GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

Original Post Date: 11/10/2026

Amended Post Date:

The following documents are included in the packet for the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee meeting on November 12th, 2026.

1) Amended Agenda
2) Minutes: 10/8/2026 & 10/20/2026
3) DATCP Land & Water Board Election
4) 2026-2030 Green Lake County Park Plan
5) 2027 Contract between Green Lake County & UW Madison Division of Extension
6) Department Reports
   - Land Conservation
   - Park & Maintenance
   - UW Extension
     - Extension Written Reports

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GREEN LAKE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

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Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee
Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, November 12th, 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

Bill Boutwell - Chair
Mike Skivington– Vice Chair
David Albright
Chuck Buss
David Golz
Nancy Hiestand
Lisa Schuster

Pamala Dykstra, Secretary

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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 10/8/2026 & 10/20/2026
6. Discussion and Possible Action regarding DATCP Land & Water Board Election
7. Discussion and Possible Action regarding 2026-2030 Green Lake County Park Plan
8. *Review and Possible Action regarding 2027 Contract between Green Lake County and UW Madison Division of Extension
9. Department Reports
   - Land Conservation
   - Parks & Maintenance
   - UW Extension
     - *Extension Written Report
     - *AED Report
10. Committee Discussion
    - Future Meeting Date: December 10th, 2026
    - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
11. Adjourn

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Samantha Stobbe, County Clerk

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GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
Thursday, October 8th, 2026

Chair Bill Boutwell called the meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee to order at 9:00AM on Thursday, September 10th, 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: Dave Albright
Chuck Buss
Nancy Hiestand
Mike Skivington

Absent: Lisa Schuster

Other County Employees Present: Pamala Dykstra, Deputy County Clerk; Todd Morris, County Conservationist; Mike Van Meel, Maintenance Supervisor; Jason Jerome, County Manager; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Pat Wagner, Area Extension Director; Kayla Yonke, HHS Financial Manager (remote); Matt Vande Kolk, Chief Deputy; Andy Brendemihl, Supervisor District 3; Pat Malone, UWEX Community Development; Adam Hartfiel, UWEX Regional Livestock; Karen Bender, UWEX Regional Crops; Sadie Dean, UWEX 4-H Program Educator

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)
None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion/second (Buss/Hiestand) to amend the 9/10/2026 minutes to add that Mike Skivington made a motion to elect himself as Vice Chair. ***Motion/second (Skivington/Hiestand)*** to approve the 09/10/2026 meeting minutes with the approved changes. Motion carried with no negative vote.

APPEARANCE
Trevor Pike, Wildlife Specialist with USDA APHIS gave a presentation on the Wildlife Damage Program.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF 2027 WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT AND CLAIMS BUDGET
Information in the packet. Discussion held. ***Motion/second (Skivington/Buss)*** to approve 2027 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Budget. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF 2026 CROP PRICE
Information in the packet. Discussion held. ***Motion/second (Albright/Hiestand)*** to approve the 2026 Crop Price. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF 2026 90% HARVEST DATE FOR APPRAISALS ON FALL HARVESTED CROPS
Information in the packet. Discussion held. ***Motion/second (Buss/Albright)*** to approve the 2026 90% Harvest Date for Appraisals on Fall Harvested Crops. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS
- **Land Conservation** - Morris discussed reports found in the packet. Discussion held.

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- **Parks** – Van Meel gave report. Discussion held. All parks are doing well. Bathrooms are clean and piers will stay in until the weather starts to turn.
- **Maintenance** - Van Meel gave report. Discussion held. Plow truck are being repaired.
- **UW Extension -** Reports found in the packet. Wagner introduced Sadie Dean and the new 4-H Educator. Malone passed out results of the Comprehensive Plan Survey. Information will be in the Comprehensive Plan.

UW MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION AND GREEN LAKE COUNTY ENGAGEMENT DISCUSSION

Information in the packet. Discussion held. Wagner asked the board questions from the survey.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TOURING COUNTY PARKS

Tour will be on October 20th at 1:00 pm. Members will meet at the Green Lake County Government Center, and board bus to tour the county parks.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE RADTKE BARGE BY DODGE MEMORIAL PARK

Discussion held. Mann gave more information on the Riparian Zone. Van Meel reported that Radtke is pulling the barge out mid next week. The committee will talk more before spring about what can legally be done.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Next meeting date – November 12th, 2026
- Future agenda items for action & discussion
  - Radtke Barge
  - Boat Launch

ADJOURN

Chair Boutwell adjourned at 10:36 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamala Dykstra
Deputy County Clerk

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GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
Tuesday, October 20th, 2026

Chair Bill Boutwell called the meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee to order at 1:00 pm on Tuesday October 20th, 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 in person. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:	Bill Boutwell	Absent:	David Albright
	Nancy Hiestand		Chuck Buss
	Mike Skivington		Lisa Schuster

Other County Employees Present: Pamala Dykstra, Deputy County Clerk; Todd Morris, County Conservationist; Mike Van Meel, Maintenance Supervisor; Jason Jerome, County Manager; Dave Abendroth, County Board Chairman; Andy Brendemihl, District 3 Supervisor

RECESS FOR TOUR OF COUNTY PARKS

Motion/second (Skivington/Hiestand) to recess for tour of county parks. Motion carried with no negative vote. Committee recessed at 1:02 pm to leave for the tour of the county parks.

RECONVENE

Motion/second (Hiestand/Skivington) to reconvene the meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote. Committee reconvened at 3:35 pm.

ADJOURN

Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 3:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamala Dykstra
Deputy County Clerk

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DATCP Land and Water Conservation Board Election

The state Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) election is happening **now**!

As a reminder, in even-numbered years, WI Land+Water elects three Land Conservation Committee (LCC) members to serve on the state LWCB. This authority is statutorily granted to us via Wis. Stats 15.135(4)(b)2. In 2024, we made the adjustment to hold a virtual election in the fall.

The LWCB connects local and state governments on conservation and farmland preservation issues. The board:

- Reviews county land and water plans and makes recommendations
- Recommends how the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection should allocate conservation funds to counties
- Provides a forum to discuss emerging soil and water conservation issues

Seven area associations have nominated a candidate this election. A ballot will be emailed to each county conservationist *or designee* **today, October 19.** The email should include instructions on the process and a request to submit each county's vote by **5:00 PM on December 11, 2026.**

Each county is allowed one unique vote that must be submitted by the person who the ballot was sent to. Upon submission, a ballot receipt with a unique ID number and timestamp will be provided for record keeping.

Winning candidates will be announced later in December and will begin their two-year term in January 2027. Please reach out if you have any questions or if you are a county conservationist and have not received a ballot.

