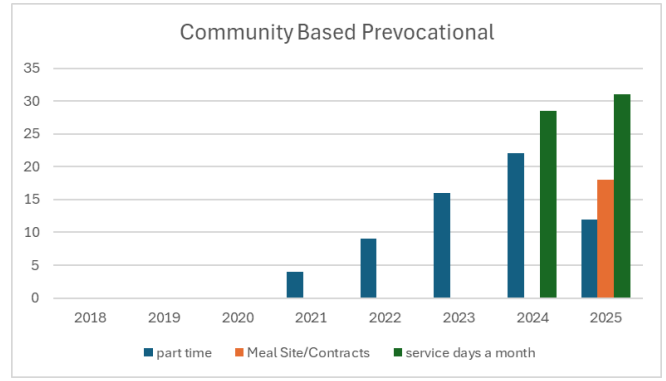
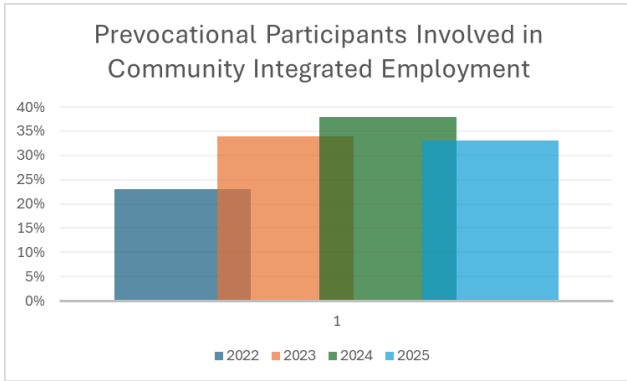
COMMUNITY BASED PREVOCAIONAL SERVICES PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE EMPLOYMENT TRAINING IN AN INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SETTING VERSUS IN A FACILITY WHERE THEY ARE ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY THRU SERVICE, VOLUNTEERISM, AND EDUCATION ON AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

- Demonstrated strong progress in creating diverse opportunities that extend beyond inclusion, enabling individuals to contribute, reciprocate, and take on valued, citizenship-building roles within our community.
- Successful refining of curriculum by implementing streamlined, person-centered skill-building plans that emphasize individual strengths and self-paced development. These enhancements are supported by improved documentation and communication.

LOOKING FOWARD -

- Continued Exploration and hopeful implementation of Youth (18-21) program opportunities.
- Continued exploration of Group Employment Program which provides a “group” of participants the opportunity to receive continuous onsite support at community-based job site thru contracts held with a local business.
- Continued partnership with other HHS units to create new learning opportunities for those served.



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

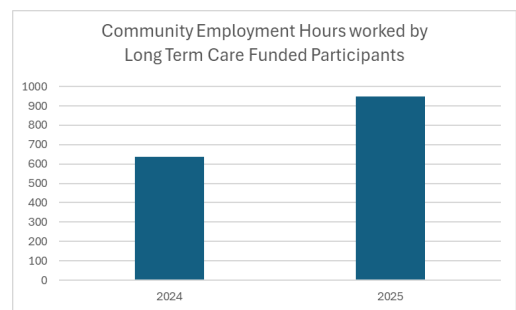
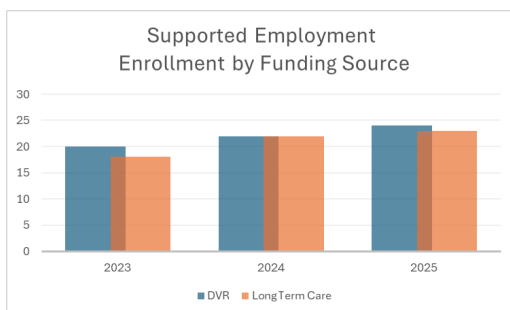
SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT ARE SERVICES AIMED TO ASSIST PARTICIPANTS WITH OBTAINING AND MAINTAINING EMPLOYMENT IN A COMMUNITY SETTING. COMMUNITY INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT IS VIEWED AS THE GOAL OF PREVOCAIONAL SERVICES.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

- 54% of DVR referrals where successful with going thru the stages of support and being hired in the community within the year.
- 95% of individuals receiving long term support maintained their employment over the past 12 months.
- Worked with five high school students thru DVR Student Work Experience services

LOOKING AHEAD-

- Continue to support program participants to remain in competitive integrated employment, meeting a one-year benchmark after hire.
- Continue to focus on outreach to expand our presence in the community which will lead to more opportunities for those we serve.



REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE SERVICES Representative Payee Services provides benefit management for Social Security beneficiaries who are incapable of managing their money payments.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024

- 100% of the 75 beneficiaries (average monthly) essential needs were prioritized and met.
- Showed record keeping integrity as noted by a successful Social Security Audit in 2025

LOOKING FOWARD -

- Continue to focus on accuracy, beneficiary wellbeing, and compliance with expectations of social security, funders, & beneficiaries.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES / DSI

WITH THE DSI FLEET OF VEHICLES WE [PROVIDE ACCESS TO SERVICES AND THE COMMUNITY FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY AND DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED & SENIOR ADULTS OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY, MINIMIZING ISOLATION AND ENSURING ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT, RECREATION, AND OTHER MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES.

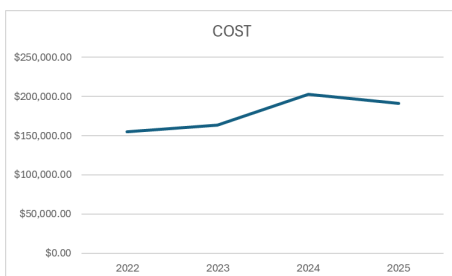
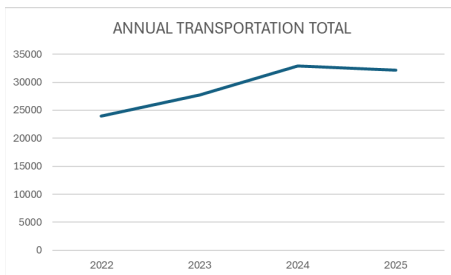
HIGHLIGHTS 2024

- Provided 32,886 rides to disabled individuals in 2025: a 1% decrease from 2024.
- Partnered with HHS Aging Unit to provide Senior Transportation Services, providing 72 medical transport rides for seniors with physical disabilities.
- Increased the amount of MCO's we contract transportation with as well as the amount of reimbursable transportation related services we are contracted to fulfill.
- Received the DOT 2024 Cycle 48 grant award: a 2025 Ford E-450 Cutaway minibus.
- Disposed of three aged vehicles that were 14-15 years old.
- Took back into possession two minivans previously subleased to Green Lake County Senior Transportation providers.
- Costs related to transportation do not cover the costs to run the program.
- Under the 2026 5310 Cycle 50 application, we were successful in being granted 75% of the cost of a minibus (\$102k) and operating funds (\$79k). Anticipated arrival of this awarded vehicle is 2027.

LOOKING FOWARD -

- Generating increased transportation related revenue thru MCO contract.
- Decrease the fleet's total cost of operation by following a replacement cycle that retires aging, high-maintenance vehicles before they reach the point where repair costs exceed the value of the vehicle being in the fleet.
- Submit an application to the Department of Transportation for operating assistance and a vehicle under the 2027 5310 Cycle 51 Grant.
- Await the 2025 Cycle 49 award of a Minivan.

FORD	STARCRAFT E350 MINI BUS	2013
DODGE	MINIVAN (BRAUN)	2016
FORD	TRANSIT STARCRAFT	2018
FORD	TRANSIT STARCRAFT	2018
DODGE	MINIVAN (BRAUN)	2019
FORD	STARCRAFT E350 MINI BUS	2020
CHRYSLER	VOYAGER	2022
FORD	E-450 CUTAWAY	2025
FORD	E-450 CUTAWAY	2025





**Green Lake County
County Board Annual Report
2025
Information Technology Department**

Submitted to the Honorable Chairman and Board of Supervisors for Green Lake County

Highlights of the IT Departments activities during 2025:

1. The IT Department continued our service and support of all County employees with immediate attention to their computing needs - whether assisting by phone, email, in person, or remotely when called upon.
2. The IT department was responsible for all computers, servers, MFPs, network devices, iPhones, iPads, desk phones, and an extensive number of computing applications and software packages. All are located across different facilities and interconnected across all County departments, units, and agencies.
3. Handling all IT at the 5 County run facilities – Government Center, Highway Main, Highway Manchester shop, Lake Steel, and Fox River Industries.
4. Continued the management and running of the building security system (door access and cameras) and its on-going additional workload for us.
5. Upgraded the GC's building security system to current vendor version.
6. Performed continuous software upgrades and patches to improve the efficiency of County employees, security, and their response to other departments and to the public.
7. We have worked to reduce our installed software packages count from 592 down to 560.
8. Remote access provided to employees and their applications along with online services added for public access.
9. Continued protecting all systems with security patching services and modern endpoint protection.

10. Continued to run and manage the monthly employee security training courses and ongoing assessments of said training for all employees.
11. Performed all the IT financial and IT purchasing needs for the County.
12. Maintained the data backup system's infrastructure and its daily operation.
13. Ran multiple assessments with CISA to track our on-going security.
14. Continued the management and running of secure password management for all employees.
15. Sheriff Office and Police Department's main RMS system expanded and upgraded.
16. Played a major role in the Court's courtroom A/V upgrade project that was completed at the end of the year.
17. Continued the management and running of the County phones, phone system, and voicemail and its on-going support workload.
18. In 2025, the County paid on average \$4,000/month for Sheriff Office cell phones and \$3,700/month for the rest of the County department cell phones.
19. All IT Department employees are members of the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs and Wisconsin Emergency Management's state-wide Cyber Response Team. Attended training and monthly updates and participated in incident responses to provide mutual aid.
20. Added resilience to the time synchronization system required by all County infrastructure.
21. Improved the multi-levels of backup and cloud backup.
22. Corrections canteen and cell check systems upgraded and improved.
23. Continued to increase the use of multi-factor authentication across many critical systems and provided several means for employees to validate.
24. Handled issues that arose with the Government Center's building door security and camera system without losing service or video.
25. Continually manage and handle all departments' data resource needs and requirements.
26. 310 helpdesk tickets were created in 2025. Over 11,000 helpdesk tickets have been recorded since 2002.

27. Continued the management, upgrading, and running of the Print Management critical system that is used county-wide.
28. Continued to manage syncing all employee local data with the cloud.
29. Moved all department file shares to cloud storage.
30. Fixed and replaced EOC's failed AV projector system that was previously installed by an outside vendor hired without IT.
31. Managed all computing accounts setup and tear down for all employee transitions (starting, exiting, transferring)
32. 46 employees ended employment in 2025.
33. Responded to open records requests.
34. Many laptops rolled out, or upgraded, or repaired during the year.
35. Many device upgrades to improve reliability and employee's effectiveness.
36. Completed work and planning to meet the IT needs of all departments for next year's budget. Gathered all the info, researched best options, and accumulated quotes and figures for a detailed budget with final approval for all by interim County Administrator, and County Board.
37. Maintained and extended the life of all computing hardware and software used throughout the County. We purchase high-quality equipment upfront and run it for as long as possible. We continually maintain and are proactive with future needs. We perform most repairs ourselves, saving the County from expensive outsourcing costs.
38. Actively taking part in bi-monthly meetings with IT directors from nearby counties.
39. Worked with and completed upgrades and changes to meet the needs of HHS's PCI compliance for new customer payment options.
40. Handled working with Spectrum for their changes and updates to all the TV systems at the Government Center.
41. Financial software system (Alio) successfully migrated to LINQ ERP.
42. Helped to facilitate increased usage by all departments of both the external and internal websites. All departments have direct, secure, access to their

- key areas so they can quickly and easily communicate with the public and internally with employees.
43. Involved in multiple outside audits of the county for insurance, finance, law enforcement, and health and human services throughout the year.
 44. Continued maintaining key power protection UPSs for all sites.
 45. Continued inventory and tagging of all IT equipment.
 46. On-going use of open-source alternatives to save future dollars. We use numerous open-source operating systems and software packages to save on both upfront licensing costs and future licensing and support costs.
 47. Upgraded and migrated server infrastructure. And shutdown old server hardware.
 48. Multiple new Highway facility low-voltage design meetings.
 49. Completed multiple major upgrades and changes to all departments' specific systems. All departments in the County have both separate and shared systems that they rely on for day-to-day operations.
 50. Migrated 60+ iPhones that were EOL by Apple to new supported phone hardware.
 51. Participated in wage and annual employee evaluations study workgroup at the request of the interim county administrator.
 52. Upgraded Sheriff Office's phone call voice recorder system to current vendor version.
 53. Cataloged and recorded signed by employee assignment sheets to actively track all the mobile/laptop/accessory hardware in use by employees and their cost to replace by employee if lost/damaged.
 54. Moved all employee devices from Windows 10 to Windows 11 due to Microsoft EOL support for Windows 10 in October 2025. A number required purchasing new hardware to be able to run Windows 11.
 55. Provided recycling and proper disposal of any digital equipment.
 56. Provided and managed a shared equipment pool for checkout by any County personnel to keep costs down by promoting the continued sharing of resources like projectors, laptops, etc.

57. Upgraded County Board room PC and all meeting software to current vendor version.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Hutchison
Information Technology Director
Green Lake County

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GREEN LAKE COUNTY

Land Conservation Department

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LAND, WATER, PARKS, AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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, Water, Parks, and Community Committee. The Land Conservation Department mission statement is, *"Our highest responsibility is to protect and enhance land and water resources that will sustain current and future generations."*

Summary of Programs Managed by Department:

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, Water, Parks, and Community Committee. Participants are eligible to claim a \$10.00 per acre income tax credit. In Green Lake County 268 landowners representing 54,898 acres have been issued Certificates of Compliance and are eligible to receive \$548,980 in state tax credits.

Land and Water Resource Management Plan (DATCP): The Land Conservation Departments work is guided by the county Land and Water Resource Management Plan (LWRMP). The Green Lake County Land and Water Resource Management Plan was updated in October 2018, and 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 goals are as follows:

- 15% or greater sediment delivery reduction for the period 2018 – 2028 (614.5 tons/yr).
- 15% or greater phosphorous delivery reduction for the period 2018 – 2028 (1036.6 lbs. P/yr).
- Preserve and restore habitat.
- Protect groundwater resources.

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI): This federal grant is for the Roy and Wuerches Creek Watersheds. The grant focus is 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. 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 on December 31, 2026.

