



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

Original Post Date: 06/08/2026

Amended Post Date:

The following documents are included in the packet for the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee meeting on June 11th, 2026.

- 1) Amended Agenda
- 2) Minutes: 05/14/2026 & 05/19/2026
- 3) Ordinance
 - Ordinance amending § 121-2, Reservation of County Facilities
 - Ordinance amending Green Lake County Code § 9-38 Land, Water Parks and Community Committee*Resolution
- 4) 2027 Land Conservation Budget
- 5) 2027 Libraries Budget
- 6) Department Reports
 - County Libraries
 - Land Conservation



GREEN LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

Samantha Stobbe
County Clerk

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Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, June 11th, 2026 Time: 9:00 AM
The Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room
571 County Road A, Green Lake WI

*Amended AGENDA

Committee Members

Bob Schweder - Chair
Mike Skivington
Nancy Hiestand
*Bill Boutwell – Vice
Chair*
Lisa Schuster

Karissa Rohde, Secretary

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

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

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment (3 minute limit)
5. Approve Minutes: 05/14/2026 & 05/19/2026
6. Ordinance
 - Ordinance amending § 121-2, Reservation of County Facilities
 - Ordinance amending Green Lake County Code § 9-38 Land, Water Parks and Community Committee
7. Resignation of Brandon Springer from position as 4-H Program Educator – Discussion and possible action on next steps
8. 2027 Land Conservation Budget discussion
9. *2027 Extension budget discussion
10. Libraries 2027 Budget Request
11. Department Reports
 - County Libraries
 - Land Conservation
 - Parks
12. County Park improvements discussion
13. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: July 9th, 2026
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
14. Adjourn

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

Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or audio assistance, should contact the County Clerk's Office, 294-4005, not later than 3 days before date of the meeting.

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 14th, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Karissa Rohde called the meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee to order at 9:00AM on Thursday, May 14th, 2026 in the Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room #0902, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. Public access was available via remote programming as well as in person. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Bob Schweder
Bill Boutwell
Mike Skivington
David Albright
Nancy Hiestand

Absent: Lisa Schuster

Other County Employees Present: Karissa Rohde, Deputy County Clerk; Todd Morris, County Conservationist; Mike Van Meel, Maintenance Supervisor; Jason Jerome, County Manager; Matt Vande Kolk, Chief Deputy (9:18am); Sofia Walters, HR; Grace Brown, Fair Coordinator

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Deputy County Clerk Karissa Rohde called for nominations for Chair. *Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand)* to nominate Bob Schweder as Chair. No other nominations. Motion passed with no negative vote. Deputy Clerk Rohde declared Schweder as Chair. Schweder presided as Chair the remainder of the meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Schweder called for nomination for Vice Chair. Nancy Hiestand nominated Bill Boutwell. No other nominations. Bill Boutwell is Vice Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

Taylor Haag Strauser from the Green Lake Association gave an update on their collaboration with Green Lake County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve the minutes of the 04/09/2026 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

APPEARANCES

- USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service regarding possible Goose Roundup
USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection gave a presentation regarding Good Roundup.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **UW-Extension** – All staff reports can be found in the packet. Each member of the UW-Extension staff went over their report. New Crops Educator, Karen Bender introduced herself. Grace Brown introduced the new Fair Intern, Ava Butt.
- **Land Conservation** – Morris went over his report found in the packet.

- **Parks** – Van Meel stated they are in the process of interviewing for the LTE positions. The garbage cans for the parks have been ordered.

SPRING LAKE PARKING BIDS

1 bid came in from Northeast Asphalt for \$90,000. Committee discussed using boat launch fees and a potential grant to cover the cost. The committee will take action at a special meeting held next week.

WELCOME NEW REGIONAL CROPS EDUCATOR KAREN BENDER

Discussed during the UW-Extension reports.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GOOSE ROUNDUP

Committee decided not to donate to the food pantry due to cost. This will get forwarded to County Board for discussion and possible action.

Chair Schweder left the meeting at 10:27AM. Vice Chair Boutwell took over.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO COURT OF DRAINAGE BOARD NOMINATION

Discussion held. *Motion/second (Skivington/Hiestand)* to accept the nomination from Rodney A. Zietlow. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION REGARDING HIGHWAY DITCH SPRAYING

Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda answered questions from the committee regarding the ditch spraying. The label to the chemicals used will be posted on the website for the public to view.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POWER LOADING

Chief Deputy Matt Vande Kolk stated that education regarding power loading was posted on the internet. This post got lots of feedback. Vande Kolk stated that the goal is to protect the boat launch and not write tickets.

COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSION

Still early in the season. Waiting for the survey to be utilized more.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – Special meeting on May 19th, 2026, and regular meeting on June 11th, 2026
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 10:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Rohde
Deputy County Clerk

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 19th, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bob Schweder called the meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee to order at 3:30PM on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026 in the Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room #0902, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. Public access was available via remote programming as well as in person. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Bob Schweder
Bill Boutwell
Mike Skivington
David Albright
Nancy Hiestand

Absent: Lisa Schuster

Other County Employees Present: Karissa Rohde, Deputy County Clerk; Todd Morris, County Conservationist; Mike Van Meel, Maintenance Supervisor; Jason Jerome, County Manager; Kayla Yonke, Finance Director; Harley Reabe, Supervisor District 11; Gene Thom, Supervisor District 19; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SPRING LAKE PARKING LOT BID

Motion/second (Skivington/Boutwell) to accept the Northeast Asphalt bid. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GOOSE ROUNDUP

Motion/second (Skivington/Boutwell) to move forward with the goose roundup. Motion carried with no negative vote.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

• Spring Lake parking lot
Motion/second (Skivington/Boutwell) to approve the budget adjustment. Motion carried with no negative vote.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – June 11th, 2026
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Rohde
Deputy County Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. -2026

Ordinance amending § 121-2, Reservation of County Facilities

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of June, 2026, does ordain as follows:

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that § 121-2, Reservation of County
2 Facilities shall be amended as follows:

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4 **B.**
5 Reservation of County-owned facility space. A person, group, firm, organization,
6 partnership or corporation may reserve the use of a County-owned facility by written
7 application filed with the County Clerk for a permit for use of the same. The County Clerk
8 shall forward the application to the ~~Property and Insurance Committee~~ County Manager
9 for its review. The ~~Property and Insurance Committee~~ County Manager shall have the
10 authority to issue permits for the use of County-owned facilities. County-owned facilities
11 are reserved on a first-requested, first-reserved basis.

Roll Call on Resolution No. -2026 Submitted by Land, Water, Parks and
Community Committee:

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain 0

Passed and Enacted/Rejected this 16th
day of June, 2026.