2027 – 2028 State Land and Water Board Election Nominee's

To view YouTube Speech's: Wisconsin Land and Water | 2027-2028 Election

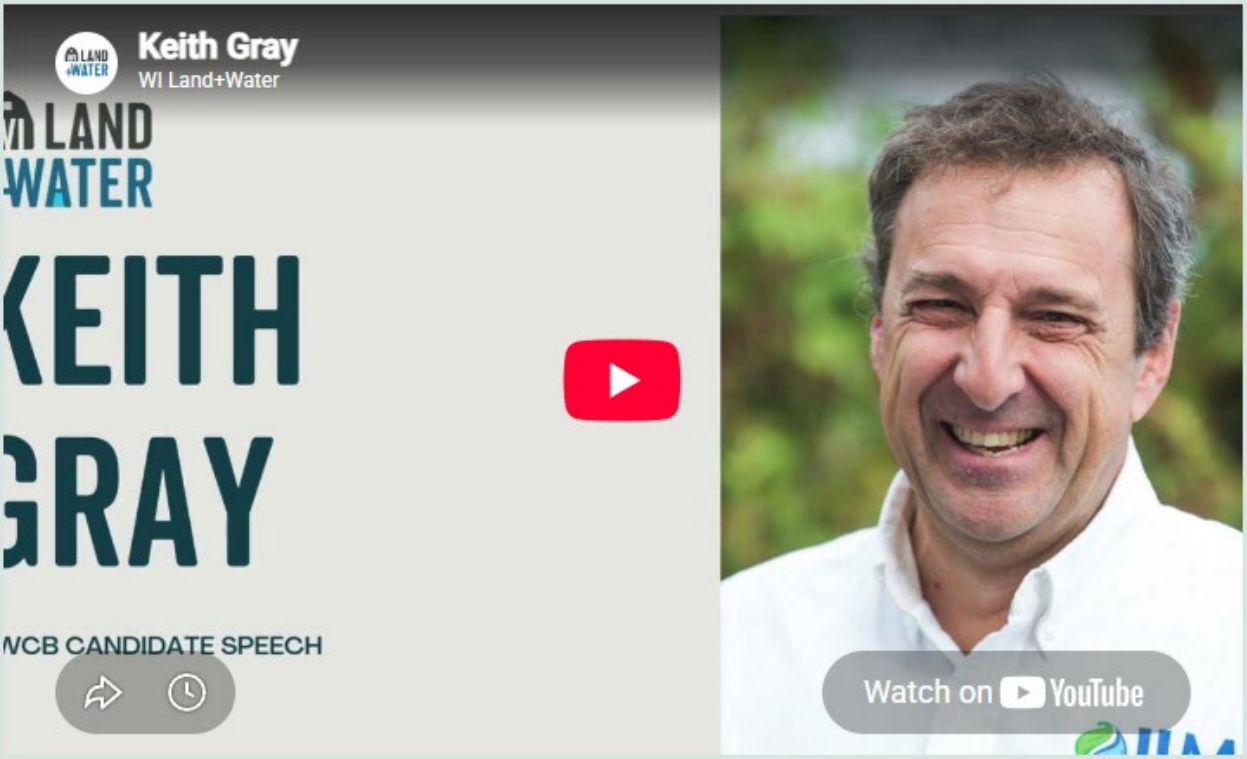


My name is Travis Bassett and I am excited to accept the nomination from the North Central Land and Water Area Association to run for a spot on the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board. I am a born and raised resident of Central Wisconsin, currently living on a bit of land just north of Nelsonville where I attempt to strike a balance between conserving and maintaining my family's prairies and forest with the realities of trying to run a small production apple orchard. From a very young age, I've experienced the wide range of incredible natural wonders around our state. From picking stones for neighboring farmers to swimming in and paddling on the lakes in the Northwoods to hiking up and down the ridges and valleys of the Coulee region, I've grown to appreciate the varied lands and land uses across our great state. This is why I am excited to run for a position on the state Land and Water Conservation Board; I want to be a part of ensuring counties and other local governments across the state have the plans in place and supports they need to conserve the natural wonders and resources of our state while also striking a balance with responsible land use and stewardship that ensures opportunities for communities to thrive today and well into the future.

I currently serve as the District 25 County Board Supervisor for Portage County where I am vice-chair for the Land and Water Conservation Committee, the chair of the Judicial and

General Governance Committee, and a member of the Solid Waste Committee. I am also a high school social studies teacher in the Iola-Scandinavia School District where I teach economics, sociology, psychology, legal systems, government and civics, and world cultures. I earned my B.S. in middle and secondary social studies education at Viterbo University in La Crosse with a minor in environmental studies. I also have my M.S. in Educational Leadership and Policy from UW-Oshkosh. In addition to this background in policy that I think will serve me well in a role on the state Land and Water Conservation Board I have also, over the years, developed a passion for quality policy writing and reading while working on overhauling school district staff handbooks and school board policies, revising and reviewing by-laws and constitutions for student groups and local teacher's unions, and while working with students to develop plans to enact positive change in their communities.

My perspectives on conservation have been heavily influenced by the works of Sigurd Olson, Aldo Leopold, and John Muir but also by utilitarian perspectives such as the approach of Gifford Pinchot as head of the US Forest when he advocated for resource management for the greatest good for the greatest number of people for the longest time. There is a balance between utilizing resources and preserving natural and wild spaces that, across the state, should be an ongoing conversation that is, in part, communicated by the conservation plans written by each county. Collaboration, effective communication, and consideration of the wide variety of conservation perspectives that exist across the counties in our state can lead to the conservation plans that can help local economies thrive while protecting the common pool resources we all rely on while preserving natural spaces to be enjoyed by generations to come! This is the mindset I will bring to the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board if I am elected! I would appreciate your support!



I've been elected to a second term as a Kenosha County Board Supervisor (Chairman of the Planning & Development Committee/UW-Extension, and Vice-Chair of Judiciary and Law Committee). I'm also Chairing the Soil & Water Conservation Plan Committee.

Immediately preceding retirement, I was the sole owner of Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. (i.e. ILM) www.ilmenvironments.com a natural resource management company that deals with: lake/pond water quality management, stream-bank & shoreline restoration/stabilization (erosion control), dredging, re-establishment and propagation of native aquatic/emergent/terrestrial vegetation, and development of Management Plans for clients. I bought ILM in 2004 when it had 8 staff and revenues of $800K/year out of one office in Gurnee, Illinois. 21 years later revenues were in excess of $10 million and the staff numbered >50 occupying offices in three states (WI, IL, IN).

There are a variety of reasons for the growth of ILM but relative to the Board Position to be considered for is the development of services specifically having to do with NPDES discharges and the MS4 program. As owner, I oversaw staff that dealt with sales, design/specifications, funding (grants and other), permitting, execution, and on-going maintenance. Most importantly, my role was to understand the regulations at a high level and to anticipate how they would affect our business market…and then to build capacity to meet the need. This gives me a unique perspective into the challenges faced by organizations responsible for regulatory compliance.

I've been on multiple boards of private, NFP, and regulatory advisory organizations:

-Illinois Lake Management Society (awarded 'Lake Guardian' in 2022)

-Masters of the Foxhounds Association

-Midwest Young Artists

-Rondout School District 72 (Illinois. Board President for 8 years)

-Mill Creek Hunt Club

-Wright College Science Curriculum Advisory Board

I hold two patents having to do with monitoring stormwater run-off quality, and have designed and built custom amphibious equipment that enables mechanical work in highly sensitive areas. Clients include: Abbott Laboratories, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, US Forest Service, US Navy (dunal restoration), US Army Corp of Engineers, Vinyard Conservation Society (Marthas' Vineyard), Forest Preserve Districts in NE Illinois, Chiwaukee Prairie, and many others.

Prior to owning ILM: In 1984 I co-founded Environmental Monitoring and Technologies, Inc. (now a part of Sterling Laboratories https://www.thesterlinglab.com/). The company specialized in water/wastewater/ groundwater monitoring and analysis. My familiarity with representative sample collection in dynamic systems and analytical methods/instrumentation/reporting is deep. I understand data, where it comes from, and what can be relied upon. Much of the NPDES Stormwater work at EMT led me to ILM and the restoration work we did there.

I live primarily in Bristol, WI with a home near Lexington KY where I spend time in the winter. My wife and I grow hay on both properties and breed & race thoroughbred horses. I hunt, fish, and thoroughly enjoy the outdoors…and work to provide those same opportunities for the next generation through the work I've done at EMT, ILM, and now as a County Board Supervisor with a focus on Soil & Water Conservation.



Thank you so much for considering me as a candidate for the State Land and Water Conservation Board. I am a first term county board member in Sauk County.

I chose to run for county board supervisor because I wanted to use what I have learned over the years to give back to my community. I currently sit on the Land Resources and Extension Committee and was elected to represent our county as the Land Conservation Committee (LCC) member and board alternate for the Southern Area Association.

I am Licensed Professional Geologist with 23 years of environmental consulting experience. My professional experience includes all facets of environmental consulting from environmental site investigations, hydrogeological evaluation, brownfield remediation, and environmental regulatory compliance across Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, and Indiana. My project management portfolio spans landfill operation and maintenance and monitoring, leaking underground storage tanks (LUST), and property transaction environmental due diligence for confidential clients and brownfields properties. I have seen firsthand how emerging contaminates such as 1,4-dioxane and per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have impacted our soil and groundwater, how runoff can contaminate our lakes and streams, and how important public education is to prevent harm to human health and the environment.

In addition to my environmental work, I have a passion for scientific literacy as an educator, having taught both university geosciences and middle school physical sciences.

As a Midwest native, I developed a deep appreciation for nature and lifelong learning early on through my love of the outdoors and years of 4-H and showing animals at the county fair. I currently live on 43 acres between Baraboo and Reedsburg, Wisconsin with my husband. I stay connected to my roots by tending to my barnyard animals, gardening, tapping maple trees, hiking through our woods, and foraging for nuts and wild berries.

I am dedicated to civic engagement by actively serving my community through highway cleanups, Rotary Club initiatives, blood donations, and as a poll worker. I was a board member and president of the Friends of Devil's Lake State Park, and also volunteered beside the amazing staff of Public Health Sauk County to assist in COVID-19 testing.

I am honored to have been elected to the Sauk County Board of Supervisors in 2026, and truly excited to be on the Land Resources and Extension committee and to be the Sauk County LCC member for Wisconsin Land + Water. I feel my professional experience and passion for protecting human health and the environment is a great match for the State Land and Water Conservation Board. I would love the opportunity to help protect our land and water resources for future generations as a LCC member on the State Land and Water Conservation Board. Thank you so much for your consideration.



My name is Paul McCann and I am the Calumet County Board Supervisor for the 3rd District, representing the southeast side of Appleton. I am new to the County Board this year and have taken committee assignments on the Land and Water Conservation Committee and the Parks Commission because of my interest in the environment and my desire to help preserve the resources we have in our county and our state. Wisconsin is a special place, and I am honored that Mike Hofberger and the Lake Winnebago Region representatives have nominated me to work with the State Land and Water Conservation Board to address the issues that will help us keep it that way.