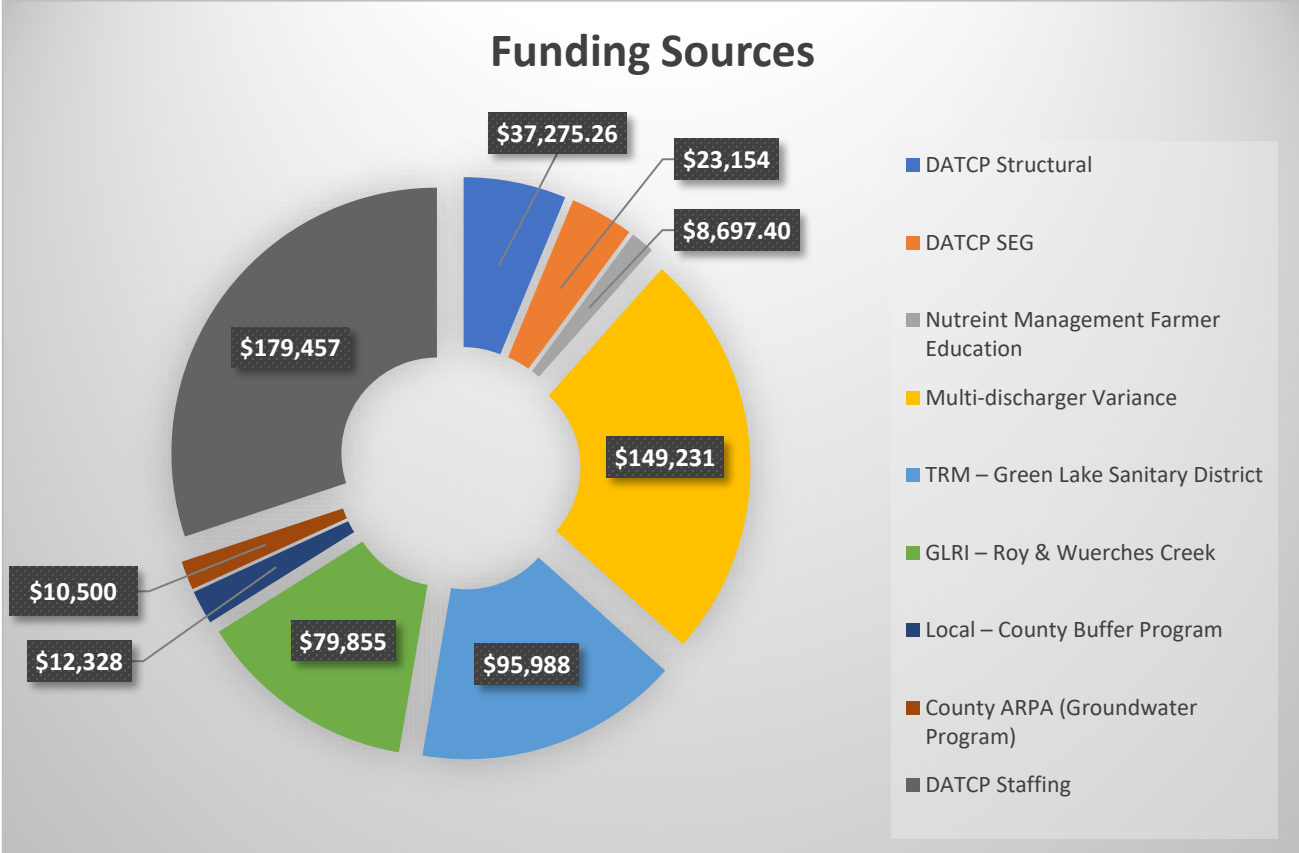
Multi-Discharger Variance Program (MDV): Is a time extension for point sources facing restrictive phosphorous limits to comply with limits by providing an opportunity to make meaningful strides towards compliance in a more economically effective manner. Point sources make payments into the program which county Land Conservation Departments can voluntarily choose to use to target high phosphorous loading areas and bring farmers and agricultural sources into compliance with NR151 agricultural performance standards.

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. At the end of 2025 there were 32.2 acres enrolled in the program. Total length of buffers installed is 33,514 feet on 18,720 feet of stream.

Aquatic Invasive Species Management: In 2025, 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 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 will continue AIS response of a butterfly dock population and assist DNR in monitoring a new population of floating marsh pennywort found in Twin Lake. Dodge Memorial Park boat wash station, installed in 2023, was used on over 1344 boats to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species into Green Lake.

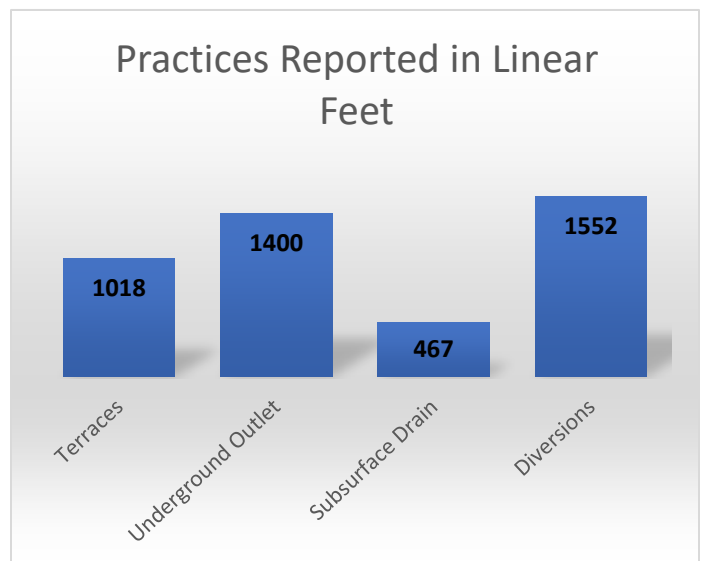
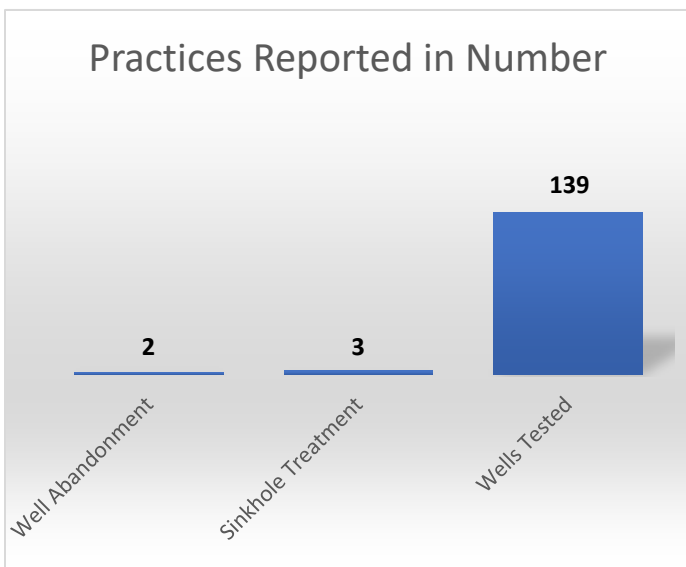
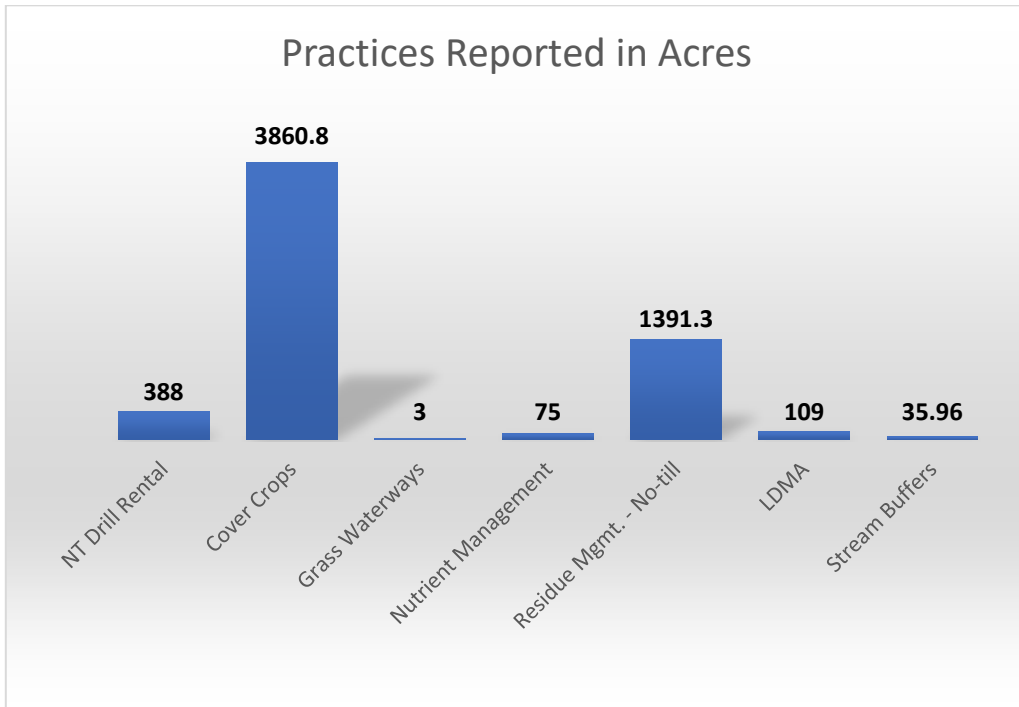
Nutrient Management Farmer Education: This grant program is funded through Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to support nutrient management planning by educating farmers on nutrient management and enabling them to write their own nutrient management plans.

County Groundwater Program: This program allows our department to collaborate with the Public Health Department to annually test 150 homeowner wells for two of the most concerning issues, nitrates and bacteria. This marked the third year that ARPA funding was allocated to this project.



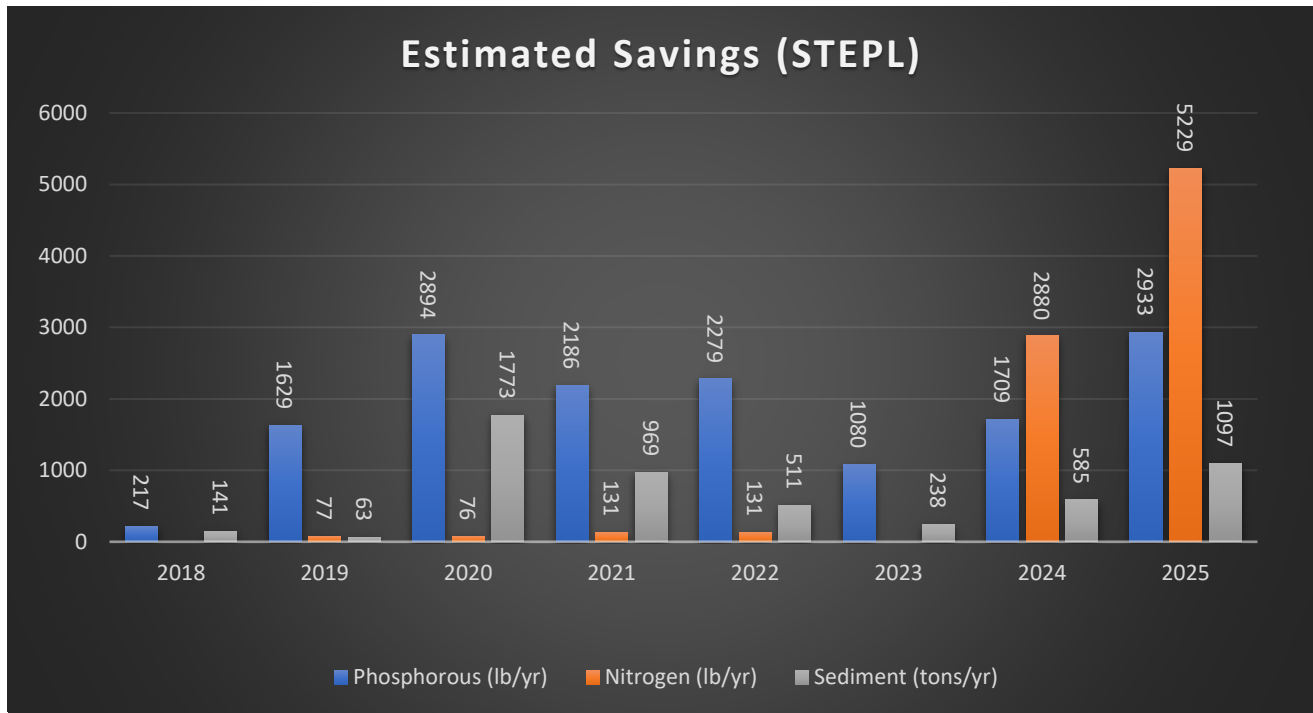
Conservation Practices Installed:

Funding for conservation practice installation comes from the multiple funding sources listed above. In 2025 \$417,028 in cost share dollars was allocated to landowners in Green Lake County for conservation practice installation. Below is a breakdown of conservation practices that landowners installed in Green Lake County.



Phosphorous, Nitrogen, and Sediment Savings (2018 – 2025):

To achieve planned Land and Water Resource Management Plan goals of 15% reduction in phosphorous and sediment, a target of 1036.6 lbs./yr phosphorous reduction (10,366 total lbs. over 10 yrs.) and 615.5 tons/yr sediment reduction (6145 total tons over 10 yrs.) are necessary. Reductions are modeled using the U.S. EPA Spreadsheet Tool for Estimating Pollutant Loads (STEPL). Figure shows estimated savings from 2018 – 2025.



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

Land Conservation Ordinances:

- **Construction Site Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Ordinance** - In 2025, 19 Construction site erosion control and storm water management permits were issued, generating \$925 of revenue.
- **Animal Waste Management Ordinance** – In 2025, zero animal waste storage facility permits were issued, 1 waste storage abandonment permit was issued.

Clean Sweep:

On August 8, 2025, 181 residents participated in a one-day hazardous waste chemical collection. The collection netted approximately 10,791 total pounds of hazardous waste. Also collected 325 gallons of waste oil, 60 gallons of anti-freeze, 102 lbs. lithium and NiCAD batteries, 1200 lbs. lead acid batteries and 1587 fluorescent light bulbs. In addition, 389 tires were collected for a minimal fee. Liberty Tire Recycling was contracted to pick up and recycle the tires. There was county participation from all 10 townships, 4 cities, and 2 villages.

Lake Association Partnerships:

- Green Lake – Lake Management Planning Team - involved in both the planning and implementation of current Nine Key Element Plan and update to the Watershed and Lake Management Plan.
- Twin Lake Association – involved with planning, implementation, and monitoring of Lake Management Plan.
- Little Green Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District – developing relationship with the Little Green Lake management planning team.
- Lake Puckaway Protection and Rehabilitation District – involved with district identified projects.