Bob Schweder

Mike Skivington

County Board Chairman

Nancy Hiestand

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:

Bill Boutwell

Corporation Counsel

Lisa Schuster

12 **C.**
13 Application. Applications shall be submitted to the County Clerk at least 30 days prior to
14 the date on which the use is requested. The application shall contain the following
15 information:

16 **(6)**
17 The anticipated number of person to use the facility. If more than 1,000 persons are
18 expected to attend, an additional separate permit under Chapter **109** is required.

~~Note: Applicants should be mindful that the Property and Insurance Committee meets monthly and
may need to submit an application for use of a facility more than 30 days in advance to ensure
that the Committee can review the application at its next scheduled meeting.~~

19 **E.**
20 Action on application. The ~~Property and Insurance Committee~~ **County Manager** shall act
21 promptly on all applications for permits ~~and shall consider applications at its next regularly~~
22 ~~scheduled meeting.~~

23 **(1)**
24 Delegation of authority.
25 [Added 8-17-2021 by Ord. No. 19-2021]

26 **(a)**
27 The County Clerk may approve applications for permits for the use of the Government
28 Center and the Maintenance Building for any applicant who has previously been approved
29 by the ~~Property and Insurance Committee~~ **County Manager** provided that the applicant
30 complied with Subsection **D(2)** above for the prior use.

31 **(b)**
32 The Highway Commissioner may approve applications for permits for the use of the
33 County Fairgrounds and the Highway Department Buildings for any applicant who has
34 previously been approved by the ~~Property and Insurance Committee~~ **County Manager**
35 provide that the applicant complied with Subsection **D(2)** above for the prior use.

36 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage
37 and publication

ORDINANCE NO. -2026

Ordinance amending Green Lake County Code § 9-38 Land, Water Parks and Community Committee

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of June, 2026, does ordain as follows:

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that § 9-38, A. shall be amended as
2 follows:

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4 The Land, Water, Parks and Community Committee shall consist of no less than five
5 members, at least two members from the County Board, and one member shall be the
6 Chair of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee created
7 under 16 U.S.C. § 590h(b) or other member of that latter committee designated by its
8 Chair.

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

Roll Call on Resolution No. -2026

Submitted by Land, Water, Parks and
Community Committee:

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain 0

Bob Schweder, Chair

Passed and Enacted/Rejected this 16th
day of June, 2026.

Mike Skivington

County Board Chairman

Bill Boutwell

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:

Nancy Hiestand

Corporation Counsel

Lisa Schuster

GREEN LAKE COUNTY 2027 BUDGET

Total FTE 6.00		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2026	2027
		12/31/2024	12/31/2025	6/30/2026	REVISED	PROPOSED
LAND CONSERVATION						
100-14-56110-110-000	SALARIES	383,738	405,175		417,404	417,404
100-14-56110-126-000	OVERTIME	7	356			
100-14-56110-151-000	SOCIAL SECURITY	27,671	29,209		31,931	31,931
100-14-56110-153-000	RET. EMPLOYER SHARE	26,229	28,036		30,053	30,053
100-14-56110-154-000	HEALTH INSURANCE	96,517	104,408		106,993	106,993
100-14-56110-155-000	LIFE INSURANCE	567	601		607	607
100-14-56110-199-100	WILDLIFE DAMAGE	25,388	25,866		30,000	30,000
100-14-56110-210-000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	350	275		850	850
100-14-56110-225-000	CELL PHONE	3,144	3,698		3,414	3,414
100-14-56110-242-000	PRINT MANAGEMENT	532	1,117		600	600
100-14-56110-307-000	TRAINING	3,048	3,656		4,265	4,520
100-14-56110-324-000	MEMBER DUES	3,891	3,916		4,022	4,022
100-14-56110-330-000	TRAVEL	-	-		100	-
100-14-56110-340-000	OPERATING SUPPLIES	1,913	2,293		7,815	2,865
100-14-56110-352-000	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	4,597	4,269		3,900	4,185
100-14-56110-360-000	NO-TILL DRILL/SOIL HEALTH EXPENSE	6,326	620		200	200
100-14-56110-385-000	LAND-WATER PLAN COST SHARE	59,364	60,429		73,000	73,000
100-14-56110-389-000	CONSERVATION PUBLIC ACTIVITIES	14,565	15,756		21,660	20,760
100-14-56110-395-000	LAKE & RIVER FUND	110,016	112,337		156,215	81,500
100-14-56110-395-004	GREEN LAKE CAPTURE GRANT EXPENSE	20,000	-		30,000	-
100-14-56110-397-000	LAND & WATER MANAGEMENT	-	132		1,000	1,000
100-14-56110-397-002	CONSERVATION FUND	8,274	12,328		16,358	16,358
100-14-56110-397-290	MDV PROJECT COSTS	-	149,231		110,080	5,000
100-14-56110-490-000	NOTICE OF DISCHARGE GRANT	-	-		872,170	-
100-14-56110-810-001	CLEAN SWEEP	20,473	26,286		32,500	30,500
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	816,609	989,994	-	1,955,138	865,763

FINANCING PROPOSAL

LAND CONSERVATION

100-14-43545-000-000	CLEAN SWEEP GRANT	15,114	18,938	17,247	18,500
100-14-43583-000-000	PERMIT FEES	1,600	975	1,800	1,800
100-14-43584-000-000	LAND CONSERVATION REVENUE	176,983	181,723	240,913	239,393
100-14-43584-397-290	MDV FUNDING	47,060	110,080	110,080	5,000
100-14-43585-000-000	NO-TILL DRILL/SOIL HEALTH REVENUE	11,368	4,138	4,000	4,000
100-14-43587-000-000	WILDLIFE DAMAGE PROGRAM	25,962	26,469	30,000	30,000
100-14-43590-000-000	PLAT BOOK		-	-	-
100-14-43593-000-000	CONSERVATION PUBLIC ACTIVITIES	14,223	13,957	16,200	14,300
100-14-43594-000-000	LAND-WATER PLAN COST SHARE	81,692	45,113	73,000	73,000
100-14-43596-000-000	SECURITY DEPOSIT		-	-	-
100-14-43601-000-000	CLEAN SWEEP		-	-	-
100-14-43604-000-000	LAKE & RIVER FUND	112,738	107,771	156,215	81,500
100-14-43604-000-001	TWIN LAKE IMPROVEMENT		-	-	-
100-14-43604-000-002	GRAND LAKE IMPROVEMENT		-	-	-
100-14-43604-000-003	NOTICE OF DISCHARGE REVENUE		-	872,170	-
100-14-43604-000-004	GREEN LAKE CAPTURE REVENUE		-	30,000	-
100-14-46435-000-000	CLEAN SWEEP PUBLIC CHARGES	1,478	1,594	4,000	2,000
100-14-48326-000-000	SALE OF EQUIPMENT		-	-	-
100-14-48500-000-000	CLEAN SWEEP DONATIONS	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
100-14-49320-000-000	APPLIED FUNDS - CONSERVATION FUND	2,987		11,358	11,358
100-14-49320-005-000	APPLIED FUNDS - NO-TILL DRILL/SOIL HEALTH	-	-	-	-