I am a life-long resident of Appleton and have raised three terrific daughters here with my wife Barb. We have always enjoyed the outdoors and have marveled at the opportunities we have as a community with our proximity to family farms and exposure to both rural and urban life. I understand the issues related to preserving and protecting the land and water we enjoy in this area. In my career, I had leadership positions in the paper industry and in construction. Both of these industries need to find ways to utilize the resources we have without adversely impacting them for future generations. I have always worked hard to make sure the facilities and projects that I have led have worked with the DNR and other regulatory agencies to be good stewards of our land and water. I believe that my experience would allow me to understand the needs of all interested parties and steer the conversation toward doing the best for the environment.

And outside of work, we enjoyed camping hiking and being outdoors. I have also had opportunities to travel around the country and the world and have seen that other areas are not as good at managing these resources. Even in areas where water is in dangerously short supply, poor management and lack of urgency are contributing to making the problem worse. Wisconsin is way ahead of these places in recognizing the value of farms, wetlands, forests and prairies and the fresh water it takes to keep the land and inhabitants healthy. I believe I can contribute a fresh perspective to the State Land and Water Conservation Board.



Employment Experience:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – Spent most of my 30 year career as a Fisheries Biologist and Supervisor in Plymouth and Oshkosh. Conducted numerous biological and habitat surveys and, supervised numerous habitat restoration projects on cold and warmwater streams. Also oversaw hatchery operations, fish distribution, and habitat restoration in Northeast Wisconsin for 3 years.

The Nature Conservancy – Project Manager on a 6 year study evaluating fields with excessive phosphorus runoff and recommending methods to reduce loss.

Environmental and Civic Involvement:

American Fisheries Society – Wisconsin Chapter – Served as President of the Wisconsin Chapter for 1-1/2 years. Member of the Chapter for 28 years.

Sheboygan County Board – Served 4-1/2 years (and current) as a County Board Supervisor, serving on the Planning/Resources/Agriculture/Education Committee and the Property Committee. Currently also on the Executive Committee.

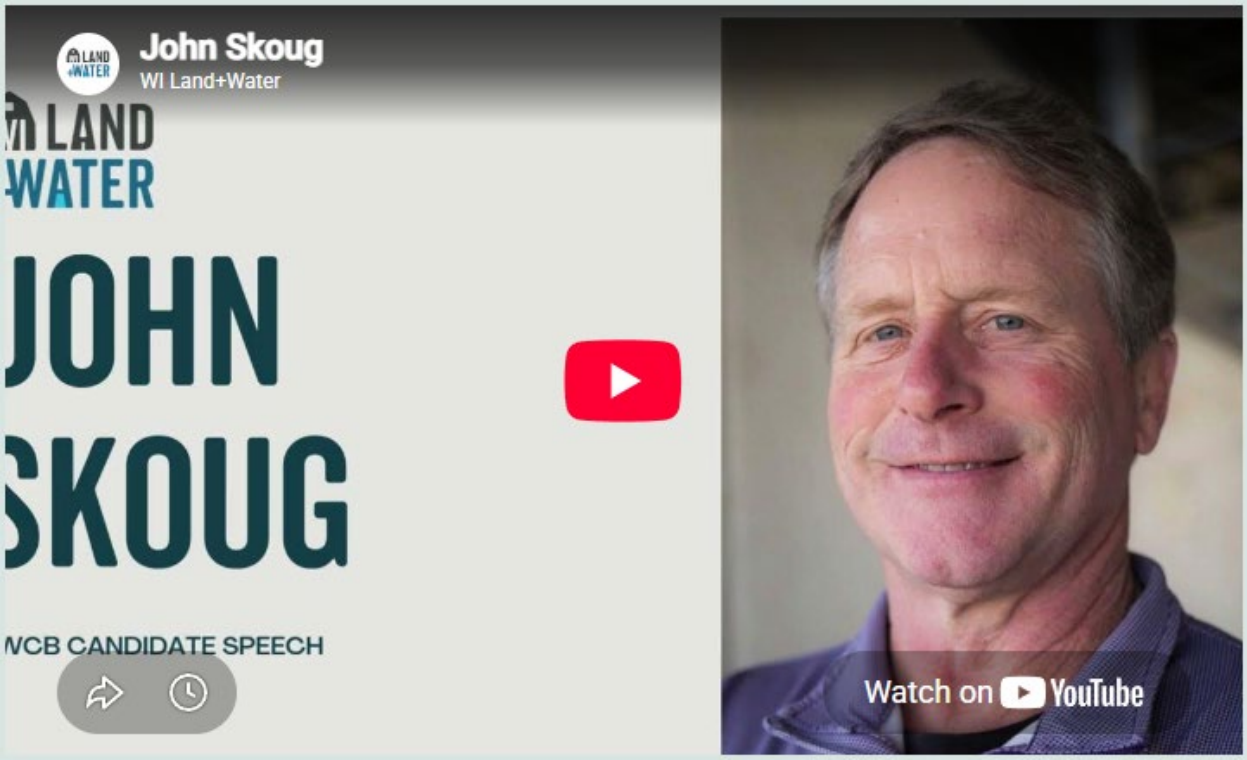
Plymouth Common Council – Served as a Council member for 10 years, Council President for final year.

Maywood Environmental Trust Board – Served as a board member for 6 years. Served on the Property Committee.

Glacial Lakes Conservancy – Board Member. Became a Board member in 2026. Volunteer on many land management activities.

United Way – Plymouth Chapter – Served on the Board for several years. Chapter Co-Chair for one year.

Redeemer Lutheran Church – Served three – three year terms as a Council Member. Served as council President for three one year terms.



John Skoug enjoyed a more than 30-year career as a scientist in the pharmaceutical industry with expertise in new drug product development. Since retiring from AbbVie in 2019, he consults part-time for small biopharmaceutical companies to help them advance novel drug candidates toward clinical development.

John cares deeply about the natural environment and pragmatic solutions to ensure clean water and air, and to mitigate the impacts of climate change. John and his wife Connie retired to an 85-acre farm near Osseo, WI where they practice their version of sustainable agro-forestry through conservation land-use practices. This includes an array of organic fruit and vegetable gardens (specializing in garlic), removing invasive trees and weeds, planting acres of pine, oak and walnut trees, and planting our “back yard” with 1.5 acre in pollinator habitat; an additional 10 acres of pollinator habitat is being added in the fall of 2026.

John’s volunteer activities focus on environmental and climate advocacy. He is involved in Citizens’ Climate Lobby serving as Eau Claire chapter lead and state liaison to Wisconsin District 3; he is active in his church, Peace Lutheran of Pigeon Falls, where he is currently President of Church Council; he is President of the Trempealeau/Jackson local chapter of Wisconsin Farmers Union (WFU) and serves on the water quality and climate committees. In April 2026, John was elected to the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors and one of his assignments is the Environment & Land Use (E&LU) Committee.

John has become an active renewable energy advocate. He installed solar panels on his current home in rural Osseo (2019), and led projects to install solar arrays at his church and at Luther Park Bible Camp (Chetek, WI). As a member of the E&LU committee, John applied his expertise in renewable energy to educate other county supervisors about the benefits and concerns related to a proposed 80 MW solar farm with battery backup, and drove the adoption of a solar ordinance for the County that was compliant with Wisconsin statute 66.0401 on renewable energy.

John is serving as an E&LU member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, providing input and guidance to Trempealeau County Conservation staff to update its Land and Water Resource Management plan which is due this year. He is a firm believer that water quality is a nonpartisan way to advocate for the environment, and that land use practices that improve surface and groundwater quality is a win-win for the natural environment and the health of Wisconsin residents. I welcome the opportunity to serve on the Land and Water Conservation Board.

John earned a B.S. in Chemistry from UW-River Falls and a Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from Purdue University in 1987. He has 3 children and 3 granddaughters (age 10, 8 and 4) of whom he is immensely proud! He enjoys being with family, being active outdoors, singing in a Men's chorus, and playing his trumpet in the Black River Falls Community Band.



I am very pleased to be nominated for, and graciously accept the nomination from the Northwestern Area Association to the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board. In total, I have been on Douglas County's Land and Water Conservation Committee for over ten years. While on Douglas County's L&WCC I have served on the Farmland Preservation Plan Group, the Livestock Operations Study Group and have volunteered to be on the Farmland Preservation Plan Steering Committee. I greatly enjoy being a part of the Douglas County L&WCC and would like to take my passion and experience to the State Land and Water Board.

I currently sit on two governor appointed positions, one being the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council and the other being the newly formed Wisconsin Wild Rice Stewardship Council, both of which I am very proud to be a member of. I am nearing the end of my term as a member of the International Joint Stewardship Council – Great Lakes Water Quality Board and would like to concentrate my conservation advocacy efforts closer to Wisconsin. I also sit on the Board of the St. Louis River Alliance and the Reserve Advisory Board at the Lake Superior National Estuarian Research Reserve as an alternate member.