Conservation Education Efforts:

Poster Contest: The annual Conservation and Environmental Awareness Poster Contest for county students in grades K-12 was held in January. A total of 100 poster entries were received, with the theme “Home is where the Habitat is.” Cash prizes were awarded to 18 students in various contest divisions. Five area schools and the Green Lake Boys & Girls Club site 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 2025 Arbor Day Breakfast celebration was held on May 2, 2025. This event was held at the Green Lake Conference Center with 67 participants. The featured speaker was Patrick Beyer from Goats on the Go Wisconsin Dells talking about “Targeted Grazing as a Tool for Invasive Species Eradication.”

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 fourth year of the program the drill was leased to 25 landowners on a total of 388 acres. The various plantings were: 52 acres of native grass, 29 acres of forage planting (hay land), 97 acres of cover crops, 134 acres of no till soybeans, and 76 acres of small grains. We are looking to continue to build on the success of this program in 2026. 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 lost crops. This program is fully state funded with funds coming from a \$1 surcharge on hunting licenses. 2025 crop year deer damage claims of \$46,619.60 were appraised for nine farmers. 14 Act 82 shooting permits were issued to farmers where over \$1,000 of deer damage occurred or was likely to occur. 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 2025, Green Lake County participated in the Deer Donation Partners Program. This is the 5th year in which there was a specific drop-off site established in the County. A total of 31 deer were donated, and the Green Lake County food pantry received 810 pounds of processed venison. Wildlife Damage program funds the deer donation program.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Morris
County Conservationist

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

Land Use Planning & Zoning Department



LAND USE PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Staff:

Matt Kirkman – Department Director

Gerald Stanuch – GIS / 911 Specialist & LIO

Noah Brown – Land Use Specialist

Michelle Davis – Land Use Specialist

Ryan Schinke – Land Use Coordinator / Tech

General Engineering Co. – County Surveyor

Submitted:

March 5, 2026

ANNUAL DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 2025

2025 Annual Report

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors, Green Lake County:

This annual report is for the activities of the Land Use Planning & Zoning Department, representing the following functions:

Land Development **County Surveyor** **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**
Code Enforcement **Land Information**

The activities of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Department translated into continued strong revenues that again exceeded budget projections as shown on the department activity report included in this report. The attached permitting activity bar graphs, paint the picture of how 2025 compared to prior years.

Land Development:

Beyond the normal day-to-day activities of interacting with the public, the Department has been working toward the goal of updating the County's Farmland Preservation Plan and Comprehensive Plan. The Farmland Preservation Plan update was adopted in December 2025 and was certified by DATCP through December 31, 2036. The Comprehensive Plan update is under way and is expected to be adopted in 2026. Both plans are being completed internally. The county has managed to save nearly \$100,000 in levy dollars by not contracting these planning projects to an outside consultant.

In addition, the county adopted zoning ordinance standards that are intended to help address wind and solar energy system projects. Amendments were also made to the County zoning ordinance related to Agricultural uses as well as accessory buildings structures. The shoreland zoning ordinance is also planned to get an update in 2026.

County Surveyor:

General Engineering Corporation is currently providing the County Surveyor duties and responsibilities. Their contract expires in April of 2027.

The County Surveyor function continues to provide assistance to other departments and the general public, as needed. All land surveys received pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes are electronically indexed and filed for use by the public via the County's website. The County Surveyor provides oversight for the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) corners that need to be re-established and/or perpetuated. These corners are the foundation for all surveying activity that occurs in the County as well as the County's GIS activity.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS):

The GIS function continues to introduce and enhance the viewing capabilities of various county land records on the County’s website. The primary focus of the GIS function is to map newly created and modified tax parcels. In 2025, a new 2025 digital orthophoto was uploaded to the GIS site. Thanks to a grant obtained by the GIS Specialist, the 2025 orthophoto has 3” pixel resolution (compared to the 2020 orthophoto that had 6” pixel resolution). The GIS function also works closely with other departments in developing electronic data to enhance their departmental functions.

Code Enforcement:

The Code Enforcement function maintained its consistent strong trend for issuance of various types of permits. The creation and adoption of parcel specific zoning maps has proven to be a valuable tool for department and public use, accessible through the County’s website. Just like other Departments, this year we lost an exceptional staff member to a competing County. Green Lake County could not compete based on wages. Thanks to our dedicated staff, a high level of customer service was maintained during the staff shortage. And I can’t say enough about how much help we receive daily from the Office of the Corporation Counsel. The mere threat of Corporation Counsel involvement allows this department to resolve many violations with just a letter.

Land Information:

The Land Use Planning & Zoning Department is also the Land Information Office. The Land Information Officer is GIS / 911 Specialist Gerald Stanuch. 2025 started off the 2025-2027 Land Information Plan that proposed a new orthophoto, new LiDAR, the completion of the PLSS re-monumentation project, and the initialization of the 20-year PLSS perpetuation and maintenance project.

Conclusion:

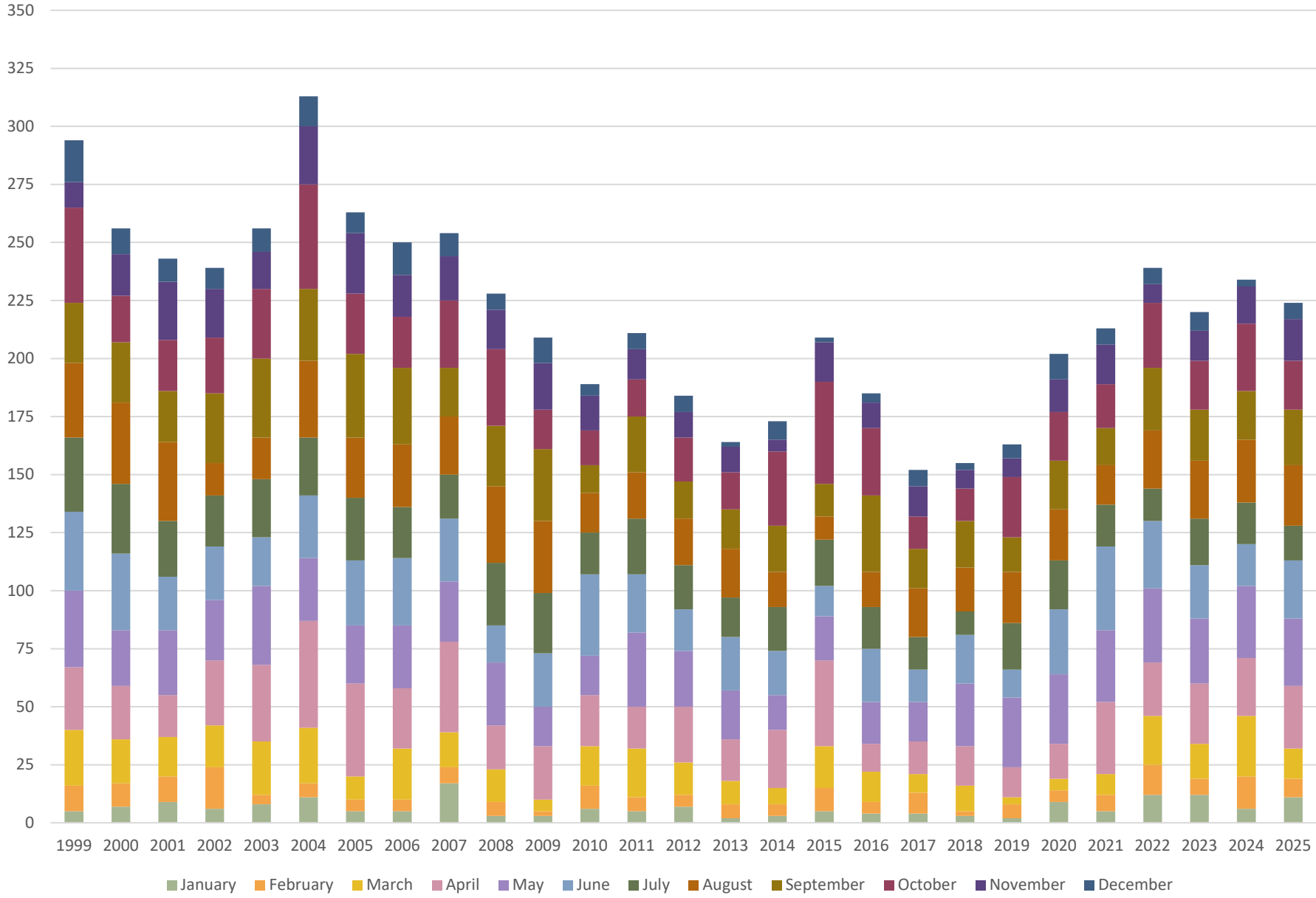
The Land Use Planning and Zoning Department endeavors to provide an exceptional level of customer service through personal interaction, quality informational resources, and a GIS site that is second to none. This Department looks forward to working with the Public, the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee, all other committees, and the County Board to represent and serve this amazing county. Respectfully submitted to and approved by the Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee on March 5, 2026.

Matt E. Kirkman
Land Use Planning & Zoning Director

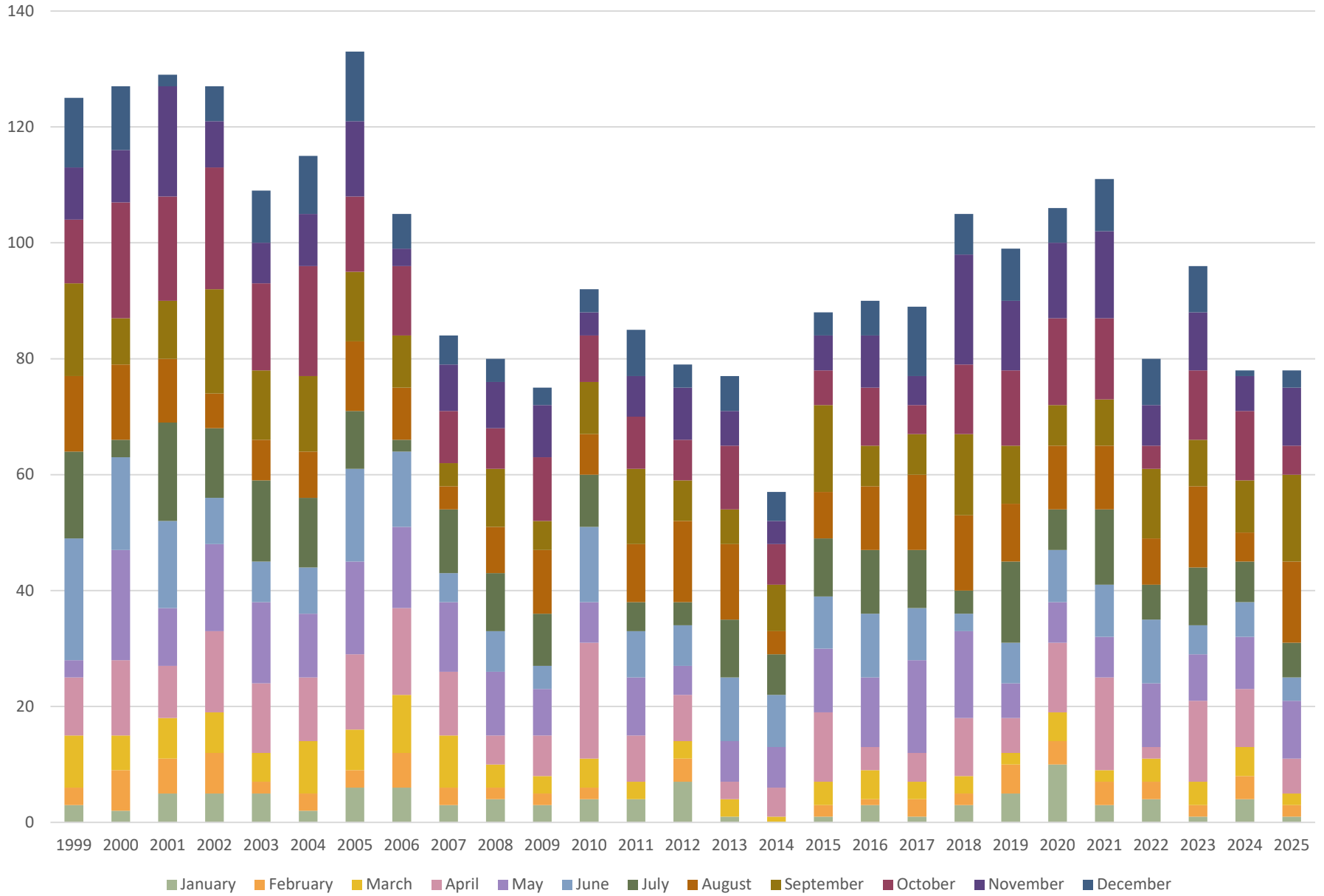
**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND USE PLANNING ZONING DEPARTMENT**

FEES RECEIVED	DECEMBER				YEAR-TO-DATE				BUDGET	
	2024		2025		2024		2025		2025	
	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT		
LAND USE PERMITS										
Total Monthly Issued Permits	7	2,650	7	1,600	233	56,000	224	\$ 73,700	\$ 60,000	123%
SANITARY PERMITS (POWTS)										
Total Monthly Issued Permits	8	2,010	3	635	80	21,975	78	\$ 22,485	\$ 26,000	86%
NON-METALLIC MINING PERMITS										
Annual Permit Fees	-	-	-	\$ -	12	12,500	11	\$ 16,300	\$ 15,200	107%
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT										
Special Exception	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variances	-	-	-	-	2	750	1	375	-	-
Appeals	-	-	-	-	1	375	-	-	-	-
Total	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	3	\$ 1,125	1	\$ 375	\$ 1,500	25%
PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE										
Zoning Change	1	375	1	375	13	4,875	10	3,750	-	-
Conditional Use Permits	1	375	-	-	12	4,500	11	4,125	-	-
Variance	-	-	-	-	2	900	-	-	-	-
Total	2	\$ 750	1	\$ 375	27	\$ 10,275	21	\$ 7,875	\$ 8,525	92%
MISC.										
Wisconsin Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines & Forfeitures	2	400	-	700	11	1,800	-	8,940	-	-
Total	2	\$ 400	-	\$ 700	11	\$ 1,800	-	\$ 8,940	-	-
SURVEYOR										
Certified Survey Maps	4	660	4	690	37	6,405	26	4,530	6,500	-
Preliminary and Final Plats	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	\$ 660	4	\$ 690	37	\$ 6,405	26	\$ 4,530	\$ 6,500	70%
GIS (Geographic Information System)										
Map Sales	-	-	-	-	1	15	-	-	-	-
Land Records Transfer	-	25,000	-	-	-	25,000	-	25,000	25,000	-
Land Information Grant	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-
Total	-	\$ 35,000	-	\$ -	1	\$ 35,015	-	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	100%
GRAND TOTAL	23	41,470	15	4,000	404	145,095	361	169,205	\$ 152,725	
									Total	111%

Land Use Permit Numbers by Year



Sanitary Permit Numbers by Year





GREEN LAKE COUNTY *Maintenance & Parks Department*

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Land Water Parks and Community Committee Annual Report 2025

Members of the LWP&C Committee, please accept this as the Maintenance and Parks Department 2025 annual report. These are some of the highlights throughout the year but only represent a sample of the work and accomplishments of the maintenance department team.