TOTAL REVENUE

501,205 520,758 - 1,576,983 490,851

COUNTY APPROPRIATION

315,404 469,237 - 378,155 374,912

GREEN LAKE COUNTY 2027 BUDGET

		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2026	2027
		12/31/2024	12/31/2025	6/30/2025	REVISED	PROPOSED
Total FTE	0.5					
Total Contracted FTE	2.3					
EXTENSION OFFICE						
100-13-55620-110-000	SALARIES	23,052	21,951		24,170	24,170
100-13-55620-151-000	SOCIAL SECURITY	1,705	1,803		1,849	1,849
100-13-55620-153-000	RET. EMPLOYER SHARE	1,480	1,528		1,741	1,741
100-13-55620-154-000	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,125	1,125		750	750
100-13-55620-155-000	LIFE INSURANCE	13	12		14	14
100-13-55620-215-000	CONTRACTED SERVICES	84,036	52,123		63,595	105,104
100-13-55620-226000	TELEPHONE	9	132		-	-
100-13-55620-242-000	PRINT MANAGEMENT	1,035	572		1,500	1,200
100-13-55620-293-000	VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION	190			200	200
100-13-55620-310-000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	867	422		1,000	1,000
100-13-55620-311-000	POSTAGE	834	648		3,674	3,674
100-13-55620-320-002	PUBLICATIONS-PROFESSIONAL	188			-	-
100-13-55620-326-001	PROFESSIONAL DEV-STAFF	463	200		739	772
100-13-55620-330-000	TRAVEL	243	98		750	750
100-13-55620-348-000	EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS	1,228	441		1,500	1,500
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	116,468	81,054	-	101,481	142,723

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EXTENSION OFFICE

100-13-46770-000-000
100-13-46770-231-000
100-13-46770-233-000
100-13-46770-301-000
100-13-47412-000-000

FINANCING PROPOSAL

UW EXTENSION REVENUE
AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM
4-H PROGRAM REVENUE
UW EXTENSION GRANTS
POSTAGE REVENUE

240	207		250	250
535	100		100	100
90	50		-	-
	-		-	-
3,580	42		3,674	3,674

TOTAL REVENUES

4,445	399	-	4,024	4,024
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COUNTY APPROPRIATION

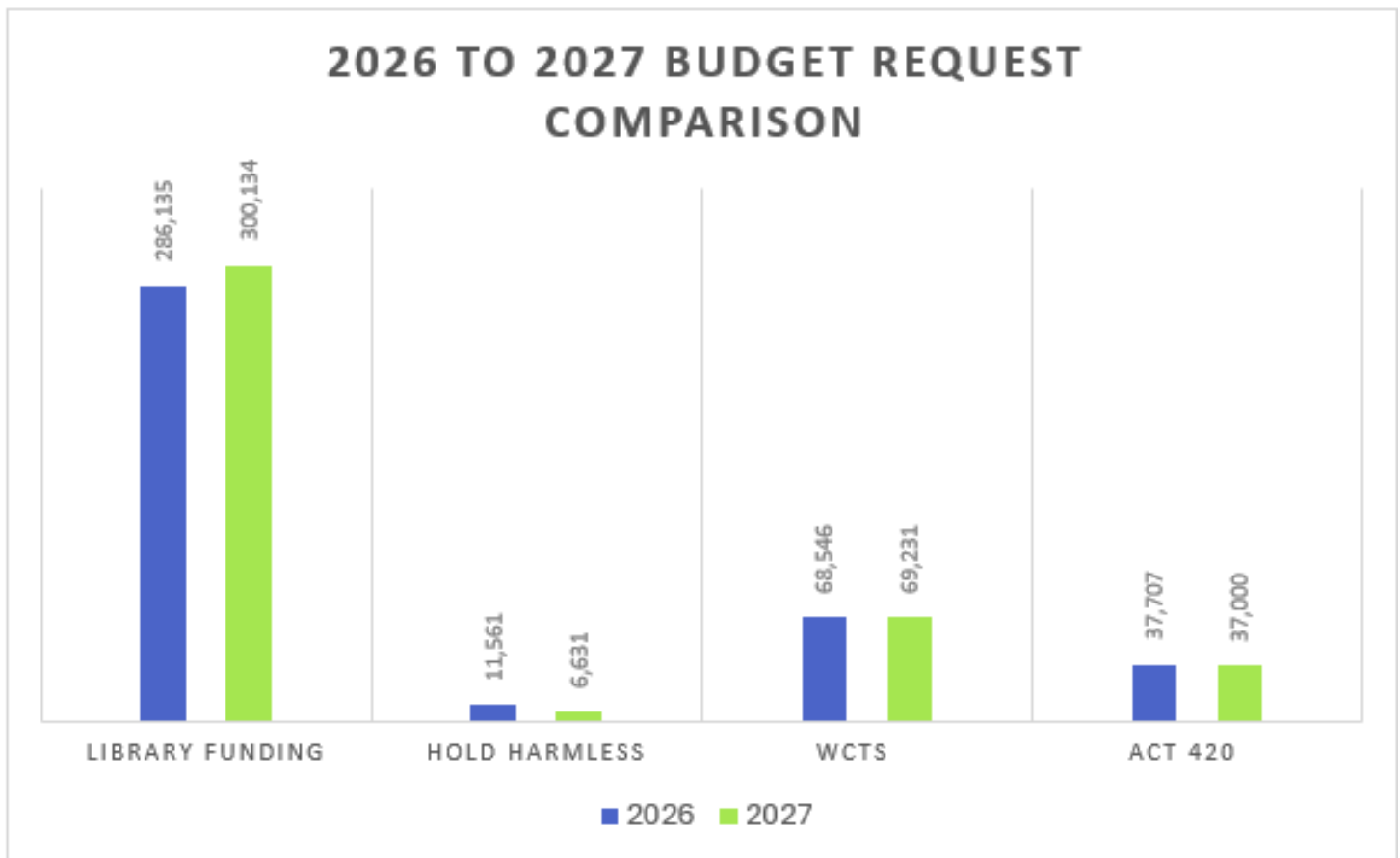
112,023	80,655	-	97,457	138,699
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Green Lake County Libraries - 2027 Budget Request

TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDING REQUEST:

Total Library Funding	2026	2027	Change	
Library Funding	286,135	300,134	13,999	4.89%
Hold Harmless	11,561	6,631	(4,930)	-42.64%
WCTS	68,546	69,231	685	1.00%
Total Funding Green Lake Library Services	366,242	375,996	9,754	2.66%
Act 420	37,707	37,000	(707)	-1.87%
Total Library Funding	403,949	412,996	9,047	2.24%





GREEN LAKE LIBRARIES REQUEST: This is a request for reimbursement. In 2025, the Libraries in Green Lake County served residents in the county outside of library municipality borders. Circulation is used as a proxy to represent the wide-ranging services the Libraries provided to these residents.