I believe my participation in the various councils, committees and boards will be very helpful in networking with the statewide conservation leaders. I am a true believer in the policies, priorities, and guiding principles that the WI Land and Water Board stands on. My personal principles are right in line with this Board in learning and understanding how the

different counties prioritize their work and overcome the increasing challenges they face. Being a beekeeper over the past seven years has given me the opportunity to see some impacts of the work and policies that this Board has helped state agencies with. I have been made aware of and realize the importance that these programs have on our current farmers and ranchers, I understand some of the difficulties ahead for the future of our new farmers and sustaining farming and ranching for our next generations.

To help keep Wisconsin's water, land, and agriculture on track to be sustainable for our current and future generations would truly be a privilege. I look forward to working with the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board if elected and given the chance to do so. Thank you for your time and consideration on this nomination.

Sincerely,

Terry W. White

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

REVISED BY:

PARKS COMMISSION
GREEN LAKE COUNTY

November 2026

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INTRODUCTION

Green Lake County is a rural county with an abundance of natural areas. The county recognized in 1969 when it prepared its first outdoor recreation plan, that although it didn't have the tensions and stressors of a big-city life, the benefits from planning for public recreation and open space areas were still important.

Public recreation areas in rural counties can increase a sense of community and shared experience just as in urban areas. The diversity of recreational desires in sparsely populated areas is just as great as in denser urban areas. An outdoor recreation plan for rural counties, then, becomes critical in determining how a county with a smaller population, fewer financial resources and greater distance barriers to recreational areas can best accommodate the recreational needs of its residents. Decisions have to be made determining the scale, number, and location of facilities.

This plan will inventory what is available for outdoor recreational activities within Green Lake County, and from this information, to project and recommend what is still needed. It is a review and update of the plan done in 2009 and 2014.

Outdoor recreational facilities and resources provide a wide range of activities, including hunting, fishing, hiking, cycling, athletic events, camping, boating, swimming, picnicking, and ice fishing. With more leisure time and more people, the interest and needs of outdoor recreation become increasingly important. The primary purpose would be to recommend and eventually implement a program of acquisition and development that will fulfill the needs of the present, as well as the future. It is necessary to consider the needs of the tourist and the local citizens.

Duplication of facilities provided by state, municipal, and school systems should be avoided. A coordinated county-wide recreation plan is needed. Recommendations must be flexible enough to permit variation and to fit local conditions and opportunities.

The primary purpose of this plan is to recommend a sound program of land acquisition and park development that will fulfill local demands and needs. Within this recommended broad framework, the county and local municipalities can continue to proceed in an orderly manner in this parks and recreation program, knowing that all recommendations are flexible enough to permit variations accorded by local opportunities and conditions.

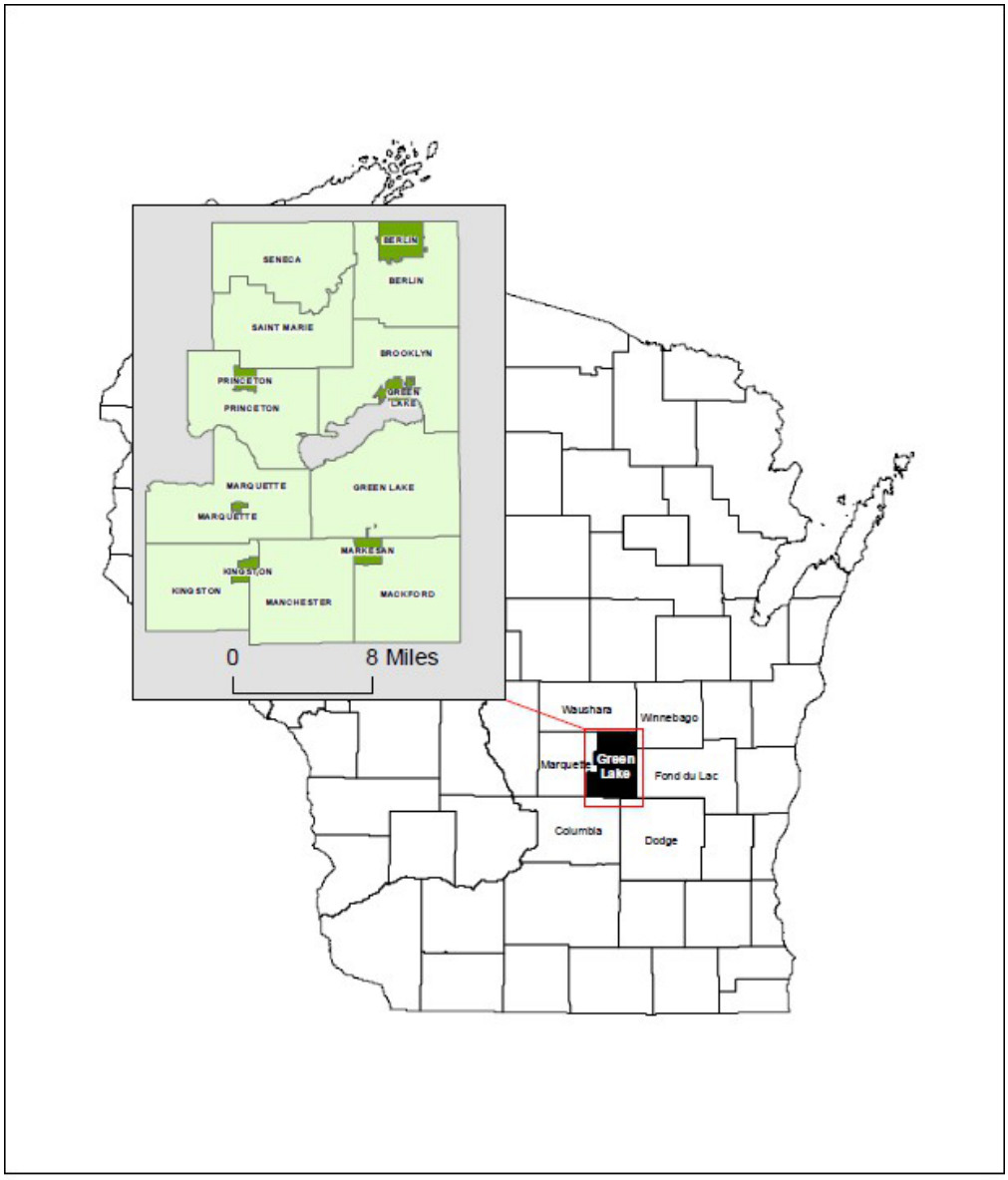
The plan is devoted to an inventory of outdoors recreation opportunities, available land, present and future needs, and recommendations to meet those needs. This plan shall be updated every five years and shall be submitted to the County Board for final approval. The plan addresses the needs of county parks from–2020-2025.

Specialized and other privately owned facilities are not included in this report, however they are listed as private enterprises.

Golf courses, greenways, historic sites, conservancy areas, and floodplains are examples of specialized recreation areas. Most of these have limited active recreation value, are either undeveloped for recreation, or are not always available for use by the public. These areas are not considered in the evaluations made for this section of the plan except in those instances where a potential for park development is identified. However, it must be realized that specialized areas are an important adjunct to a community and its park program.