During the first quarter the last couple of landings at Dodge Memorial Park were installed. Two of the 40' piers were brought to the shop and resurfaced. The final days of snow and ice were taken care of, and the snowplows were stored for the season. The lawn equipment was made ready for the upcoming season and a new Ferris 60" lawn tractor was purchased to replace an aged out Scagg. One LTE was hired for the Spring and Summer seasons, and multiple fallen trees, numerous branches and debris were cleaned up from the Winter storms.

The beginning of the second quarter came with a significant staffing change and Ron Severson stepped into the acting supervisor role handling many of those duties without interruption or inconvenience to Green Lake County. All the parks' bathrooms were made ready, the playgrounds and equipment were inspected for safety, all the piers were installed at the launches, the launch fee kiosks were made ready, and the two ADA kayak launches were installed for their first season by Cove Marine. I came on board in early June and received a warm welcome from all within the County and I also received a thorough introduction to the Parks, Facilities, and Equipment that our department oversees.

Third quarter came with lots of warm weather and rain, so grass cutting was in full swing. We also had many windstorms that blew down numerous trees and branches in all the parks that we cleaned up. Maintenance was instrumental in helping the County Fair prepare, set up booths, displays, shelters, and equipment and then tear down and storage. We did the groundwork, made the forms, and poured concrete for 6 new pads within the parks to make several areas ADA compliant. We also did the same for 1 large pad for the Sheriff's Department Training Center. We also facilitated the Sheriff's Department security cameras at Dodge Memorial and Sunset Parks. We began the process for the Green Lake Campground / County Easement driveway repaving at the Sheriff's Radio Tower.

The warm weather continued into the fourth quarter, and we had several equipment failures, leaving us with only one working lawn mower. We removed and stored all the piers, winterized bathrooms and the launch fee kiosks, and had Cove Marine remove the ADA kayak launches. We had all the privies, storm drains, and lift stations pumped for the season. We removed and stored each of the park dumpsters. Made ready equipment for the coming winter including new brakes and springs, exhaust and steering components for the 2009 Dodge Ram. New hoses and wear edges for the snowplows and got all mounted and set up to be ready. Between the snow and ice removal events we repaired the two down lawn mowers and began the repair of the oldest Scagg that had been waiting for several years so we could have

a backup unit in case we ran into similar failures as before. The Steel Street shop was also cleaned and parts and tool inventory taken to assess what will be needed in the coming months. We ordered a new receiver mounted salt spreader to replace our failing unit as one example. We will continue to make these assessments and adjust to the department's needs appropriately.

Lastly but by no means least, the Maintenance and Parks Department oversees all County owned facilities. We have several very important members at the Justice Center and from Fox River Industries that do a great job in keeping all these facilities clean, orderly, and looking great. Several also work later shifts to keep these custodial tasks from interrupting normal day-to-day operations. In addition to the status updates previously mentioned for Parks and Equipment. Our Maintenance Technicians have kept all the County Facilities running smoothly and efficiently. This includes all Geothermal and HVAC systems, mechanical systems, safety and security systems, kitchen and laundry equipment, and participates in the 24/7/365 on-call response. In 2025 we successfully responded to and resolved over 300 work orders submitted between all the County Departments. We have kept all facilities in compliance with State and Local codes, and we continually update our information and training as needed.

As you can see, maintenance is a vital component within the County that our team at Green Lake County Maintenance and Parks Department takes seriously and has pride in. We look forward to serving each member in each department and every citizen and visitor within Green Lake County in 2026 and beyond.

Respectfully,

Michael Van Meel

Green Lake Medical Examiner Annual Report for 2025

Cases	2023	2024	2025
Total Cases	225	209	252
Female	111	96	138
Male	114	113	114
CAUSES			
other	70	53	82
Sepsis	10	9	10
Respiratory	31	23	44
Cancer	54	48	39
Cardiac	52	66	66
Drug OD	5	1	6
Vehicle Crash	2	6	4
Hanging	1	0	0
Gun shot	0	3	1
	225	209	252
MANNER of DEATH			
Homicide	0	2	0
Suicide	1	2	1
Accident	23	15	26
Natural	181	188	225
Undetermined	0	0	0
Pending	0	2	0
Disinterments			6
	205	209	252
LOCATION OF DEATH			
Hospital	40	38	41
Residence	86	91	97
Licensed Facility	70	86	106
Other	3	4	4
Hospice	113	115	158
Cremation Permits	146	139	166
Death Certificates	200	202	235
Disinterment Permits	0	0	6
Exempt	9	7	11
	209	209	252
Autopsys	7	8	10
Toxicology Test	25	22	11
Wastart	180	201	227
Fisher	29	24	25
	209	225	252

Green Lake County

Register of Deeds

2025 Annual Report



The Register of Deeds Office Staff:

Renee A. Thiem- Korth – Register of Deeds

Pamela Weber – Chief Deputy Register of Deeds

Kimberly Sell – Part-time Deputy Register of Deeds

The Register of Deeds office was established in Wisconsin in 1836. The 1848 Wisconsin constitution established the Register of Deeds as a permanent element of the county-level of government structure.

Register of Deeds Mission: To provide and protect the integrity of the official county repository for real estate records and vital records. To provide safe archival storage and convenient access to these public records. To implement statutory changes, system modernization, program and procedure evaluation and staff development to assure a high level of timely service for our citizens and customers.

A brief explanation of the Process of recording a deed and Property Tax Adjustments when engaging in a real estate transaction in Wisconsin, it's essential to navigate through several key processes before any changes to real property ownership and taxes occur. Here's a simplified overview of the steps a deed goes through.

****Register of Deeds****

The journey begins at the Register of Deeds office. When you buy or sell property, many think this office serves as the final stop for the real estate transaction. While this may be true for the buyer and the seller, it is not the case for the processing of the transaction at the county level. In fact, recording a deed is just the first step in the transaction at the county and state level. It's important to note that the Register of Deeds office does not prepare these documents but is responsible for ensuring they meet certain statutory requirements before recording. Upon presenting the completed documents, whether by hand delivery, mail, or online submission, the ROD office reviews them. If everything appears in compliance with the state statutes, the document(s) are then recorded in the order they were received. A recording stamp is then placed in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of each document. The recording stamp provides information of when, where and how much money was presented for this transaction. The document(s) are then properly indexed and preserved according to the statute. Green Lake County has real estate documents dating back to 1845.

****Real Property Listers Office****

After recording, the next destination is the Real Property Listers office. This office is mandated by state statute to maintain updated parcel information across the county. Briefly, this office ensures all ownership details and property characteristics are accurate, including names and legal descriptions. They also manage any land splits or updates that arise from subdivision maps and certified survey maps.

****Assessors****

After the Real Property Listers, the updated information is forwarded to the Assessors. Tasked with determining the assessed value of properties for tax purposes, Assessors rely heavily on the accurate data provided by the Real Property Listers to set fair property valuations.

****Treasurer's Office****

Finally, to the Treasurer's office, where the property values established by the Assessors are used to calculate property taxes and billings. The Treasurer works with the municipalities to ensure the funds are correct and distributed accordingly.

Each of these steps is vital for ensuring that property ownership is correctly recorded and property taxes are accurately assessed in our County. The collaboration among each of the statutory offices, the Register of Deeds, Real Property Lister, Assessors, and the Treasurer's office, guarantees that property records are current and compliant with state statutes.

It is important to remember, each office is regulated by Wisconsin State Statute, and each office plays a critical role in the chain of owning property and paying taxes. When offices work together, this process goes smoothly. Most people do not realize the work behind the recording of a deed, the updating parcel information and the generating of tax bills. This is just a very brief description of the work associated with each office, and the importance of each job.

Register of Deeds brief 2025 year in review:

- Wisconsin Act 235 became effective April 1, 2025. This is the Judicial Privacy Act.
- Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Return website started moving towards the update which happened January 12, 2026
- Veteran's DD-214s scanning and indexing was completed
- Scanning and indexing of birth records from 1800s to 1906 was started internally.
- Continue to back index previously outsourced scanning projects for real estate and are currently back to 1971 approximately.
- Land Information allocated money at the September 2025 meeting for the final real estate scanning project. The scanning was completed the first week of January 2026. The next steps will be made throughout 2026. Thank you to Chief Deputy Matt Vande Kolk and Karissa Rohde for all their help with this, and UW Extension for the use of their demo room. The scanning lasted for 4 full days, 24 hours a day and approximately 119 books were scanned to complete the real estate books.
- Laredo subscription fees increased.
- Tapestry print fees increase to comply with State Statutes.
- Property Fraud Alert enrollment continues to increase, with 380 new subscribers in 2025. I continue to speak at towns' association meetings and other meetings, if asked, about this program.
- Honor Rewards, a Thank you program for Veterans, with county businesses, is seeing an increase in participation with Veterans. There are approximately 20 businesses currently taking part in this program. I have now had the honor of speaking to VFW and Legions about this program.
- The part-time deputy Register of Deeds completed the six-month probationary period and is continuing to train in the office.
- I would like to thank both the Chief Deputy ROD, Pam Weber and the part-time Deputy ROD, Kimberly Sell, for continuing to do an outstanding job with all aspects of the ROD office. A committed and dependable staff made 2025 a productive and enjoyable year in the ROD office.

REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Renee A. Thiem-Korth

January 15, 2026

				GROSS REVENUE	COUNTY REVENUE
WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES				\$621,029.70	
County Share	20%	\$124,205.94			\$124,205.94
WDOR Share	80%	\$496,823.76			
RECORDINGS					
Real Estate	3,713	* see NOTES		\$111,390.00	\$55,695.00
County Land Records Fees	\$8 fee	\$29,704.00			\$350.00
State Land Records Fees	\$7 fee	\$25,991.00			
County ROD Recording Fees	\$15 fee	\$55,695.00			
VITAL STATISTICS					
Births Certs - 1st Copy \$5	404				
Add'l Certified copies \$3	238			\$8,794.00	\$2,734.00
Fees Rmtd to State-Trust Fund \$7	\$2,828.00				
Fees Remitted to State \$8	\$3,232.00				
Deaths Certs - 1st Copy \$7	559				
Add'l Certified copies \$3	5,167				
Fees Remitted to State \$13	\$7,267.00			\$26,681.00	\$19,414.00
Marriages Certs - 1st Copy \$7	237				
Add'l Certified copies \$3	363				
Fees Remitted to State \$13	\$3,081.00			\$5,829.00	\$2,748.00
Divorce Certs - 1st Copy \$7	10				
Add'l Certified copies \$3	4				
Fees Remitted to State \$13	\$130.00			\$212.00	\$82.00
Official Records Online \$2.50	66			\$165.00	\$165.00
TAPESTRY/MONARCH REVENUE				\$12,616.42	\$12,616.42
LAREDO COPY FEE				\$15,561.50	\$15,561.50
LAREDO REVENUE				\$37,984.96	\$37,984.96
COPIES				\$2,179.75	\$2,179.75
NOTES: *10 TPPs at \$25 each and 2 Plats at \$50 each = \$350					
TOTAL GROSS REVENUE				\$842,443.33	
TOTAL COUNTY GROSS REVENUE					\$273,736.57

REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE

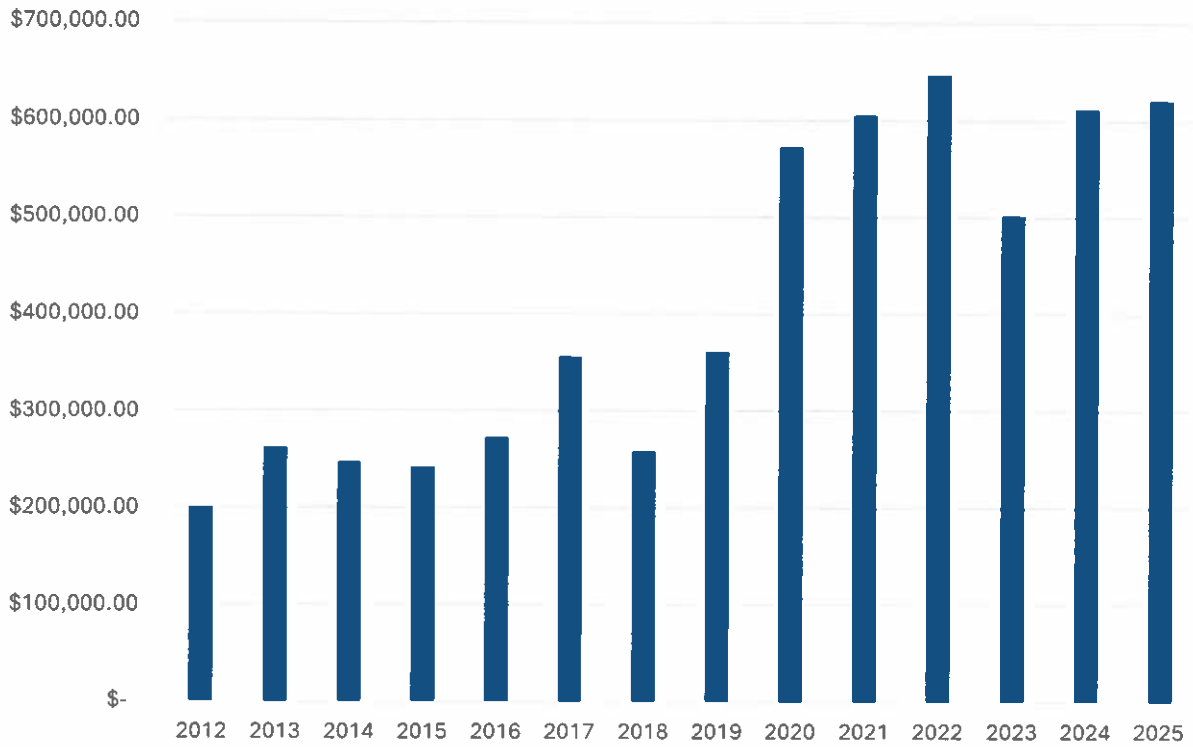
2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Renee A. Thiem-Korth