GREEN LAKE LIBRARIES REQUEST FORMULA:

Calculate the percentage of total circulation going to rural residents

Total 2025 circulation: 190,137

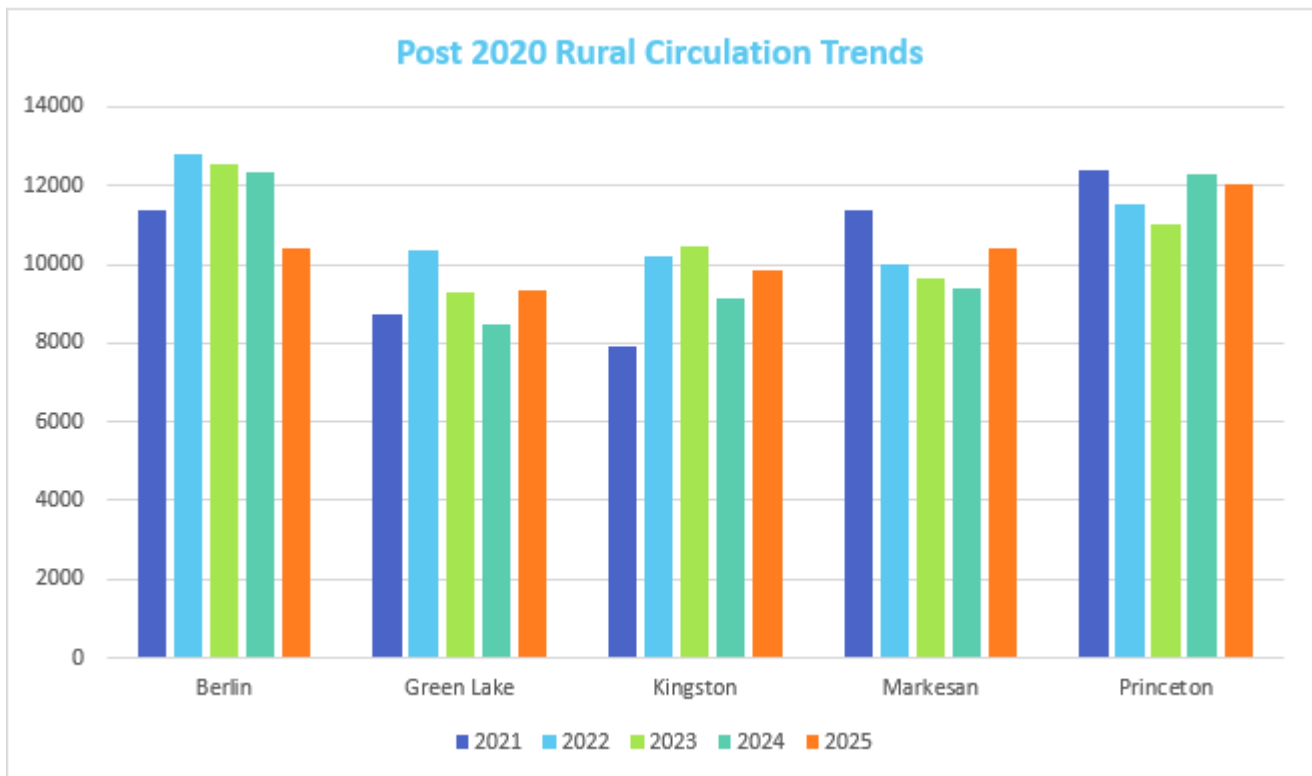
Total rural circulation: 52,014

Percent: 27.36%

Apply the percentage of rural circulation, 27.36% to the total 2025 expenditures from the Green Lake Libraries.