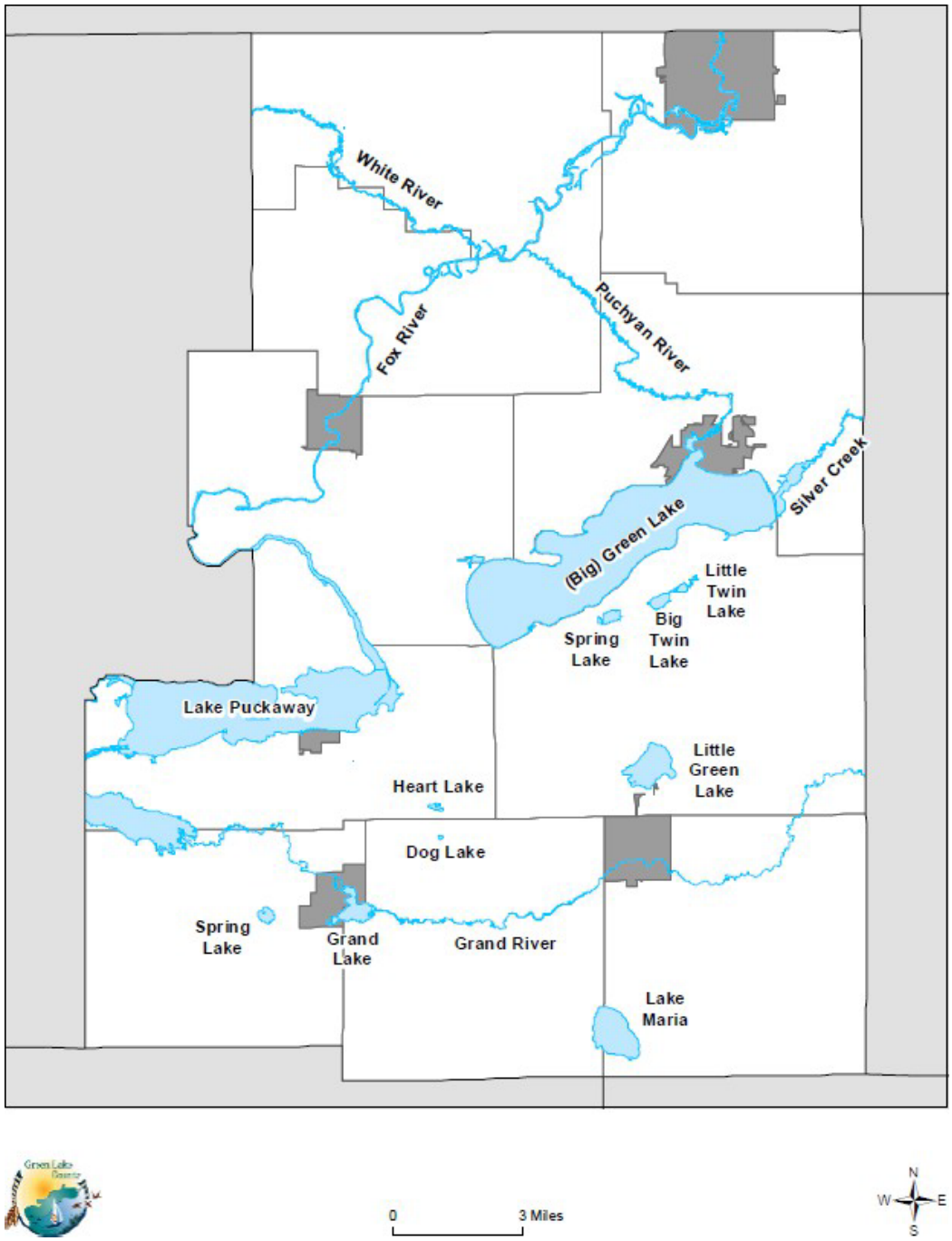
GREEN LAKE COUNTY

Green Lake County was established in 1858, and is located in the central part of Wisconsin. It is bordered by Waushara County to the North, Winnebago and Fond du Lac Counties to the East, Dodge and Columbia Counties to the South and Marquette County to the West. The Wisconsin Counties, Map 1, displays the location of Green Lake County within the state. The County has a land area of 226,739 acres, or approximately 349 square miles. Surface waters cover 17,120 acres, or about 8 percent of the county. Total land occupied by farms is 154,595 acres of which 119,913 acres are under crop production.

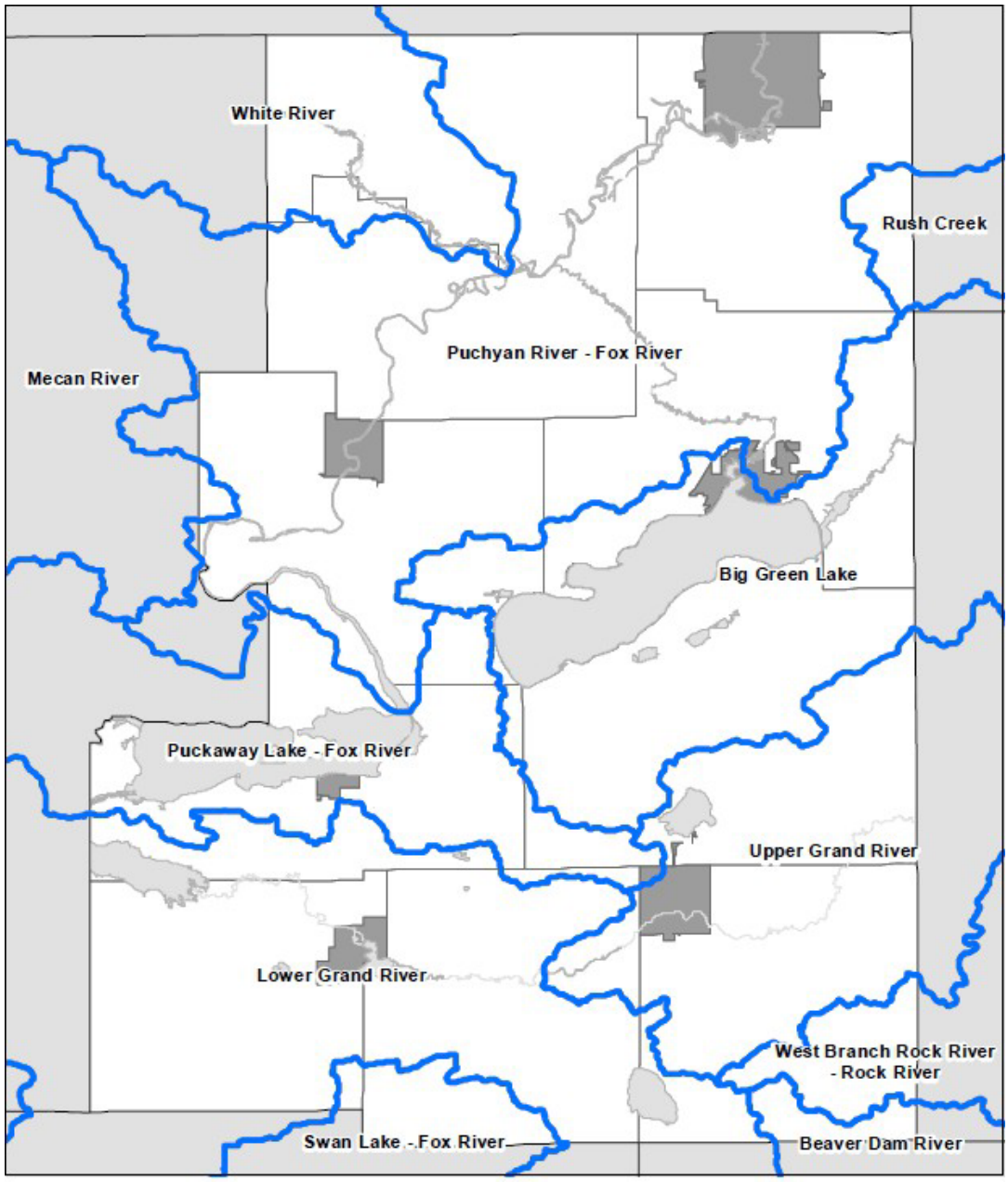


Map 1: Green Lake County within the State of Wisconsin

There are 36 lakes located in Green Lake County, 12 of which are named and 24 are unnamed. There are also 217.9 miles of streams and rivers. The primary rivers in the county are the White, the Puckyan, the Grand and the Fox (Map 2). All of the lands within Green Lake County drain to the Fox River, except for the extreme south-east corner of the county which drains into the Rock River (Map 3).



Map 2: Major Lakes and Streams in Green Lake County, WI



Map 3: Watersheds in Green Lake County, WI

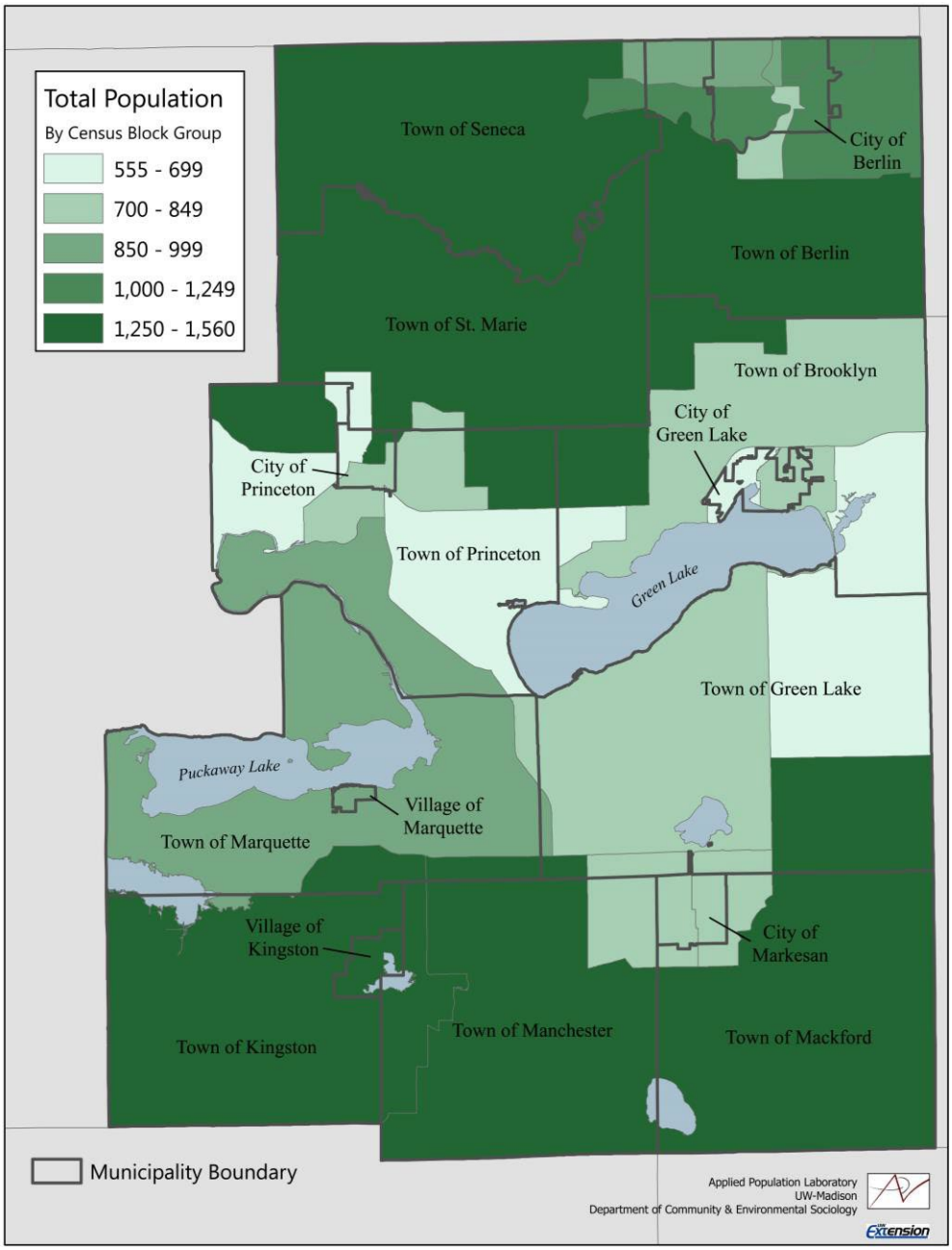
Green Lake is the largest lake in the county, occupying approximately 7920 acres, and is ranked as the seventh largest lake in the state (excluding man-made reservoirs). Being 236 feet deep, Green Lake is also Wisconsin's deepest inland lake. Lake Puckaway is the second largest lake in the county and ninth largest in the state. It covers approximately 5,013 acres.