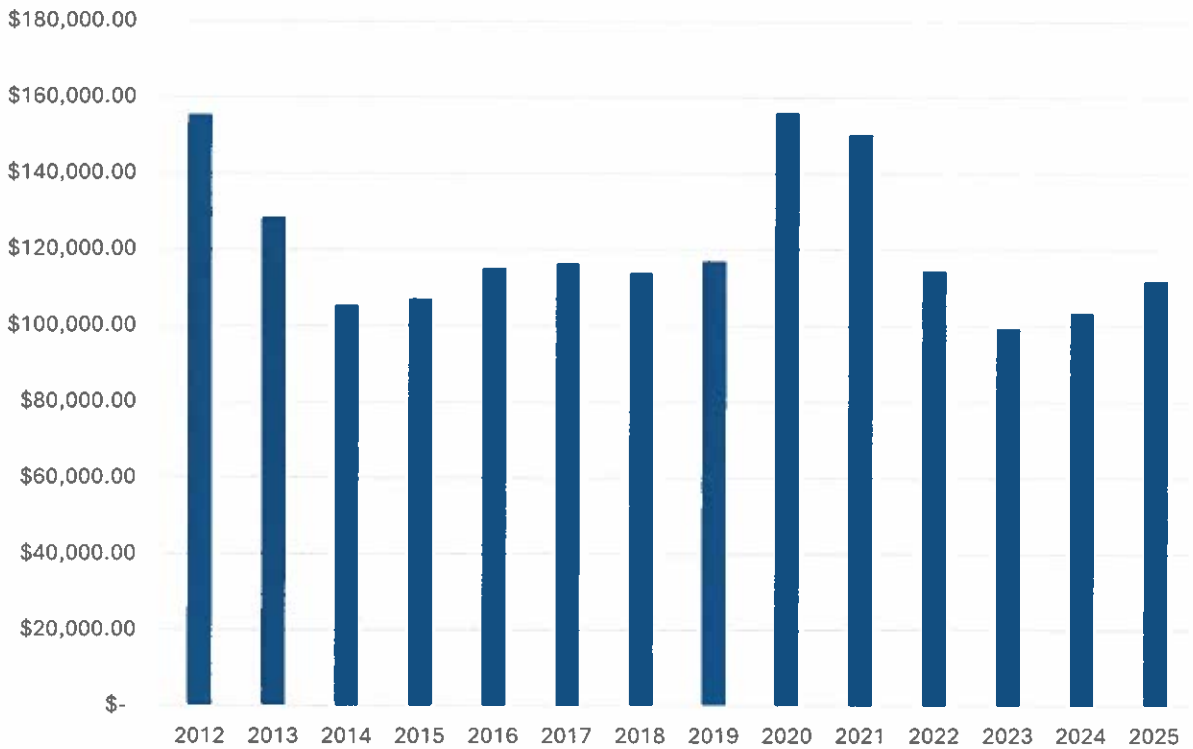
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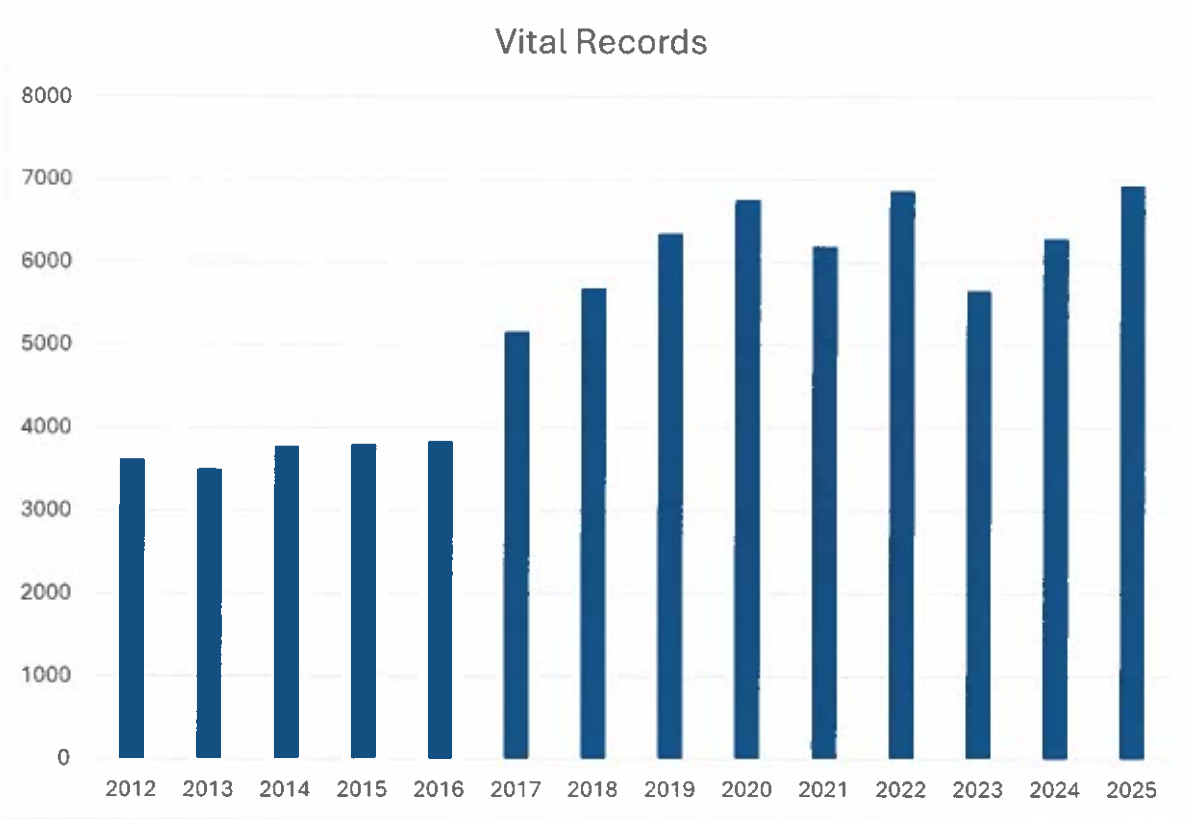
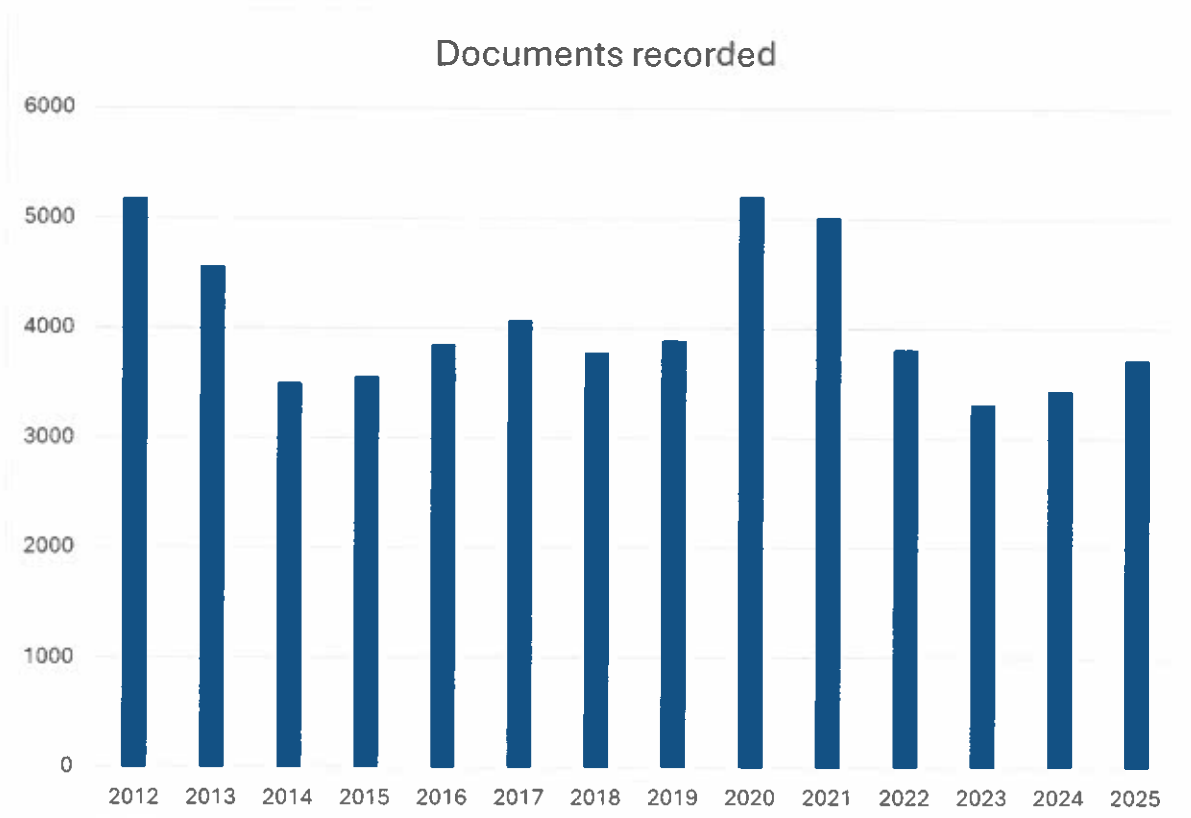
				GROSS REVENUE	COUNTY REVENUE
WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES				\$611,162.40	
County Share	20%	\$122,232.48			\$122,232.48
WDOR Share	80%	\$488,929.92			
RECORDINGS					
Real Estate	3,444	plus 3 plats*		\$103,320.00	\$51,660.00
County Land Records Fees	\$8 fee	\$27,552.00	\$		150.00
State Land Records Fees	\$7 fee	\$24,108.00			
County ROD Recording Fees	\$15 fee	\$51,660.00	* 3 X \$50 = \$150		
VITAL STATISTICS					
Births Certs - 1st Copy \$5	333				
Add'l Certified copies \$3	273			\$7,479.00	\$2,484.00
Fees Rmtd to State-Trust Fund \$7	\$2,331.00				
Fees Remitted to State \$8	\$2,664.00				
Deaths Certs - 1st Copy \$7	492				
Add'l Certified copies \$3	4,648				
Fees Remitted to State \$13	\$6,396.00			\$23,784.00	\$17,388.00
Marriages Certs - 1st Copy \$7	201				
Add'l Certified copies \$3	343				
Fees Remitted to State \$13	\$2,613.00			\$5,049.00	\$2,436.00
Divorce Certs - 1st Copy \$7	6				
Add'l Certified copies \$3	5				
Fees Remitted to State \$13	\$78.00			\$135.00	\$57.00
Official Records Online \$2.50	54				
				\$135.00	\$135.00
TAPESTRY/MONARCH REVENUE				\$10,620.91	\$10,620.91
LAREDO COPY FEE				\$11,965.50	\$11,965.50
LAREDO REVENUE				\$37,598.95	\$37,598.95
COPIES				\$2,492.50	\$2,492.50
MISC. INCOME				\$27.70	\$27.70
TOTAL GROSS REVENUE				\$813,769.96	
TOTAL COUNTY REVENUE					\$259,248.04

Transfer fees



Recording Fees





Sheriff's Office Administration 2025

Sheriff Mark A. Podoll and Chief Deputy Matthew Vande Kolk



The Green Lake County Sheriff's Office is a proactive public service agency dedicated to excellence through quality customer service. We shall ensure quality service for everyone by way of our responsiveness and accountability. We shall maintain a quality of professionalism through training and development of our staff. We are committed to serving and working together with the community, in a problem-solving partnership, to prevent crime, enforce laws, and resolve conflicts, thereby improving the quality of life for all citizens.



GREEN LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2025

Sheriff
Mark A. Podoll

Chief Deputy
Matthew L. Vande Kolk

Detectives
Sgt. Josh Ward
Scott Cody
Jeremiah Hanson

Sergeant
Kevin Manning
Michael Prachel
Jason Preuss

Corrections Administrator
Lori Leahy

Corrections Sergeants
Kaitlyn Frederick

Corrections Clerk
Lynn Ryan

Communications Sergeants
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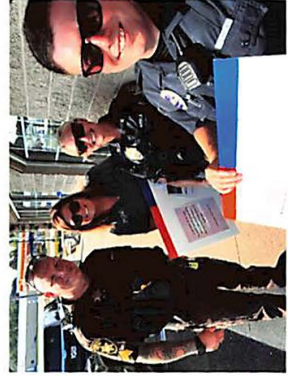
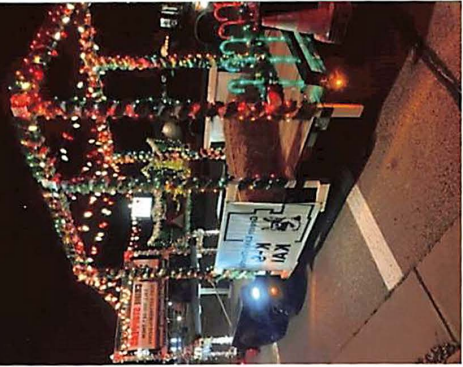
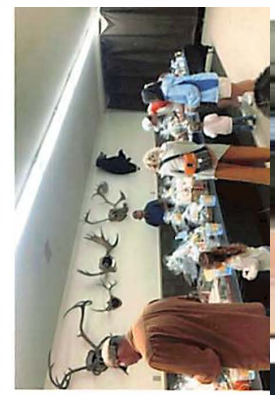
Court Services Unit
Dan Steckbauer
Scott Patterson
Steve Huber
Duane Luker

Corrections
Heather Krueger
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Terry Sawall
Kelli Schueler
Donavan Slate
Hunter Stigen
Mason Stock
Cheyenne Willie
Cody Wing