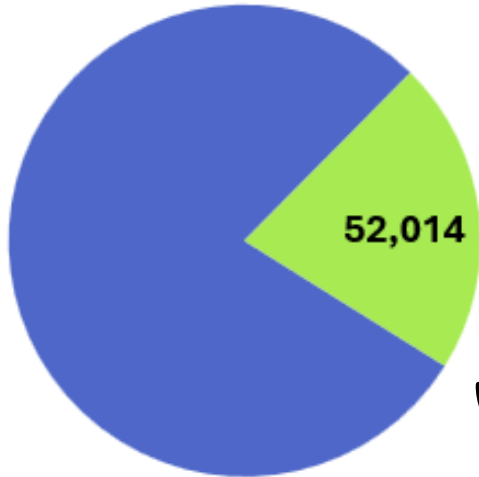
Total Expenditures: \$1,096,973

$\$1,096,973 \times 27.36\% = \$300,134$



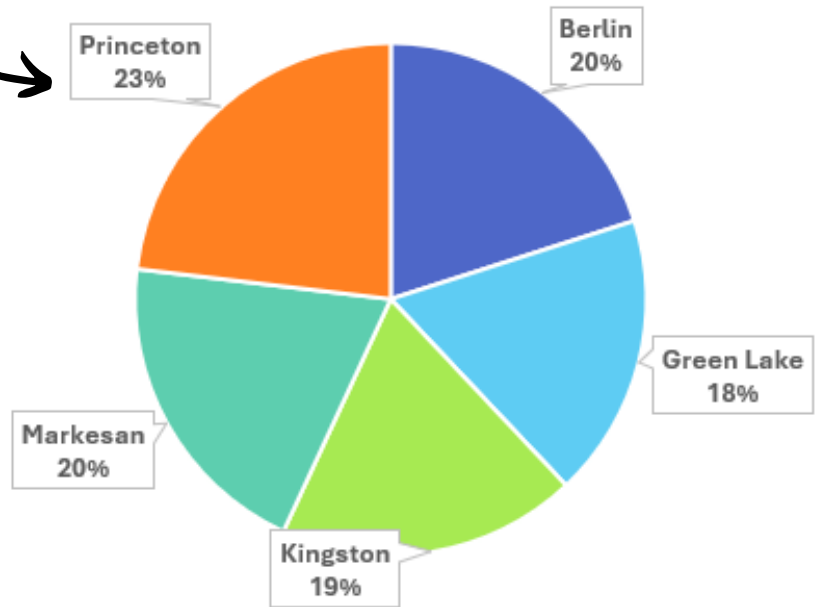
TOTAL 2025 CIRCULATION

190,137

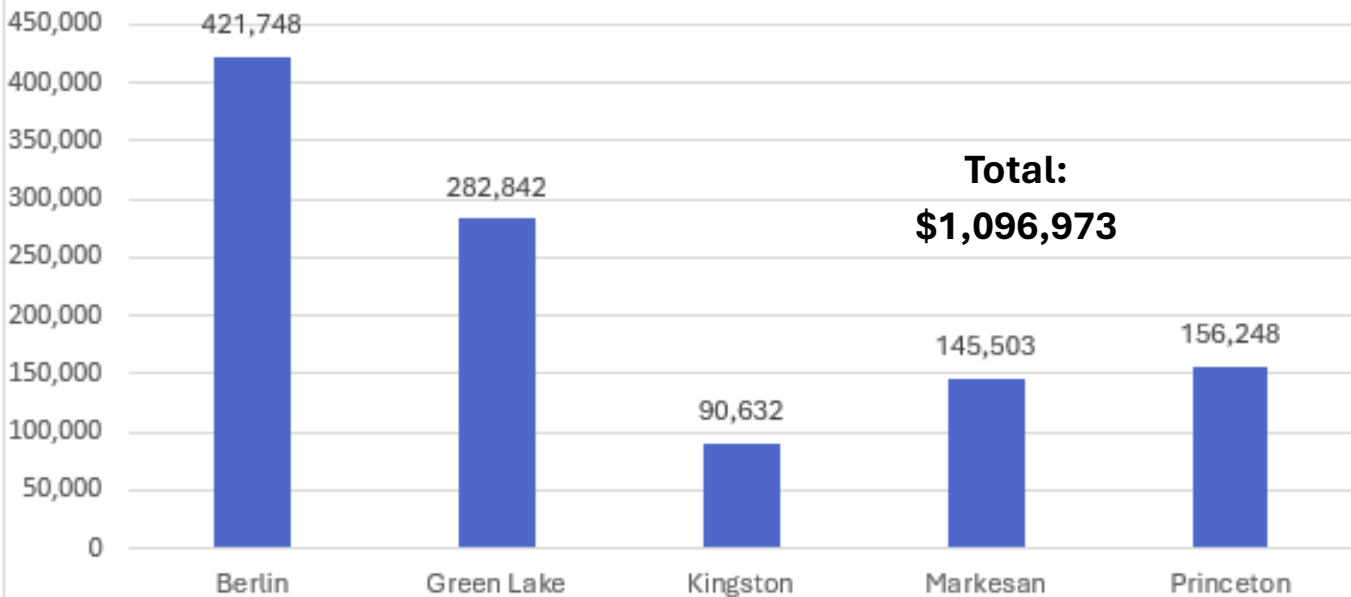


Total Rural Circulation including Electronic

2025 RURAL CIRCULATION



2025 Expenditures



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GREEN LAKE LIBRARIES DISTRIBUTION: The funding request is then distributed to each library using cost per circ, which is the individual library’s total circulation divided by total expenditures.

Library	2026 Funding	2027 Request	Difference 24-25	
Berlin	62,276	60,558	(1,718)	-2.76%
Green Lake	48,965	56,774	7,809	15.95%
Kingston	50,005	55,028	5,023	10.04%
Markesan	66,806	61,893	(4,913)	-7.35%
Princeton	58,083	65,881	7,798	13.43%
Total	286,135	300,134	(3,702)	-1.29%

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HOLD HARMLESS: Due to decreasing cost per circ, but not decreasing services, two library funding requests are less than the current year. Berlin and Markesan Libraries are requesting \$6,631 in total to bring their 2027 funding request to 2026 levels. This request has been established in recent years to provide more stable funding to the libraries

	2027 Funding Formula	2027 Hold Harmless	Total Individual Funding Support
Berlin	60,558	1,718	62,276
Green Lake	56,774	-	56,774
Kingston	55,028		55,028
Markesan	61,893	4,913	66,806
Princeton	65,881		65,881
Total	300,134	6,631	306,765

TOTAL REQUEST FOR LIBRARIES IN GREEN LAKE COUNTY:

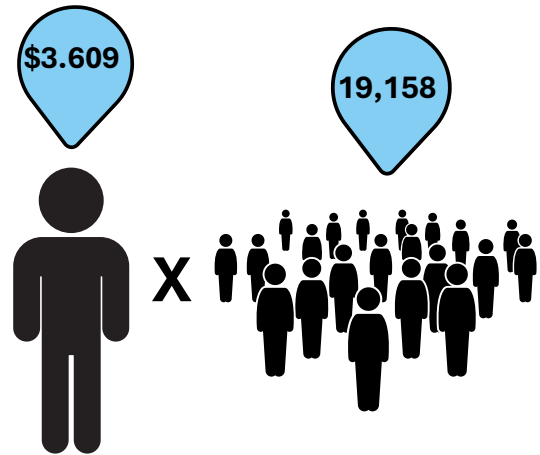
\$306,765 6.72% increase over 2026

Funding for Other Library Services

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WCTS: The Winnefox Cooperative Technical Services provides acquisition and cataloging support to the libraries in Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara County. The funding request comes from a cost-per-capita that increases minimally each year. This year the per-capita-cost is \$3.61 and the total cost is \$69,231.

Request: \$ 69,231

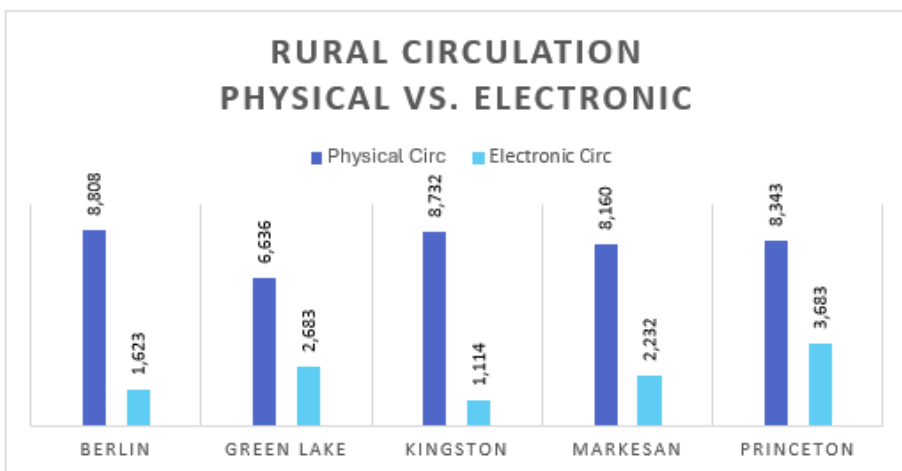


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ACT 420: This is the required minimum payment the County must pay to reimburse libraries outside Green Lake County for serving rural county residents. This calculation is 70% of the cost-per-circ.

Request: \$37,000

Other Statistics



6.5 books

The average Green Lake County rural resident checked out 6.5 items from a Green Lake Library in 2025

Berlin Public Library:

What types of teen programs, activities, and books do you want to see at the library? Berlin Library brings more teens and tweens into the library by inviting them to have their voices heard at Teen Library Club - a great way to build civic engagement and lifelong library users.



Mill Pond Public Library:

You can learn many things at the Kingston Library. Learn to paint. Play bridge. Take an exercise class. Join a book club, to name a few. Come and enjoy many other fun community events and meet your neighbors!

Princeton Public Library:

Princeton Public Library is just one of many throughout our region to offer a sensory and imaginative play area designed for ongoing access. Inspired by early literacy principles, the space encourages sensory play, creativity, and role-playing—embracing learning through activity, flexible themes, and the joy of a little mess.