Surface features of the county are largely the result of glaciation: ground moraine, with low hills and kettles interspaced with old glacial lakebeds and drainage ways. Bedrock escarpments and sand dunes give some diversity to this pattern. Elevations range from approximately 740 to 1080 feet above sea level.

Green Lake County contains four fourth class cities and two villages – Berlin, Markesan, Princeton and Green Lake, and Marquette and Kingston, respectively. Also ten townships – Berlin, Brooklyn, Green Lake, Kingston, Mackford, Manchester, Marquette, Princeton, Seneca and St. Marie. Table 1: displays historic and projected population estimates for Green Lake County. The 2010 Census reported that 19,051 persons were residing in the County.

Table 1: Population Projection for Green Lake County, WI

	1980	2010	2020
Population	18,370	19,051	19,201
White	98.6%	94.4%	92.8%
Hispanic/Latino	1.1%	3.9%	5.4%
Asian	0.1%	0.4%	0.8%
African American	0.1%	0.2%	0.8%
Multiracial	N/A	0.5%	0.3%
American Indian	0.1%	0.2%	N/A
Women	50.4%	50.1%	49.5%
Men	49.6%	49.9%	50.5%



Map X. Population of Green Lake County, WI by census block group

DEFINITIONS

Specialized Recreation Areas

Golf courses, historic sites, conservancy areas, linear trails, multi-use trails (non-motorized), and floodplains are examples of specialized recreation open space areas. Most of these have limited active recreation value, are not developed for multi-purpose recreation, or are not always available for use by the public. Although such areas are not considered in acreage evaluations made for Green Lake County, it must be recognized that specialized areas are an important adjunct to a community and its parks program. As future evaluations of recreation opportunities are undertaken, it may become necessary to include consideration of specialized recreation areas.

County Park

A County park is defined here as having good environmental quality and is greater in area than a community park with good accessibility by car, serving large portions of the county. These parks are usually within a half-hour drive of residents or 15 miles. It may provide a year around access for diversified multi-use recreation with a considerable amount of undeveloped land for people of all ages. It may also be developed in conjunction with some unique environmental, historical, etc. features of the county.

Regional Park

A Regional Park is defined here as having unique environmental quality with good regional accessibility to surrounding counties, cities, and village residents. It usually provides year - round recreation of a passive nature with emphasis on the natural state for people of all ages.

PARK STANDARDS

Type of Recreational Land		Acres per 1,000 Population
Regional Outdoor Recreation		100 Acres
State		80 Acres
County		15 Acres
Private		5 Acres
Local Outdoor Recreation		10 Acres
	Total Outdoor Recreation	110 Acres/1,000 Population

Regional Outdoor Recreation is broken into three levels of responsibility – the State, County and Private.

The Role of the State

The State's role is to provide 80 acres or 80 percent of the regional outdoor recreation. This quantity is divided into two types of open space.

1. State parks and recreation areas.
2. State forest, wildlife areas, scientific preservation areas, etc.

The Role of the County

It is recommended that the counties provide 15 acres or 15 percent of the regional outdoor recreation. When land is provided by towns, basically rural in population, that land should be considered part of the county's portion to meet the standard. The County's lands are composed of two general types also:

1. County Parks
2. County forests, wildlife, or preservation areas

Although rural towns may help to meet county standards, the majority of that requirement is the role of the county.

The Role of the Private Sector

It is recommended that the private sector is capable of supplying five acres per 1,000 population or five percent of regional outdoor recreation. This will not only help to satisfy the requirement of regional outdoor recreation, but will also be beneficial for economical gains. The private sector's portion is composed of golf courses, campgrounds, marinas, beaches, or conservation oriented areas.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The function of all plans is to set measureable goals and objectives. Therefore, it is imperative that a community formulate goals (ends) which it hopes to attain. This section's purpose is to make explicit the goals and objectives of Green Lake County's Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Goals may be defined as general statements of desirable ends, while objectives are measurable statements of desirable ends. Objectives are usually specific, but at all times they are in harmony with stated goals. As desires and needs change, so too must goals and objectives. Goals and objectives should be subjected to a continuous refinement process.

#1. Outdoor Recreation

Goal: To provide a planned system of Parks and Recreation Areas that contains a diversity of recreation activities and to maintain existing areas and park apparatus.

Objectives:

- To acquire and develop recreation lands necessary to meet the demand for recreational facilities for both permanent and seasonal Green Lake residents.
- To maximize the use of all public recreation lands within the county.
- To preserve or obtain public access to lakes, rivers, and streams and maximize their use for recreation.
- To provide shelter houses and convenience structures to support outdoor recreational activities.
- To maintain and beautify established parks through continued inspection and policing as necessary.
- To increase local recognition and pride, signs of uniform size and material should be installed at all parks and major thoroughfares leading to the parks.
- To maintain community support by providing affordable recreation programs.
- To provide facilities accessible to the elderly and handicapped.
- Multi-use trails

#2. Unique Natural and Cultural Resources

Goal: To preserve scarce and valuable resources important to the ecological, sociological and economic life of the county.

Objectives:

- To encourage the preservation and enhancement of natural features of the county from encroachment by man-made development including intensive recreational development, commercial recreation and second homes.
- To conserve vegetation and trees needed to prevent erosion and floods and to protect air and water quality.
- To conserve lands with soils and terrain highly suitable for agricultural activity.
- To preserve wetlands necessary for continued fisheries and wildlife habitat and for groundwater recharge purposes.
- To conserve ecological areas with sensitive plant life or irreplaceable high quality plant and animal communities.
- To preserve unique or unusual geological features.
- To protect historic buildings, landmarks and archaeological sites significant to the heritage of Green Lake County.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Green Lake County has a large inventory of natural and cultural resources. Some of these resources can be enjoyed without further development, while others will require improvements to achieve their full recreational potential. While these resources offer the major recreational opportunities in the county, their development must be carefully controlled so as not to destroy the very qualities that make them so unique in the first place.

Natural Resources

Important natural areas in Green Lake County have been identified by state and local officials and are further discussed in the Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan for East Central Wisconsin. Areas that have the highest environmental quality, good accessibility, and are potentially threatened by development pressures are generally viewed as the highest priority recreational and open space resources of the county.