Master Control Aide
Cassandra Coffeen
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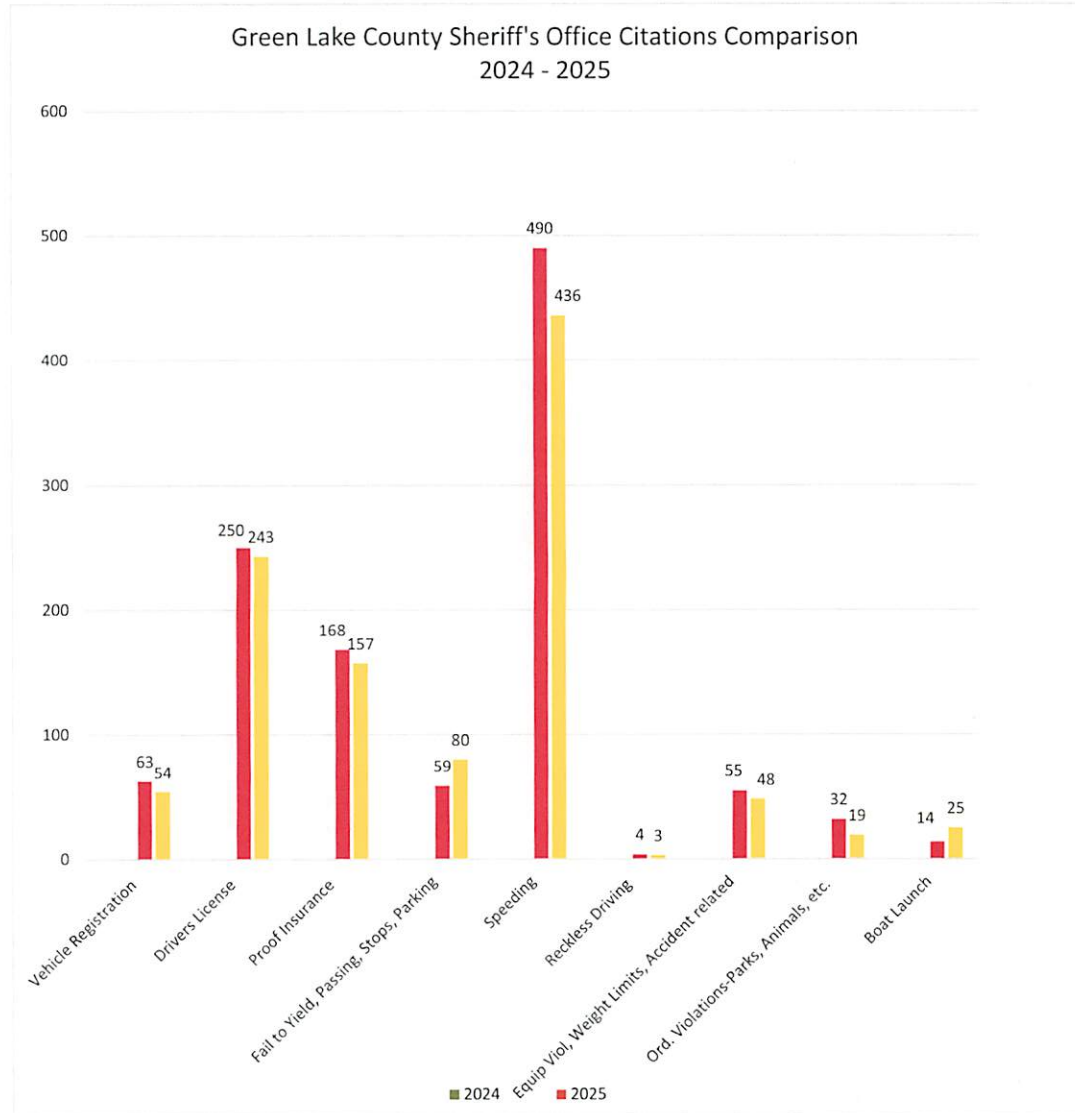
Clerk Matron
Sara Radloff
Rachel Heiling



Green Lake County Sheriff's Office Citations 2024 - 2025

	2024	2025
TYPE	CITATIONS	CITATIONS
Vehicle Registration	63	54
Drivers License	250	243
Proof Insurance	168	157
Fail to Yield, Passing, Stops, Parking	59	80
Speeding	490	436
Reckless Driving	4	3
Equip Viol, Weight Limits, Accident related	55	48
Ord. Violations-Parks, Animals, etc.	32	19
Boat Launch	14	25
Alcohol Non-Driving	38	30
Other	284	309
Total	1457	1404

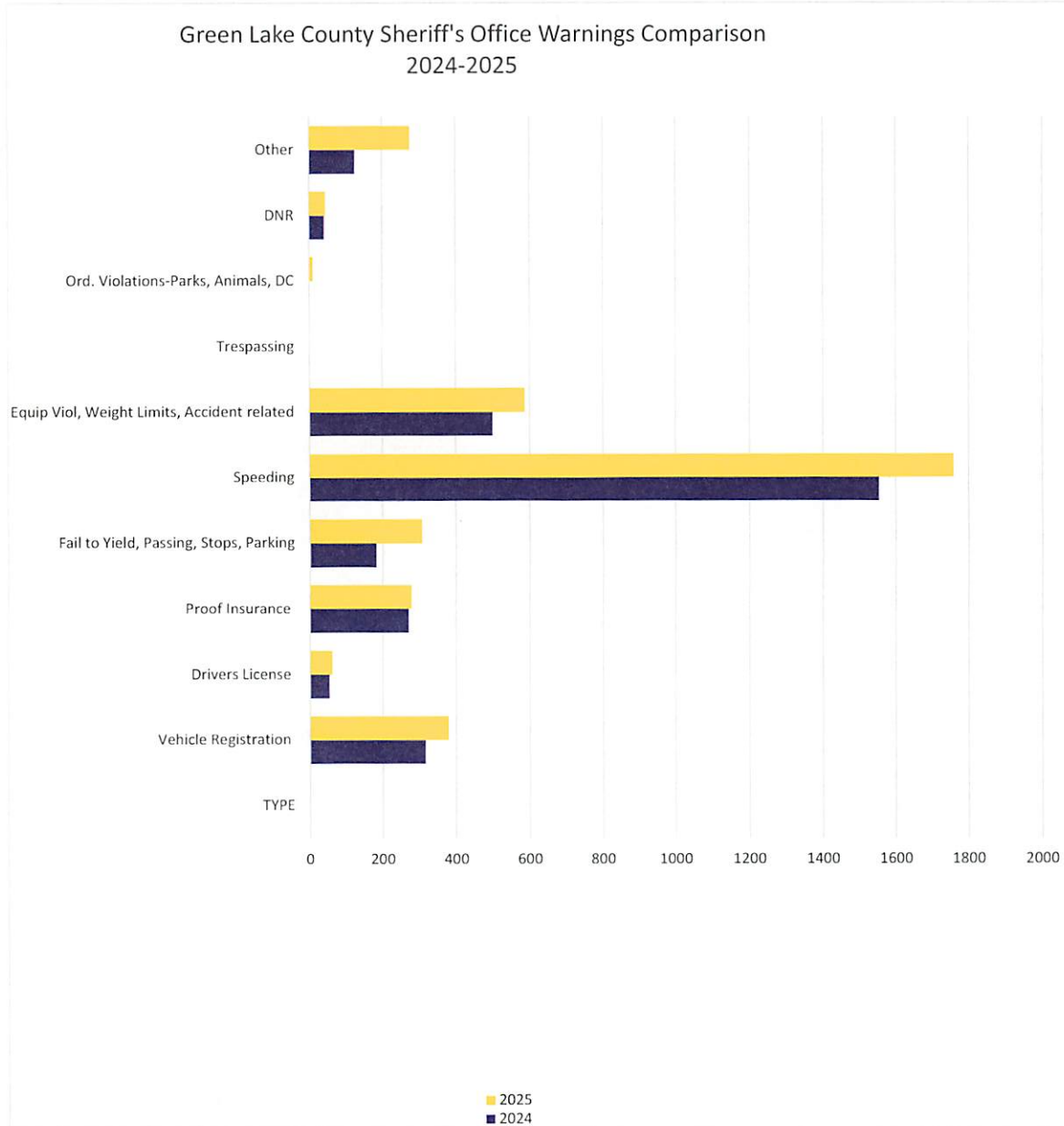
	2024	2025
BY LOCATION	CITATIONS	CITATIONS
<u>Townships:</u>		
Berlin	259	199
Brooklyn	441	415
Green Lake	190	211
Kingston	42	34
Mackford	40	103
Manchester	132	131
Marquette	65	56
Princeton	101	130
St. Marie	20	13
Seneca	32	30
<u>City/Village</u>		
Berlin	52	25
Green Lake	12	8
Markesan	6	12
Princeton	28	23
Kingston	22	7
Marquette	7	1
<u>Lakes/Rivers</u>		
Big Green	8	6
Little Green		
Puckaway		
Fox		
Total	1457	1404



Green Lake County Sheriff's Office Warnings 2024 - 2025

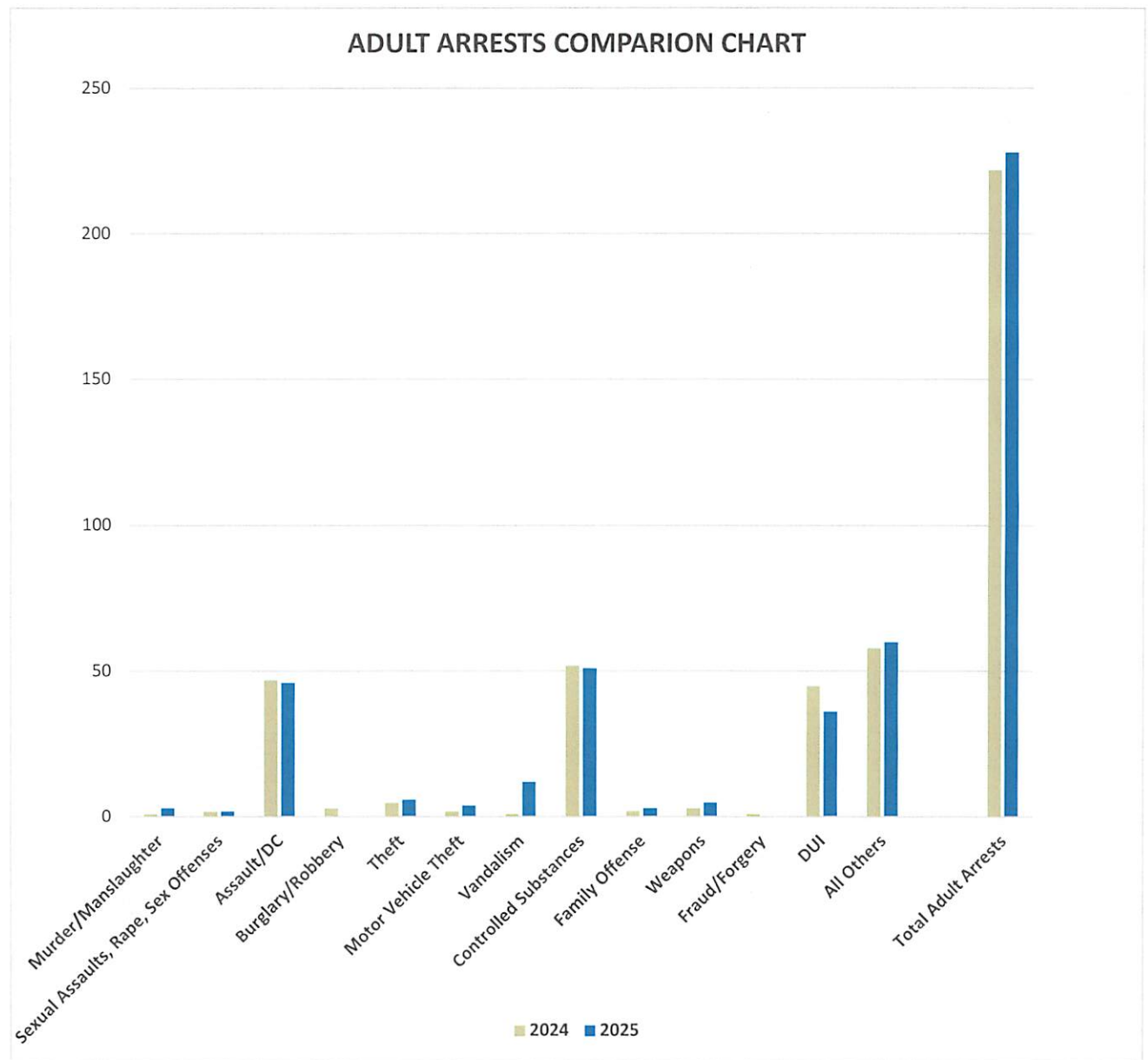
	2024	2025
TYPE	Warnings	Warnings
Vehicle Registration	316	378
Drivers License	54	61
Proof Insurance	270	278
Fail to Yield, Passin	183	306
Speeding	1,554	1,759
Equip Viol, Weight	500	587
Trespassing	0	0
Ord. Violations-Par	0	10
DNR	42	45
Other	126	275
Total	3045	3699

	2024	2025
BY LOCATION	Warnings	Warnings
<u>Townships:</u>		
Berlin	422	469
Brooklyn	998	1122
Green Lake	467	576
Kingston	67	80
Mackford	122	180
Manchester	233	326
Marquette	109	168
Princeton	259	365
St. Marie	17	30
Seneca	56	94
<u>City/Village</u>		
Berlin	117	108
Green Lake	17	16
Markesan	22	25
Princeton	53	61
Kingston	43	20
Marquette	1	4
<u>Lakes/Rivers</u>		
Big Green	42	55
Little Green		
Puckaway		
Fox		
Total	3045	3699



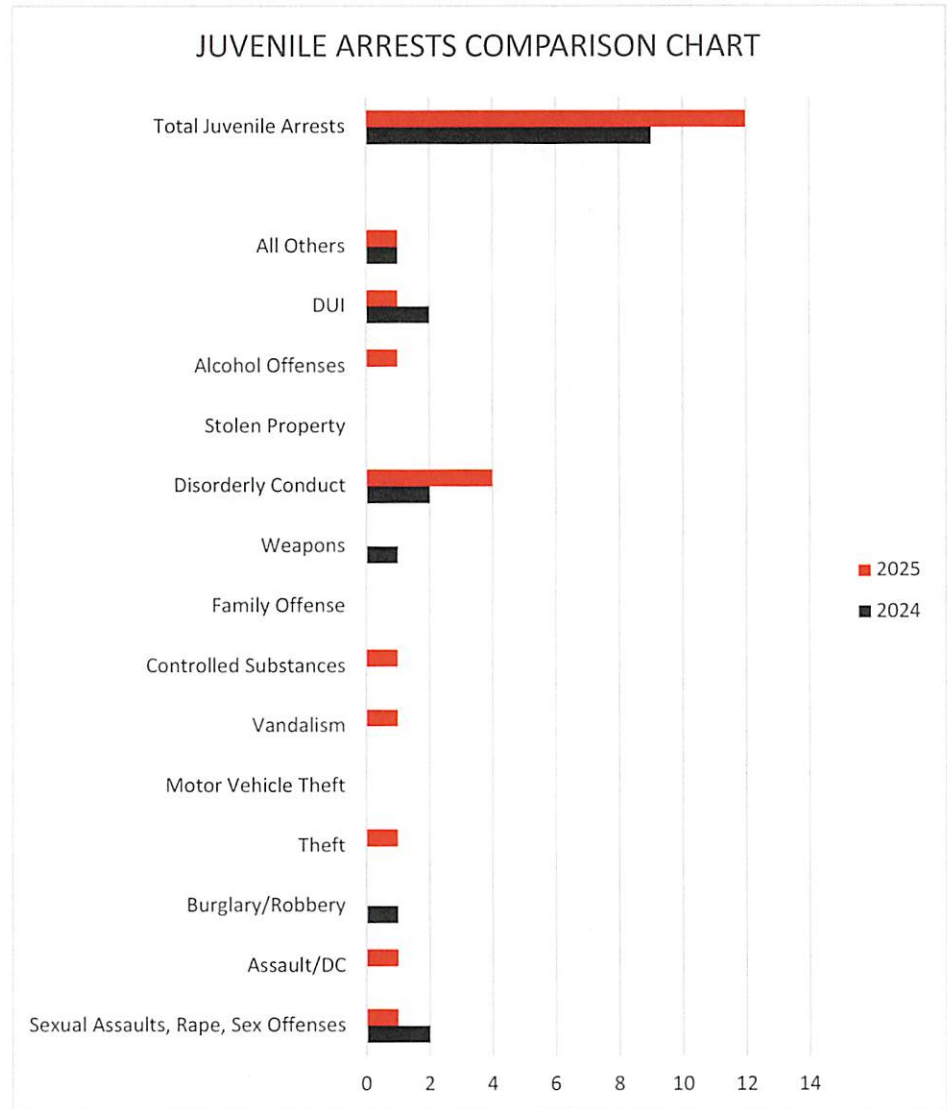
Green Lake County Sheriff's Office Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR/IBR) Related Adult Arrests