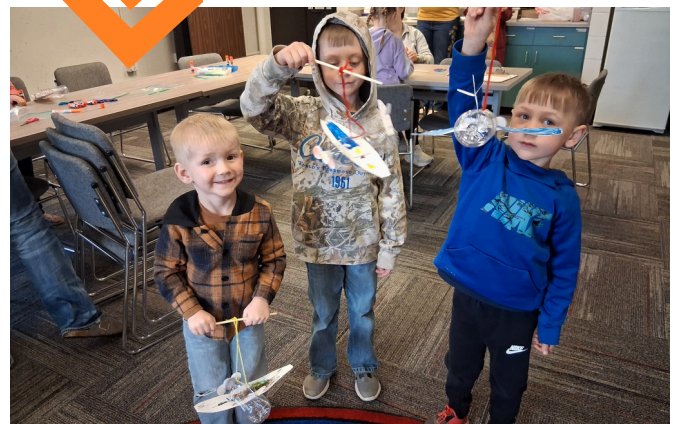


Caestecker Public Library:

Kids learn through play while caregivers connect at weekly Play and Build events.

County -Wide Program

The libraries are collaborating with the fair once again this summer with their Green Lake County Photo Show “Through the Library Lens.” Photos taken at local libraries will be displayed at the Green Lake Fair.



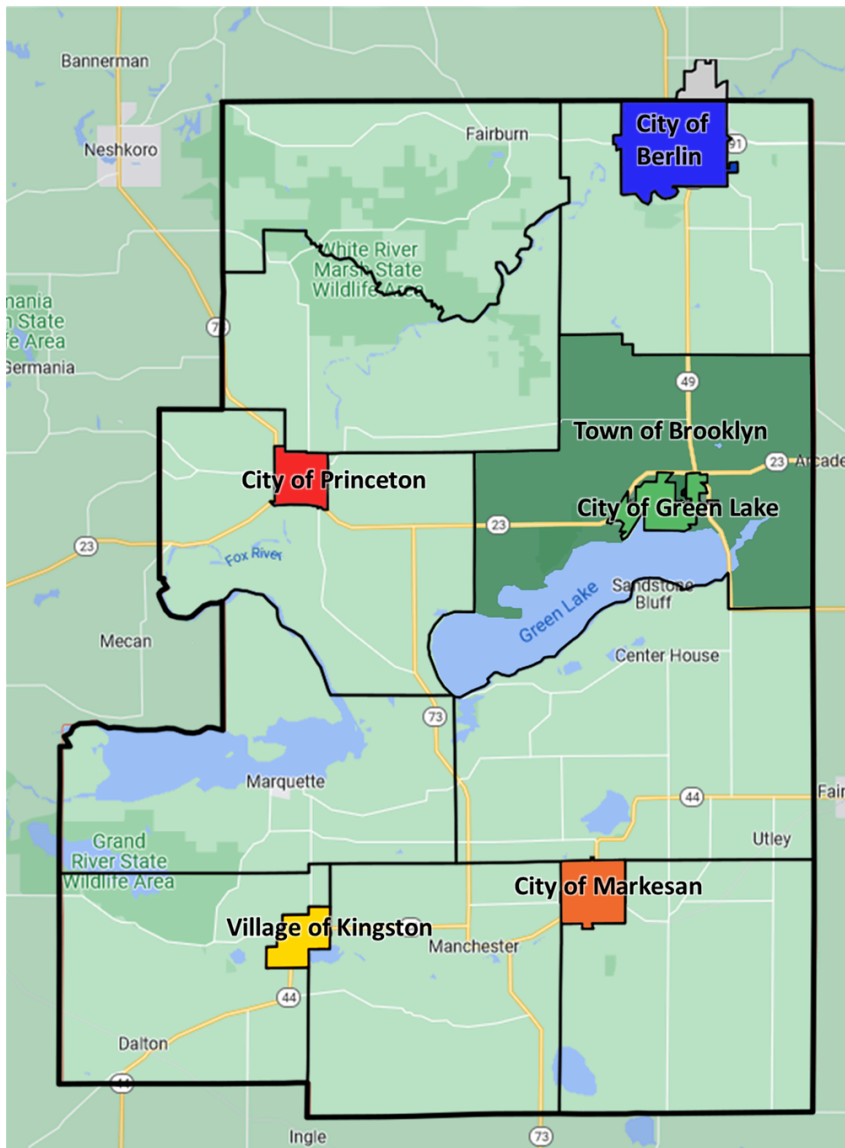
Markesan Public Library:

Be on the lookout this summer for the opening of Markesan Public Library's park newly revamped area! The Library is excited unveil accessible play equipment, seating, and musical features that we are working on placing in our attached park that all ages can look forward to enjoying. Some items include a tunnel with interactive panels on the sides which can be accessed from inside and outside the structure, and various flower-shaped chimes, drums, and bells.

Passport Program Returns:

A celebration of the library system returns this summer: The Passport Program. This summer initiative encourages patrons to visit libraries new and familiar in the Winnefox Library System. Libraries can be the community destination for visitors, who end up not just with an armful of books but an afternoon of shopping and eating and supporting the local economy.

Green Lake County Area:



Other Services beyond

Books:

- Job Search Resources
- Resume Assistance
- Tech Help
- Free Wi-Fi
- Printing
- Wi-Fi Printing
- Faxing
- Scanning
- Laminating
- Research Assistance
- Database Access
- Meeting Rooms
- Programs
- Early Literacy Initiatives
- Storytime
- Makerspaces
- Resource Sharing
- Networking
- Community Building
- Shelter During Extreme Weather
- Education
- Accessibility
- Curbside Pickup
- Homebound Delivery
- Local History Repository
- Disc Repair
- Entertainment
- Book Sales
- Open-ended Play Opportunities
- Activity Packs
- Drop-in Activities
- Workshops
- School Partnership
- Language Learning
- Book Clubs
- Tutoring

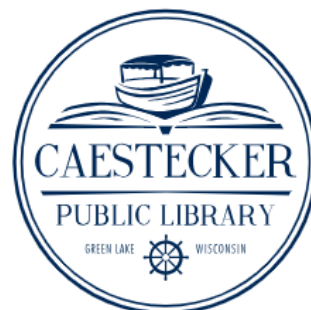


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PUBLIC LIBRARY



Markesan Public Library

Princeton
PUBLIC LIBRARY



AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between **Green Lake County**, a State of Wisconsin Municipal Corporation, hereinafter called "COUNTY," and the Winnefox Library System, a public library system organized in accordance with Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereinafter called "WINNEFOX."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, Section 43.15(4)(b), the County may participate in a federated public library system if it does all of the following:

1. Adopts and maintains the plan of library service submitted and approved under Section 43.11(3) and 43.13(1).
2. Provides the financial support for library services required under sub. (2). [43.15(2)]
3. Enters into a written agreement with the public library system board to participate in the system and its activities and to furnish library services to residents of those municipalities in the county not maintaining a public library, and

WHEREAS, the plan of library service for a county... (43.11 [3] [c]) shall provide for library services to residents of those municipalities in the county not maintaining a public library under Chapter 43. The services shall include full access to public libraries in the county participating in the public library system. The plan shall specify the method and level of funding to be provided by the county to implement the services described in the plan and shall describe the services to be provided by the public library system and the allocation of state and county aid to fund those services, and

WHEREAS, Winnefox has been organized and operates as a federated public library system within the meaning of Section 43.19 Wisconsin Statutes, and

WHEREAS, Winnefox must, in order to qualify for and maintain its eligibility for state aid, provide all services outlined in Section 43.24(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Green Lake County to contract with Winnefox to provide for the extension and development of library services described in the Long-Range Plan of Library Service, hereinafter called the Plan, a copy of which is attached.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Winnefox Library System to negotiate and execute such Agreements as are necessary to implement the Plan attached hereto for the calendar year 2027 and each subsequent year for the plan's life.

2. The County agrees to participate in the Winnefox Library System and its activities.

3. The County agrees that all of the public libraries in Green Lake County should be compensated for serving Green Lake County residents living outside municipalities that maintain libraries. Accordingly, the Green Lake County Library Advisory Committee, composed of the Directors of the Libraries in Green Lake County, shall present an annual funding request based on this formula. It is understood that due to budget constraints the county may not be able to fund the full request in some years.
 - a) Using the latest Annual Reports filed with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the public libraries in Green Lake County shall determine what percentage of the previous year's total circulation is to residents of Green Lake County residing outside of the municipalities which maintain libraries (county rural residents).

 - b) The percentage of circulation to county rural residents shall be multiplied by the total operational expenditures of the libraries for the prior year. This figure shall constitute the libraries' request for reimbursement for services to Green Lake County rural residents.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Total expenditures} & \times & \text{percentage of circulation to} & = & \text{Green Lake} \\ & & \text{county rural residents} & & \text{County support} \\ & & \text{(a)} & & \text{(b)} & & \text{(c)} \end{array}$$

 - c) The allocation of funds shall be as follows:
 - a) Using figures reported on their most recent annual reports, each library shall determine their cost per-circulation by dividing their total operational expenditures by their total circulation for the service year.

 - b) The cost per-circulation at each individual library shall be multiplied by the library's total non-resident circulation from Green Lake County. The resulting sum, plus any funds for shared services, will constitute that library's share of support from Green Lake County.

4. A hold harmless request will be made if the allocation of library funds would result in decreased funding to one or more libraries.

5. Funds appropriated by Green Lake County shall also provide support for Winnefox Cooperative Technical Services (WCTS) which provides libraries with cooperative ordering, cataloging, material processing, and other services. The WCTS Executive Council with the assistance of the Green Lake Librarians

Advisory Committee (LAC) shall determine the WCTS service program and shall submit a budget request to fund the county's share of the service program.

- 6 Green Lake County shall pay funds requested by libraries in adjacent counties under Section 43.12(1) of Wisconsin Statutes.
- 7 Nothing in the funding formula shall preclude the libraries from requesting grant funds or special project funds from the County for a specific purpose. Approval of such a request shall be at the County's discretion.
- 8 The County shall be entitled to membership on the library boards of the participating libraries as provided in sec. 43.60(3), Wis. Stats. The Green Lake County Board Chairman, subject to confirmation by the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors, shall appoint County members to the library boards.
- 9 The County designates the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee and the Green Lake County Librarians Advisory Committee as the Green Lake County Library Planning Committee.
- 10 The borrower registration records of participating libraries may be audited by an official of Green Lake County appointed by the Chairman or County Board to ascertain that registration procedures for borrowers are applied equally to both city and county residents and that borrower percentage figures described in the Plan are accurate. This audit may not violate provisions of sec. 43.30, Wis. Stats. regarding confidentiality of library records.
- 11 The parties agree to cooperate to further improve public library service to County residents.
- 12 Winnefox agrees to provide such financial or operational reports of its activities as the County requests.
- 13 Winnefox will present a request for a County library appropriation in accordance with the County's budgeting procedures and will distribute these funds to the participating libraries based on Member Library Agreements and the Plan.
- 14 This Agreement shall go into effect January 1, 2027 and remain in effect through December 31, 2031, the life of the attached long-range plan. This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of both parties. The parties may abrogate it only by following procedures outlined in Wisconsin Statute 43.18.

APPENDIX A: Long-Range Plan of Library Service - Green Lake County 2027 - 2031

ATTACHMENT:

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

GREEN LAKE COUNTY, a State of
Wisconsin Municipal Corporation,
("COUNTY)

By: David Abendroth, Chairman

Jason Jerome, County Manager

Dated: _____

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

WINNEFOX LIBRARY SYSTEM
(WINNEFOX)

By: Andrew Prellwitz, WLS Board President

Clairellyn Sommersmith, Director

Dated _____

Green Lake County
Long Range Plan of Library Service 2027-2031

Statement of Principles:

1. Every resident of Green Lake County, regardless of address, should have equal, free, and convenient access to all 5 Green Lake County Libraries and all Winnefox Library System resources.
2. The Libraries of Green Lake County will continue to provide cost-effective services, materials, and opportunities to all residents.
3. The Libraries of Green Lake County will provide opportunities to combat illiteracy in the County.
4. Green Lake County will reimburse libraries in adjacent counties for use of their rural residents in accordance with the level of reimbursement specified in Wis. Stat. 43.12.

Library Service Priorities 2027 through 2031:

Residents of Green Lake County enjoy the opportunity of receiving service from five unique libraries located within the county. The priorities and activities listed below are examples of priorities found in individual plans and policies and will be undertaken by one or more libraries.

Priority I: All libraries in Green Lake County recognize the value of reading skills as a basis for lifelong learning and will continue to consider services to the entire community to be of primary importance.

Activities:

- a. Increase and diversify programming for all ages, including summer learning programs.
- b. Offer literacy activities providing opportunities for children and families to engage both in the library and at home.
- c. Develop and maintain collections that support literacy skills.

Priority II: The libraries in Green Lake County will be central to community life for Green Lake County residents.

Activities:

- a. Provide a safe atmosphere for community interactions, and space for individuals to freely sit, study, read, or play.
- b. Host events and support community activities by offering meeting space, publicity, or co-sponsoring activities with other county organizations.
- c. Provide services that may not be readily available elsewhere such as community information, warming shelter, tax forms, copy machine, fax machine, public access computers, etc.

Priority III: Green Lake County libraries will be leaders in providing access to information technology to all citizens of the county, promoting information literacy, and keeping up-to-date with all continuing technology as practical.