Of the natural areas in the county, those areas having unique environmental characteristics, which the public should allow to remain as preservation areas are:

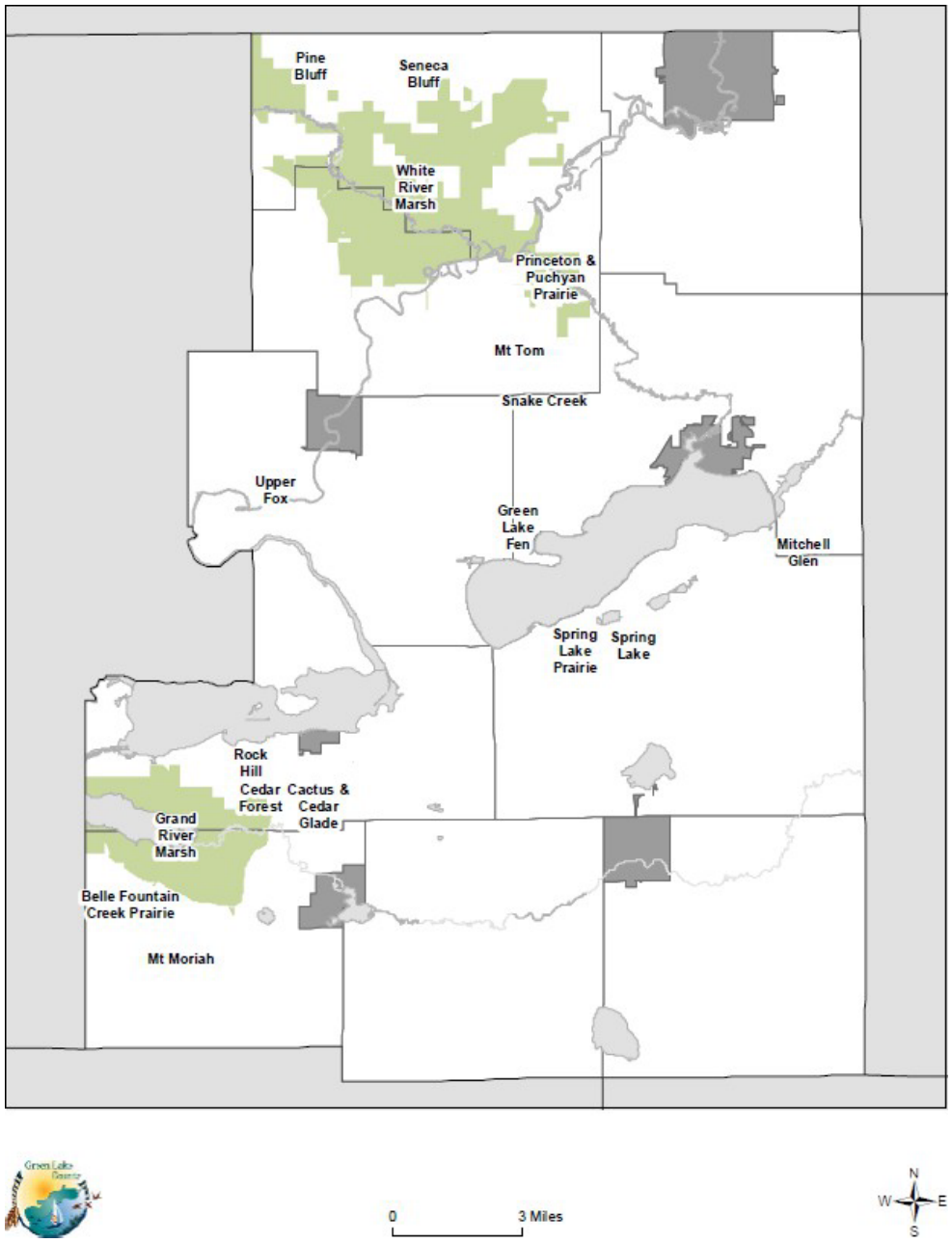
- The upper Fox River located southwest of Princeton has been identified as a regionally significant preservation area. This area, composed mostly of private ownership, should be kept in as natural a state as possible.

- The Snake Creek Corridor northwest of Green Lake has been identified as a regionally significant corridor. Methods such as conservancy zoning or floodplain zoning should be used by Green Lake County to ensure the preservation of the Snake Creek Corridor.

- The Mitchell Glen area located southeast of Green Lake has long been recognized as a natural resource preservation area. If investigation for acquisition as a public preservation area is not feasible, the private sector, which retains ownership, should be encouraged to protect the area from adverse development.

Cultural and Ecological Sites

Appreciation of the unique geological, historical, ecological, and archaeological heritage of the county is a significant educational aspect of public outdoor recreation. Most locations are still unprotected and in private ownership. Many risk deterioration or destruction because of new development. Others have not been investigated since they were initially inventoried in the early part of the century and may already have been destroyed or built over. The geological, historical and ecological sites identified should be maintained in their existing condition due to their attractive unique characteristics. In Green Lake County these sites are composed of public hunting and fishing areas, geological areas, ecological areas, and historical structures or sites displayed in Map 4 and listed on Table 2.



Map 4: Ecological sites in Green Lake County, WI

Table 2: Ecological sites in Green Lake County, WI

Wildlife Areas (WA)

White River Marsh Wildlife Area (10,593.55 Acres)
Grand River Marsh Wildlife Area (5,671.25 Acres)

Preservation Areas

SC = Snake Creek Corridor
MC = Mitchell's Glen
UF = Upper Fox, Southwest of Princeton

Geological and Ecological Areas

1. Mount Tom – 4 miles northwest of the City of Green Lake
2. Mitchell Glen – 2 miles southeast of the City of Green Lake
3. Monadnock Outcropping – southwest of Marquette
4. Princeton Prairie – 4 miles northeast of Princeton
5. Mount Moriah – 1 mile north of Dalton
6. Green Lake Fen – 4 miles southwest of Green Lake
7. Pine Knob – 8 miles west of Berlin
8. Marquette Cedar Forest – 1 mile southwest of Marquette
9. Spring Lake – 5 miles north of Markesan
10. Seneca Bluff – 4 miles west of Berlin
11. Cactus and Cedar Glade – 1 mile south of Marquette
12. Fountain Creek Prairie – 3 miles west of Kingston
13. Spring Lake Prairie – ¾ miles southwest of Spring Lake

EXISTING RECREATION AREAS

Existing public recreational areas in the County total over 16,500 acres, or nearly 8 percent of the total area of the County. These areas can be divided into five major categories related to their use and ownership: conservation areas; water surface areas; county parks; community parks; and water-access areas, the largest portion of which is state owned public hunting and fishing lands (16,264.80 acres). The second largest portion is county owned recreation lands (314 acres of which 84 acres are developed). These facilities, in addition to private campgrounds, golf courses, and forest crop land, play a dominant role in supplying opportunities for outdoor recreation.

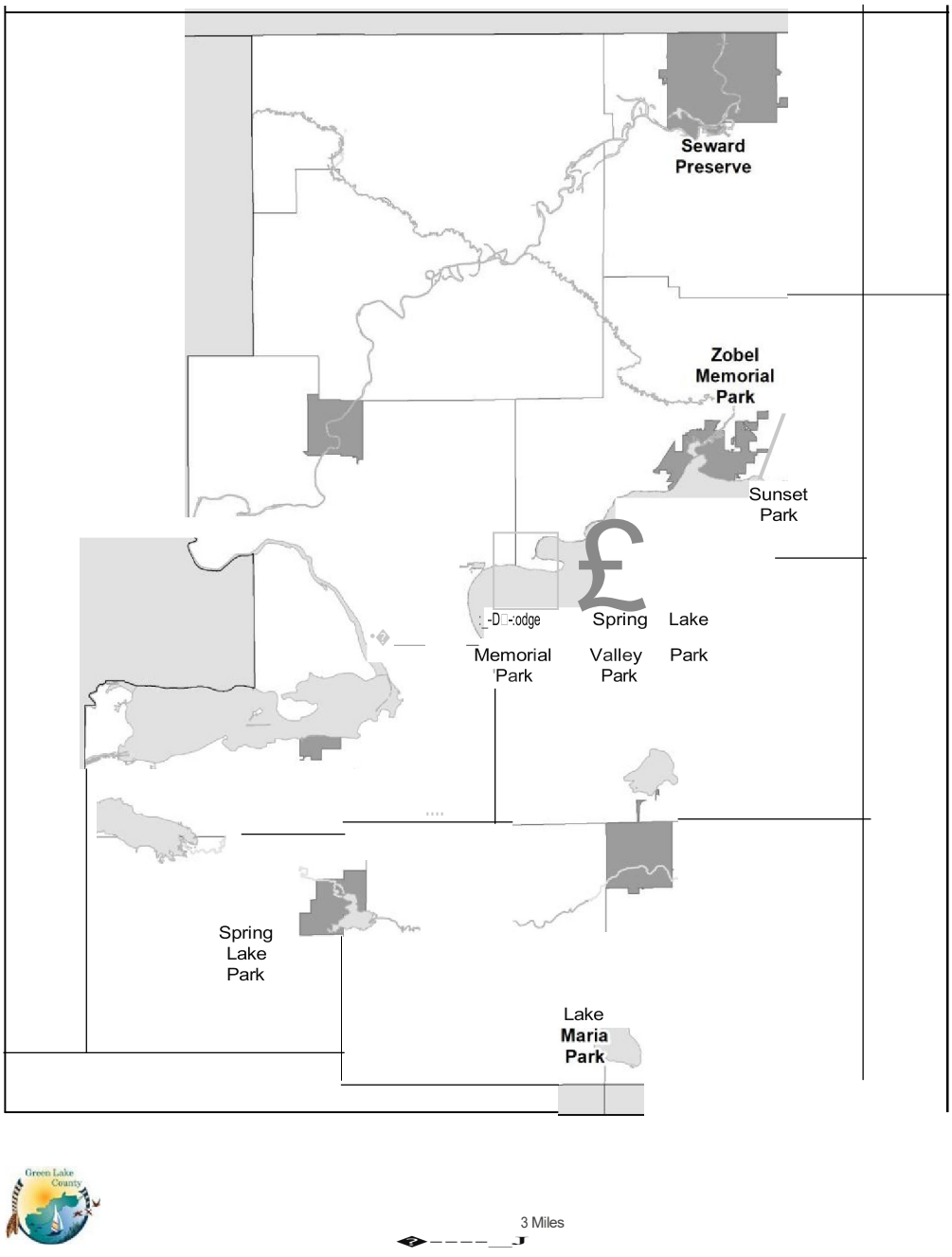
Conservation Areas

Two larger conservation areas, under development by the State Department of Natural Resources, cover over 16,000 acres in the County. The White River Marsh is located in the northwest part of the County; a major portion of the Grand River Marsh is located in the southwest part of the County. The objective of both projects is the propagation of waterfowl and their harvest through controlled hunting. A smaller state wildlife area (73 Acres) is also located at Heart Lake. In recent years, Operation Migration as established their whooping crane breeding and training operations within White River Marsh . The bird once faced extinction.