Criminal Arrests Adult (UCR)	2024	2025
Murder/Manslaughter	1	3
Sexual Assaults, Rape, Sex Offenses	2	2
Assault/DC	47	46
Burglary/Robbery	3	0
Theft	5	6
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	4
Vandalism	1	12
Controlled Substances	52	51
Family Offense	2	3
Weapons	3	5
Fraud/Forgery	1	0
DUI	45	36
All Others	58	60
Total Adult Arrests	222	228



Green Lake County Sheriff's Office Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR/IBR) Related Juvenile Arrests

Criminal Arrests Juvenile (UCR)	2024	2025
Murder/Manslaughter		
Sexual Assaults, Rape, Sex Offenses	2	1
Assault/DC		1
Burglary/Robbery	1	
Theft		1
Motor Vehicle Theft		
Vandalism		1
Controlled Substances		1
Family Offense		
Weapons	1	
Disorderly Conduct	2	4
Stolen Property		
Alcohol Offenses		1
DUI	2	1
All Others	1	1
Total Juvenile Arrests	9	12

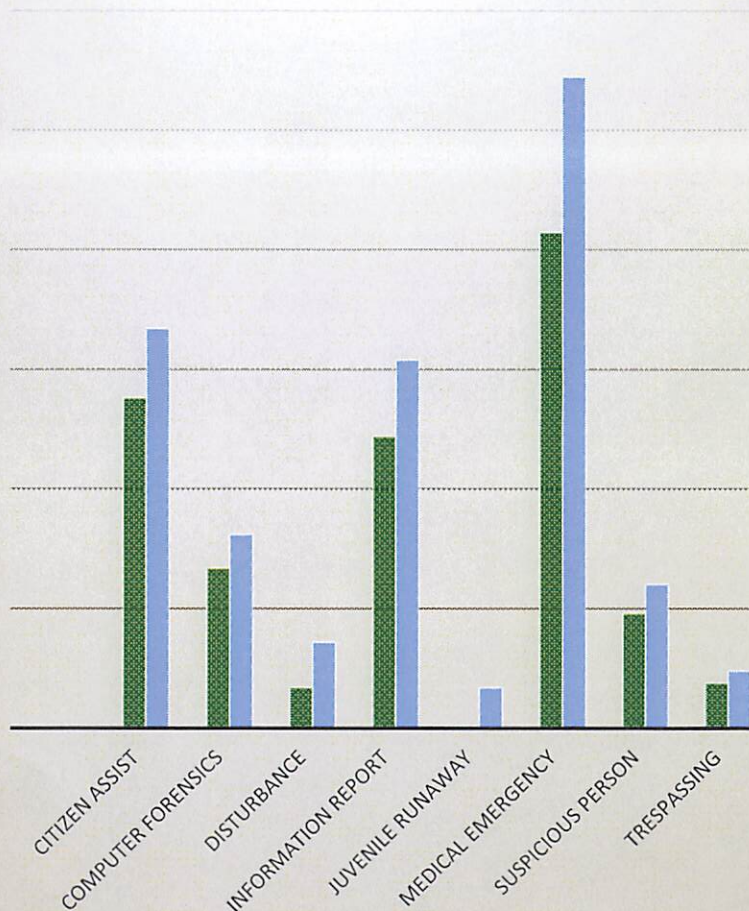


Green Lake County Sheriff's Office Increased Incident Comparisons 2024 - 2025

Increases in Incidents

Nature of Incident	2024	2025
Citizen Assist	138	167
Computer Forensics	67	81
Disturbance	17	36
Information Report	122	154
Juvenile Runaway	1	17
Medical Emergency	207	272
Suspicious Person	48	60
Trespassing	19	24
	619	811

**Increases in Incidents
2024 to 2025 Green Lake County**



Green Lake County Sheriff's Office Calls for Service-Comparison between 2024 and 2025

Nature of Incident	2024	2025
911 Follow up	374	329
Adult Transport	195	151
Agency Assistance, Mutual Aid	184	194
Agency Assist Person Charged	20	13
Alarm	79	75
Alcohol Offense	9	5
Animal Noise	0	7
Animal Problem	62	56
Assault	4	2
Attempted Burglary	0	0
ATV Complaint	3	3
Bail Jumping	28	23
Boat Complaint	1	3
Burglary	7	1
Cancel call	26	10
Car/Deer Accident	192	185
Car/Deer No Officer Sent	9	9
CERT call for jail	0	0
Child Abuse or Neglect	3	4
Check on Huber inmate	0	0
Citizen Assist	138	167
Citizen Dispute	11	11
Combined Tactical Unit GLSO	6	0
Computer Agency Assist/Forensics	67	81
Computer Crime	0	0
Custodial Interference	0	3
Controlled Substance Problem	60	58
Court Disturbance	0	0
Dead Body	25	30
Deliver Message	1	2
Disorderly Conduct	7	9
Disturbance	17	36
Domestic Situation	20	23

Nature of Incident	2024	2025
Drowning	0	0
Drugged Driving	24	22
Drugs-Agency Assist	4	3
EMP Check	1	24
Emergency Detention Involuntary	30	15
Voluntary Diversion Plan	7	3
Emergency Detention Voluntary	4	1
Elder Abuse	1	0
Escort	1	1
Failure to Report to Jail	10	6
Family Fight	6	2
Fire	69	82
Fire Arm Surrender	0	0
Fireworks	6	7
Found Property	15	25
Fraud	21	17
Gas Drive Off	14	9
Harassment	12	13
House Check	16	10
Huber Walk Away	0	0
Ice Rescue	3	1
Illegal Burning	0	0
Information Report	122	154
Internal Invest	0	1
Int Crimes Against Children	3	5
Investigation death	1	0
Jail Incident	23	16
Juvenile Problem	12	30
Juvenile transport	9	3
Juvenile Runaway	1	17
K-9 Assist	106	95
K-9 Misc	0	0
K-9 Person Charged	40	35

Green Lake County Sheriff's Office Calls for Service-Comparison between 2024 and 2025

Nature of Incident	2024	2025
K-9 Presentation	0	0
K-9 School Search	7	9
K-9 Search and Rescue	6	3
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	2	1
Lockout	63	67
Lost Property	0	1
Medical Emergency	207	272
Miscellaneous	13	1
Missing Person	2	5
Mutual Aid for Fire Dept.	0	0
Noise Complaint	9	9
Obstructing	8	4
Odor complaint	4	1
Offender Release Authorization	0	0
Officer Errand	11	17
Open Door	7	5
OWI Alcohol	50	48
Parking Problem	4	2
Prisoner Escort to Court	0	0
Probation/Parole Violation	16	20
Property Damage, Non Vandalism	19	16
Records Check	48	25
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	1	0
Resisting/Interfering /Officer	0	1
Scam	20	17
Search Warrant	0	0
Security	0	0
Sex assault	6	7
Sex Offender Registration	11	7
Sex Offense	3	1
Snowmobile Complaint	2	0
Stalking	0	0
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	48	60

Nature of Incident	2024	2025
Theft	37	35
Theft-Automobile	3	2
Theft-Identity	2	1
Theft - Truck/Bus	0	0
Threatening	5	8
Time System Entry	13	7
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	80	82
Traffic Accident, Fatal	2	1
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	55	55
Traffic Hazard	2	3
Traffic Misc.	110	90
Traffic Patrol Requested	27	27
Traffic Violation	75	75
Trespassing	19	24
Truancy	0	0
Unmanned Aircraft System	22	19
Vandalism	21	11
Varda Alarm	0	0
Violation of court orders	5	10
Wanted Person	40	22
Warrant Pick Up Out of County	2	2
Weapon Offense	3	4
Welfare Check	103	102
Total	3664	3266

2025 GREEN LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

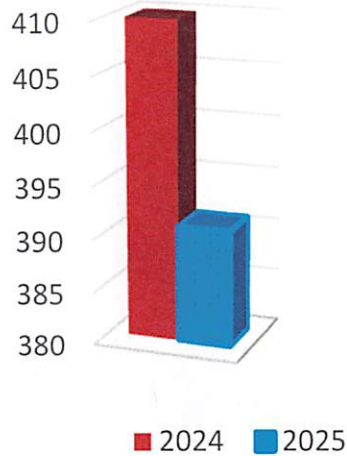
Civil Process (Papers Served)

Civil Process	2024	2025
Papers Served & Attempts	410	391

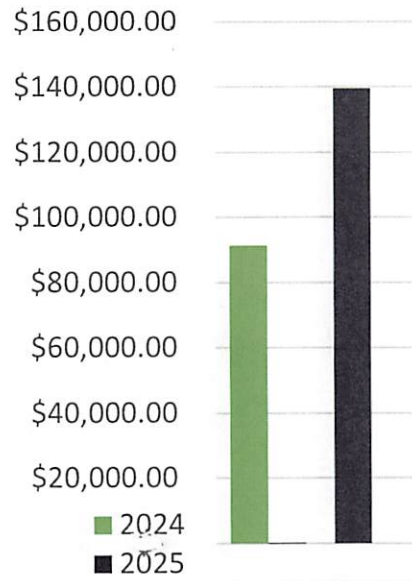
Values of Property Stolen and Recovered

Values	2024	2025
Value of Property Stolen	\$ 91,372.00	\$ 139,548.00
Value of Property Recovered	\$ 704.00	\$ 33,500.00

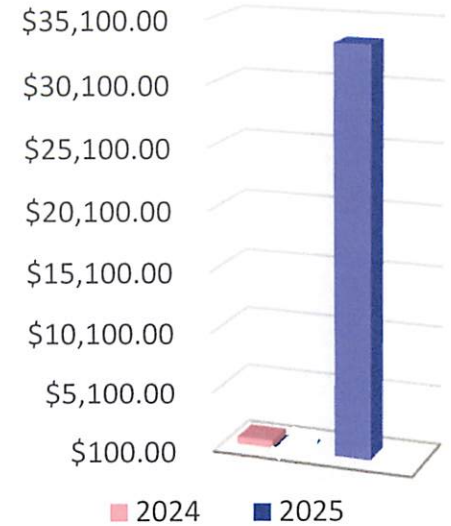
Paper Service
Comparison



Value of Property
Stolen



Value of Property
Recovered



Green Lake County Sheriff's Office Revenues Exceeding Expectations for 2025

Revenue Source	Budgeted	Received
State Aid - Sheriff's Training	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 8,000.00
Prisoner Board Venue - ES	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 52,240.00
Inmate Commissary	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 16,581.28
Crime Prevention Program	\$ 40.00	\$ 39,258.67
K9 Donations	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,040.26
Jail Assessment	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 25,007.56
	\$ 90,940.00	\$ 148,127.77

Revenues that Exceeded Expectations in 2025



Green Lake County Sheriff's Office Correctional Facility Administration 2025



Correctional Facility Statistics

Average Daily Population	72
Total Bookings: Male	523
Female	173
Total Meals Served	64,680
Income - Inmates Housed for Brown County	\$158,326.00
Income - Inmates Housed for FDL County	\$222,052.00
Income – Electronic Monitoring Program	\$23,619.00

GREEN LAKE COUNTY JAIL MONTHLY STATISTICS

MONTH/ YEAR	ADP	HUBER	HUBER/EMP INCOME	FEMALE LOCK	DOWN	MEALS	EMP	GL INMATES TRANSFERRED	BROWN County Safekeeper Days	Billed for Safekeepers	FDL County Safekeeper Days	Billed for Safekeepers
Jan-25	74	0	\$740.50	13	42	5735	1	4	490	\$ 21,070.00	330	\$ 14,190.00
Feb-25	77	0	\$1,527.00	18	43	5540	3	2	448	\$ 19,264.00	342	\$ 14,706.00
Mar-25	62	0	\$1,758.00	15	41	4683	3	4	397	\$ 17,071.00	15	\$ 645.00
Apr-25	65	0	\$1,407.50	19	42	4698	3	4	316	\$ 13,588.00	164	\$ 7,052.00
May-25	66	0	\$1,785.50	19	35	4915	3	4	336	\$ 14,448.00	304	\$ 13,072.00
Jun-25	68	0	\$2,118.50	19	37	5142	4	1	300	\$ 12,900.00	456	\$ 19,608.00
Jul-25	70	0	\$2,149.00	20	35	5334	4	2	304	\$ 13,072.00	527	\$ 22,661.00
Aug-25	75	0	\$1,716.50	21	37	5773	4	2	310	\$ 13,330.00	589	\$ 25,327.00
Sep-25	76	0	\$2,796.50	22	36	5712	5	2	294	\$ 12,642.00	679	\$ 29,197.00
Oct-25	81	0	\$1,875.00	20	44	6288	4	2	287	\$ 12,341.00	667	\$ 28,681.00
Nov-25	74	0	\$1,652.50	17	43	5406	4	3	164	\$ 7,052.00	547	\$ 23,521.00
Dec-25	73	0	\$4,092.50	18	47	5454	6	4	36	\$ 1,548.00	544	\$ 23,392.00
Totals										\$ 158,326.00		\$ 222,052.00
Average	72	0	\$1,968.25	18	40	5390	4	3	307	\$ 13,193.83	430	\$ 18,504.33

ADP- Average daily population

Huber- Sentenced inmate, work release + Sent/Huber from other county

Huber Income- Amount paid by Huber and CAM inmates for the month

Female- Average number of females held that month

Lockdown- Number of inmates held that month that are not working Huber's

Meals- Number of meals + bag lunches served that month

EMP- Number of inmates on electronic monitoring

GL Inmates Transferred- Inmate serving in other county + Sent/Huber serv. out of county

Safekeepers - Holding for another county

Safekeeper days - the number of cumulative days that month for all Safekeepers for that county

**TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY**

I herewith submit the annual report of the Green Lake County Treasurer's office for the period of
January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