Activities:

- a. Provide access to the Internet, public computers, online resources, and other technology needs.
- b. Offer training and guidance on emerging technologies
- c. Keep library technology devices up to date, so public service is not limited by equipment obsolescence.

Priority IV: Green Lake County libraries will work closely with local schools and homeschoolers as partners in the educational process.

Activities:

- a. Strengthen liaisons with community organizations serving children and families such as Headstart, Children’s Wisconsin, preschools, WIC, etc.
- b. Consult with teachers (public and homeschool) to obtain information on curriculum in order to provide better resources for students’ homework needs.
- c. Provide book talks and offer library tours to encourage students to visit the library.
- d. Deliver library services directly to students through digital resources, storytimes at school, and collaborative partnerships.
- e. Strengthen programming, services, and collections for homeschool students.

Priority V: Green Lake County libraries will prioritize providing inclusive services to all residents.

Activities:

- a. Establish partnerships with service providers to deliver tailored support for individuals with disabilities, ensuring the library is a welcoming and inclusive space for all.
- b. Ensure that all facilities, technology, and resources are accessible to all.
- c. Provide home delivery of materials as needed.
- d. Provide support to individuals caring for elderly, neurodiverse, or disabled residents in the County.
- e. Collaborate with Green Lake County Housing Coalition to address housing needs.

Priority VI: Green Lake County Libraries will facilitate lifelong learning for all county residents.

Activities:

- a. Make adult learning a core focus of the libraries’ collection development.
- b. Provide quiet areas for study, as well as access to distance learning technology.
- c. Offer a variety of programming for adults.
- d. Offer job related services including workforce development opportunities, technology training, and resume building support.
- e. Partner with the County to provide services and resources that support aging populations.

Priority VII: Green Lake County libraries will be proactive in meeting changing needs within the county.

Activities:

- a. Library directors will continue to attend Library Advisory Committee meetings and other community organization meetings to discuss shared concerns.
- b. Evaluate library usage patterns, discontinuing services that are no longer relevant, and implementing new services to meet emerging needs.
- c. Revisit and update the long-range plan on a regular basis.
- d. Maintain communication with government officials, soliciting their feedback regarding community needs.

Evaluation

Each year, prior to annual funding requests, County Libraries will present a report to the Green Lake County Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee and County Board detailing progress on service priorities listed above. The committee will be provided with appropriate statistics, and other information, to assess the effectiveness of county libraries.

Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee
Land & Water Conservation Dept. June 11, 2026 Report

May 2026 Projects

- Inspect open erosion control permits and review new permit applications for erosion control and stormwater management.
- Completed the excavation and re-installation of stormwater culvert on a stormwater easement within the Estates of Lawsonia to eliminate ponding water.

- Continue design of leachate collection system – Town of St. Marie
- Continuing construction of heavy use protection and roof structure in Town of Princeton. NOD Funding.
- Completed design changes for waste storage facility and waste transfer system and plan approved by NRCS – Preconstruction meeting held
- Completed construction of grassed waterway and subsurface drain in Town of Berlin. SWRM Funding.
- Completed construction of grassed waterway and diversion in Town of Manchester. SWRM Funding.
- Begin design for stream crossing and inlet/outlet protection in Town of Mackford.
- Review of nutrient management plan submitted – 1 landowner
- Assist with new Farmland Preservation Agreement application in Town of Princeton AEA.
- Site visit regarding manure spreading complaint in Town of Green Lake.

- Farmland Preservation Program spotchecks
- Multi-Discharger Variance Program spotchecks
- Assist landowners with No-till Drill rental.
- Planning for Native Shoreline Planting event.
- Presentation for 4K-2nd Grade students at Princeton School Forest
- Assist with Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program participating farmer
- Attended Agricultural Lending and Conservation Meeting - Plover
- Attended Grow More workshop – Stevens Point
- Developing 2026 Multi-Discharger Variance Watershed Plan
- Submit pre-proposal application for 2027 GLRI Phase 2 Project

June 2026 Planned Projects

- Continue planning for a Green Lake County Stewardship Program.
- Native Shoreline Planting Field Day – Sunset Park
- Complete Spot-checks for Farmland Preservation Program
- Site visits and reporting for NR151 Progress and Resource Analysis project.
- Continue construction checks on heavy use protection and roof structure projects.
- Hosting Groundwater Education Program, June 17th.
- Targeted Mailing for GLRI streambank and harvestable buffer projects
- Native Plant Pickup
- Send out FPP Annual Certifications and NMP reminders
- Assist landowner with streambank stabilization project.

Lake and River Report

Lake Puckaway – No update

Twin Lakes – No update

Spring Lake (Kingston) – No update

Spring Lake (Green Lake) – No update

Little Green – Assist with drone plant survey.

Green Lake – Multiple Lake Management Plan update meetings and discussions.

Grand Lake – No update

Other –

Golden Sands AIS Update

- See Attached Report

Producer Led Watershed Group:

- Green Lake Farmers Coalition field day planned for June 15th.
- Liv assisting group as needed.

Upcoming Events:

June 5, 2026 – Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association spring meeting

June 12, 2026 – Native Plant Sale Pickup at fairgrounds, sold 58 flats

June 13, 2026 – Native Shoreline Workshop at Sunset Park

June 17, 2026 – WaterWELLness Educational Program, Princeton Library

June 20, 2026 – GLA State of the Lake breakfast

July 16, 2026 – Golden Sands RC&D Board Meeting – Stevens Point

August 14, 2026 – Clean Sweep

September 17, 2026 – Golden Sands RC&D Board Meeting – Stevens Point

September 18, 2026 – Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association summer meeting

November 19, 2026 – Golden Sands RC&D Board Meeting – Stevens Point

*April 4, 2028 – DATCP Land & Water Board Meeting for 10-year Revision of LWRM Plan

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

May Aquatic Services Highlights 2026

Staff participated in the statewide Snapshot Day AIS site leader training. AIS snapshot day will be August 8th in Trempealeau.

Two Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) trainings provided. 8 people attended the virtual training, 5 attend an in person event at Golden Sands RC&D's office.

Staff gave AIS updates during the May Golden Sands RC&D Council meeting.

Brooke Cherek was onboarded to assist with LMPN events and contracted lake services.

Summer staff were onboarded to work lakes with CBCW grants.

Golden Sands RC&D just acquired a temperature and dissolved oxygen meter to better assist our lakes. Please contact us with your local needs!

Golden Sands RC&D staff will co-host aquatic plant training classes at the UW Kemp Station in lake Tomahawk June 23- 25. Trainings also available at the Hausmann Nature Center, Delafield, June 9-10. Register at <https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/calendar.aspx>

Reviewed Green Lake AIS & aquatic plant management module and noted comments for discussion. Attended May 27th Green Lake LMPT meeting.

Communicated with Berlin resident to collect purple loosestrife beetles.

Exotic Pet Surrender events around the state can be found at jraar.org/exoticpetsurrenderevents



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