Report on General Activity in County Treasurer's office for 2025:

	TOTAL AMOUNT	TOTAL AMOUNT
	2024	2025
General Receipts	77,036,164.50	108,002,376.67
General Property Tax Receipts	10,000,822.68	10,299,709.89
Total Interest Received on Investments	681,557.61	726,871.06
Sales Tax Received	2,188,846.68	2,327,120.00
Withdrawal of Sales Tax funds for loan payment on bldg	1,101,853.20	1,102,346.90
Total Interest and Penalty Received on Delinquent Taxes	219,273.14	148,870.39
Boat Lauch	54,483.00	52,580.00
Total General Maintenance Checks	24,786,801.22	26,847,498.70
Real Estate Transfer Fees	488,833.17	501,277.03
Total Sales Tax Wires	2,076,861.00	2,322,083.65
Repayment of Bond Loan +Interest on Loan	1,101,853.20	1,102,346.90
Repayment of Highway Loan +Interest on Loan	1,398,508.61	1,351,624.30
Withdrawals related to Payroll/Deductions/Insurance/All other expenses	61,959,822.71	90,408,713.22

Report of Cash Balance on Hand

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY

From January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Cash Balance 1-1-25	300,688.51	
Receipts - 2025	122,659,874.91	
	122,960,563.42	
Disbursements - 2025		122,533,543.80
Cash Balance 12-31-25		427,019.62
		122,960,563.42

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica McLean, County Treasurer

***FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF TAX CERTIFICATES, WHICH REPRESENT DELINQUENT TAX,
HELD BY GREEN LAKE COUNTY AS OF:**

	<u>31-Dec-22</u>	<u>31-Dec-23</u>	<u>31-Dec-24</u>
TOWN OF BERLIN	0.00	2,326.45	6,737.47
TOWN OF BROOKLYN	0.00	4,872.90	14,608.44
TOWN OF GREEN LAKE	0.00	3,099.30	17,455.29
TOWN OF KINGSTON	5,597.18	17,411.55	20,412.51
TOWN OF MACKFORD	0.00	2,803.62	3,684.34
TOWN OF MANCHESTER	1,967.56	6,268.89	6,778.99
TOWN OF MARQUETTE	0.00	4,360.44	9,953.19
TOWN PRINCETON	756.97	9,356.68	27,563.99
TOWN OF ST MARIE	0.00	3,305.96	7,858.22
TOWN OF SENECA	1,402.01	7,199.27	10,115.74
VILLAGE OF KINGSTON	0.00	1,641.05	1,630.26
VILLAGE OF MARQUETTE	0.00	1,918.48	5,433.80
CITY OF BERLIN	2,985.40	35,043.77	105,671.95
CITY OF GREEN LAKE	0.00	5,109.30	10,838.56
CITY OF MARKESAN	0.00	15,105.79	25,855.69
CITY OF PRINCETON	0.00	12,881.81	19,778.33
	<u>12,709.12</u>	<u>132,705.26</u>	<u>294,376.77</u>

TOTAL COUNTY DELINQUENT 12-31-2022

12,709.12

**\$2,017.56 in uncollected special assessments and charges included in figure

TOTAL COUNTY DELINQUENT 12-31-2023

132,705.26

**\$2,093.08 in uncollected special assessments and charges included in figure

TOTAL COUNTY DELINQUENT 12-31-2024

294,376.77

**\$11,806.72 in uncollected special assessments and charges included in figure

*See following page for graph of these figures sorted by Municipality

ACTIVITY IN THE SALES TAX ACCOUNT DURING 2025

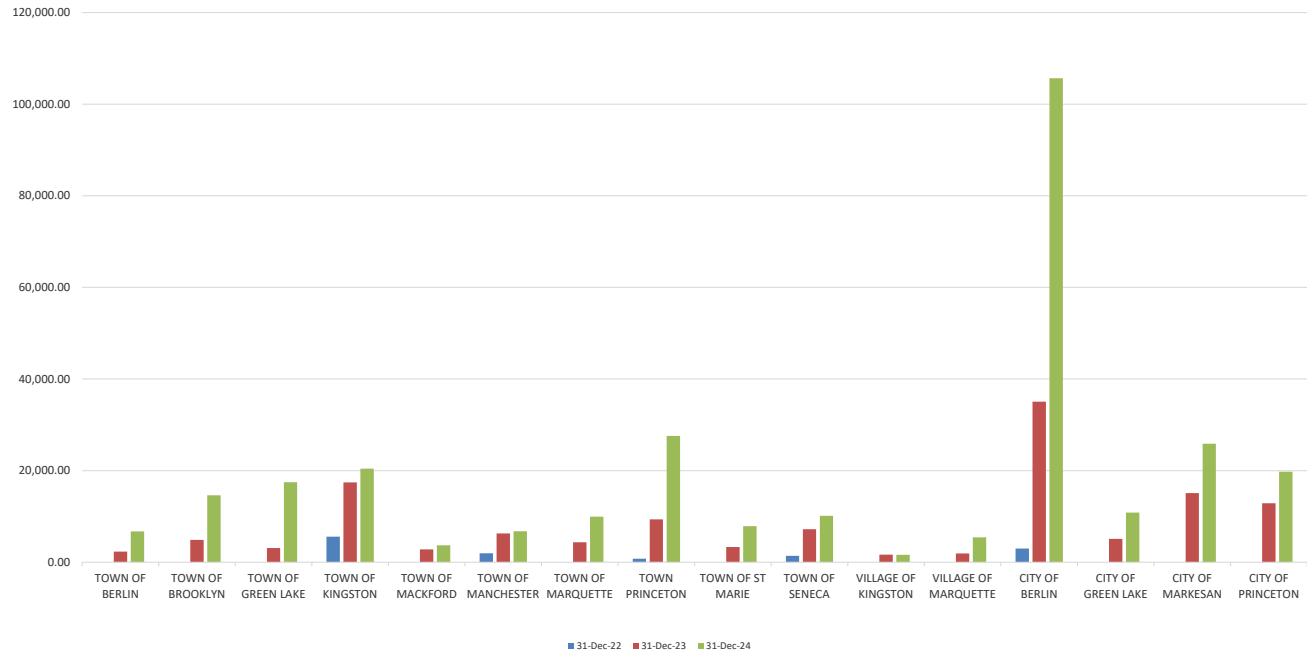
	PRINCIPLE	INTEREST	TOTAL SALES TAX
BALANCE 12/31/24			6,593,779.97
2025 COLLECTIONS	2,322,083.65	297,714.49	2,619,798.14
Loan Payments	1,102,346.90		1,102,346.90
Security Improvements	0.00		0.00
BALANCE 12/31/25	3,424,430.55	297,714.49	<u>8,111,231.21</u>

SALES TAX INVESTMENTS

Institution	PRINCIPLE	INTEREST
L.G.I.P.	8,111,231.21	3.82%
TOTAL SALES TAX FUNDS INVESTED: 12/31/2025	<u>8,111,231.21</u>	

TOTAL SALES TAX REVENUE SINCE INCEPTION, PLUS INTEREST, IS HELD IN TRUST

Listing of Tax Certificates by Municipality



Green Lake County Veterans Services

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Green Lake County, Wisconsin

We herewith submit our Annual Report for the Veterans Service Office from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

2025 continued the trend to be good for mental health disability claims approval by the VA; our office has worked closely with The American Legion, The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs to spread the word to Veterans in Wisconsin to apply for that disability or to reapply if previously denied. About a third of our Disability claims included either PTSD or Anxiety-Anger-Depression disabilities. As an invisible wound, there are several hurdles to get over, with the first one being to have the Veteran admit to having a problem.

The Green Lake County Veterans Service Office continues to thank the County Board of Supervisors, County Leadership Team, The Staff of the different county departments as well as the local Veterans Service Organizations for the success in providing benefits or increasing the benefits to the Veterans of the county. Without the support and assistance, it would be far more difficult to provide the services which we offer.

The following is a summary of the activities of our office for the past year (2025).

During the period, this office affected approximately **3,126** personal and telephonic contacts; 2,960 in 2024 & 3,386 in 2023. We handled a total of **8,624 7,439** pieces of correspondence in the course of providing aid and assistance to the veterans, their dependents and their survivors of this county; 7,439 in 2024 & 8,760 in 2023.

Providing transportation to the veterans of this county to various VA Hospitals and clinics has been an important service of this office and is vital in securing cost-effective health care for these veterans. Transportation was provided to VA facilities primarily at Madison & Milwaukee with some trips to Appleton, Green Bay, Beaver Dam and Tomah. **65** veteran transports were made to VA facilities for outpatient and hospitalization appointments with an expenditure of **389** driver hours. In 2024, there were 68 transports with 422 driver hours. The reimbursement to the county for transportation that was received from the VA hospitals and veteran's contributions total **\$2,683** as compared to \$2,995 in 2024.

This office also provides veterans, their dependents and their survivors with assistance regarding Social Security, SSI, Medicare, insurance forms, ChampVA, Social Service programs, Retirement Benefits, Nursing Home applications and many other services when the need arises in conjunction with information needed to obtain veterans benefits.

Green Lake County CVSO Budget Analysis – Based on VA 2024 GDX Report & County budget.

VA Expenditures	\$15,717,275	(\$14,154,000	in 2024)
CVSO Expenditures	\$133,524	(\$132,701	in 2024)

FEDERAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

The following Federal benefits were received by the Green Lake County veterans, their dependents and their survivors.

Compensation Payments (for service-connected disabilities), Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Survivor Benefit Plan Payment, Disability Pension (Non-service-connected causes), Death Pension (Non service-connected causes), Servicemen's Government Life Insurance, Education Benefits, Vocational Training and/or Rehabilitation, and Burial Benefits.

Total = \$7,822,069 (\$6,869,000 in 2023)

Veterans Administration Hospital Benefits, which include inpatient and outpatient appointments at VA Hospitals and clinics and prescriptions for Green Lake County veterans. **\$7,895,206** (\$7,121,000 in 2023)

This shows a trend that CVSO offices are increasing the amount of benefits coming into the county even though the total number of Veterans has been slowly decreasing over time.

STATE BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

The following State benefits were received by the Green Lake County veterans, their dependents and their survivors.

Housing Loans, Home Improvement Loans, Personal Loans, Medical Aid Grants, Part-Time Study Grants, Subsistence Aid Grants, Claims processing assistance, Appeals counsel, Discharge Reviews and other various benefits, programs and services. (This does not include services/benefits received through cooperating agencies or service organizations.)

The Veterans Service Office received the 2025 Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs County Veterans Service Office Grant in the amount of **\$11,688.**

The Wisconsin Veterans Home provides a retirement community and nursing home care for veterans and their families. Green Lake County currently has county residents as residing at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King WI.

COUNTY BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

The County Veterans Service Commission consists of Victor Shrock, Chairman; Robert Burdick and Raymond Hudzinski, members; and Jon Vandeyacht, Secretary. Quarterly meetings were held to review grant applications and policy.

The Veterans Service Commission budgeted \$3,000 for Emergency Aid Grants to veterans and/or their families; In 2025, \$1,200 in aid was provided. \$1,590 was utilized in 2024.

Our office also provided Holiday Meals to 6 families this year with donations from the Green Lake American Legion Axillary.

The CVSO and his family provided Christmas gifts to 7 Angel tree requests this year. The Vandeyacht's feel it is their continued way to give back to the community that keeps him employed.

Total Service Commission Grants and Expenses = \$1,517. (\$1,924 in 2024)

Veteran Disability and Benefits Claims

This data is reported only for general information. The number and success of Disability and Survivors benefit claims are based significantly on the information provided by the Veteran or Surviving Spouses as well as political events, weather and any other number of factors that affect people's movements and willingness to ask for assistance.

In 2025, our office directly assisted in a total of 89 claims for disability and survivors benefits. There were 108 in 2024 and 124 in 2023. On average, from initial contact to assembly and submission, to preparing for medical exams or wordsmithing assembly of appeals, to the after-decision-rendered debrief and Q&A, there is approximately 3 to 4 hours of time vested in each claim.

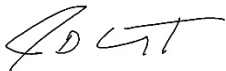
For context, that means there was approximately 267-256 hours of direct conversation with the claimant in claims work alone. In 2025, that meant 7 to 9 weeks or approximately 2 months dedicated solely to disability claims.

This doesn't count for the time spent researching medical diagnosis, treatments, military operations, how all of this links together. That would add another 2 hours per claim on average.

Current Veteran Statistics of greatest need of assistance from our department: Vietnam Era Veterans.

Thank you for your continued generous support for the Veterans in Green Lake County. Without it, much of this would be impossible.

Respectfully submitted,



Jon D. Vandeyacht
County Veterans Service Officer
Green Lake County

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

Notice of Budgetary Adjustment

Date: March 3, 2026
 Department: Sheriff/ Radio Tower
 Amount: \$12,545.00
 Budget Year Amended: 2026

Recording information
Batch no: _____
Date: _____

Source of Increase / Decrease and affect on Program:
 (If needed attached separate brief explanation.)

Northeast Asphalt quote approved at Admin on February 12, 2026 for counties responsibility for half the cost of paving the driveway easement at the Green Lake Campground/Tower project.

Are Green Lake County contingency funded needed to fund this budget adjustment? **YES** NO
 If Yes, complete sections 1, 2, and 3. If No, complete sections 1 and 2 and inform oversight committee.

Section #1

Revenue Budget Lines Amended:

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Budget Adjustment	Final Budget
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total Adjustment			\$ -	

Expenditure Budget Lines Amended:

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Budget Adjustment	Final Budget
26-101-00-58000-000-000	Contingency Expense	\$ 110,000.00	\$ (12,545.00)	\$ 97,455.00
26-100-00-57000-000-000	Radio Tower Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ 12,545.00	\$ 12,545.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total Adjustment			\$ -	

Section #2

Department Head Approval: <u>Mel A Pedall</u>	Date: <u>3-3-2026</u>
Finance Director Approval: <u>Kayla Gonke</u>	Date: <u>3/3/2026</u>
County Administrator Approval: <u>Jason Jerome</u>	Date: <u>03/03/2026</u>
Inform your Governing Committee	Date: _____

Section #3

Governing Committee Approval: <u>Administrative</u>	Date: <u>3/10/26</u>
Following this approval please forward to the County Clerk's Office.	
Finance Committee Approval: _____	Date: <u>3/25/26</u>
County Board Approval: _____	Date: _____

APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE AT THE APRIL 21, 2026 COUNTY BOARD

Appoint/Reappoint	Name	Committee Name	Term Ending
Appoint	Derek Kohn	VSO Service Commission	12/1/2026
Reappoint	Patricia Brandstetter	Health Advisory Committee	4/21/2028
Reappoint	Dr. Abigail Puglisi	Health Advisory Committee	4/21/2028