County Parks

The County maintains eight multi-purpose park areas providing a variety of recreation facilities and in addition, the County maintains several water-access sites. The largest of the parks is Dodge Memorial Park, on the south shore of the lake, which provides approximately 14 acres developed for intensive recreation and additional large undeveloped land and water acreage (approximately 230 acres). Spring Lake Park, located west of Kingston, is much smaller in size (totaling only four acres), but does provide beach and picnic facilities in addition to boating access. Zobel Park, containing 40 acres north of Green Lake, provides picnicking, hiking, sightseeing, a 18 hole Disk Golf Course, and nature related activities. Sunset Park on the east end of Big Green Lake is a relatively narrow park bordering County A. The park offers semi-improved boat landings, shore land fishing opportunity, restrooms and a covered picnicking shelter. The County Parks on Map 5 shows the location of each of the parks. Other parks include, Big Twin Park, and Lake Maria Park, Spring Valley, and Seward Preserve.

Map 5
County Parks



Map 5: County Parks for Green Lake County, WI

RECREATION INVENTORY

State Wildlife Areas

(State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources)

Name	Size (in acres)	Activities and Facilities
1. Grand River Marsh Wildlife Area (Town Marquette/Town Kingston)	5,671	Fishing (7 miles/minor river, boat launch), hunting, canoeing, scenic overlooks; public parking
2. White River Marsh Wildlife Area (Town Seneca/Town St. Marie)	10,594	Fishing (9 miles/minor river); hunting, canoeing, snowmobiling trail; public parking
3. Heart Lake Wildlife Area	73	Fishing, Hunting

County Parks and Lake Access

Name	Size (in acres)	Activities and Facilities
1. Dodge Memorial Park	244 (14 developed)	Boating, fishing, water-skiing (access to Green Lake – 7,325 acres 5 boat launches); picnicking; shelter; restrooms; playground equipment; improved parking lot (125 vehicles); well; swimming; ice fishing
2. Zobel Park	40	Picnicking (grills & tables); 2 restrooms; parking spaces for 125; benches; shelter; sledding hill; walking trails; xx-skiing; 18 hole disc golf
3. Spring Valley Park (Town Green Lake)	4	Boating; fishing (access to Spring Lake – 75 acres, one boat launch & pier); 2 place grill station; improved parking lot (30 vehicles)

4. Spring Lake Park (Kingston)	4.5	Boating; fishing (access to Spring Lake 70 acres, 1 boat launch); swimming (300 ft. beach); picnicking (tables & grills); 2 restrooms; improved parking lot (40 vehicles)

County Parks and Lake Accesses

Name	Size (in Acres)	Activities and Facilities
5. Big Twin Access	4	Boating; fishing (access to Big Twin Lake – 74 acres, 1 boat launch & pier); picnicking (2 grills); 1 restroom; improved parking lot (30 vehicles)
6. Sunset Park	2	Boating; fishing; (access to Green Lake – 7,325 acres, 4 boat launches); picnicking; 2 restrooms; improved parking lot (75 vehicles)
7. Wayside Lake Maria Access	4	Fishing (access to Lake Maria – 63acres, 1 boat launch); picnicking; 2 restrooms, improved parking lot (30 vehicles)
8. Seward Preserve	90	Nature conservatory

Township Public Accesses (Improved)

Name	Size (in acres)	Activities and Facilities
1. Horner's Landing (Town of Green Lake)	.05	Boating; fishing; (access to Green Lake – 7,325 acres, 1 boat launch; 30 parking spaces
2. Fox River (Town of St. Marie)	5	Boating; fishing; access to Fox River; 1 boat launch; improved parking lot (30 vehicles)

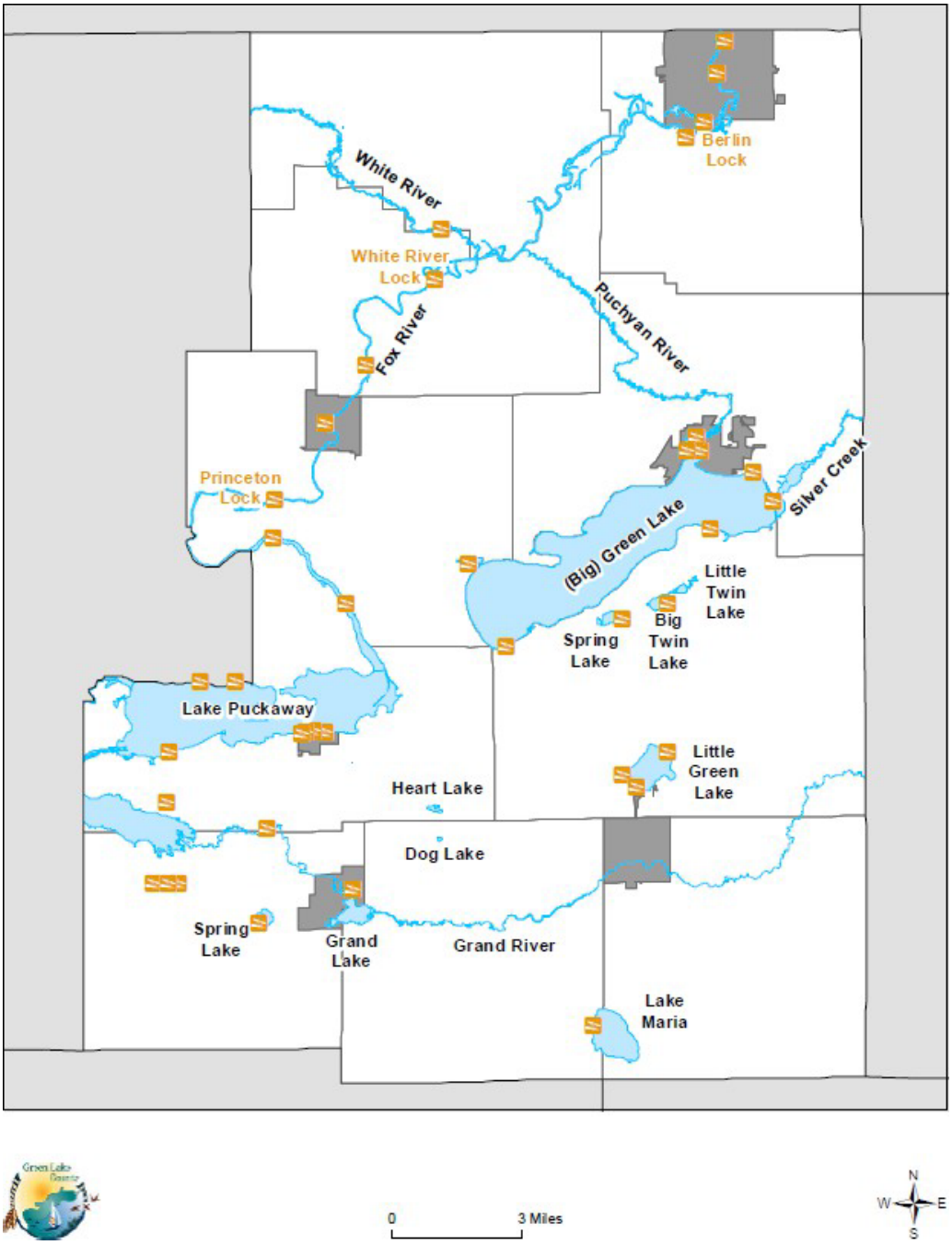
Fox River Locks

Name	Size (in acres)	Activities and Facilities
1. Berlin Lock	62.1	Boat launching ramps; parking; restrooms
2. Princeton Lock	26.25	Boat launching ramps; parking; restrooms
3. White River Lock	34.5	Boat launching ramps; parking; restrooms

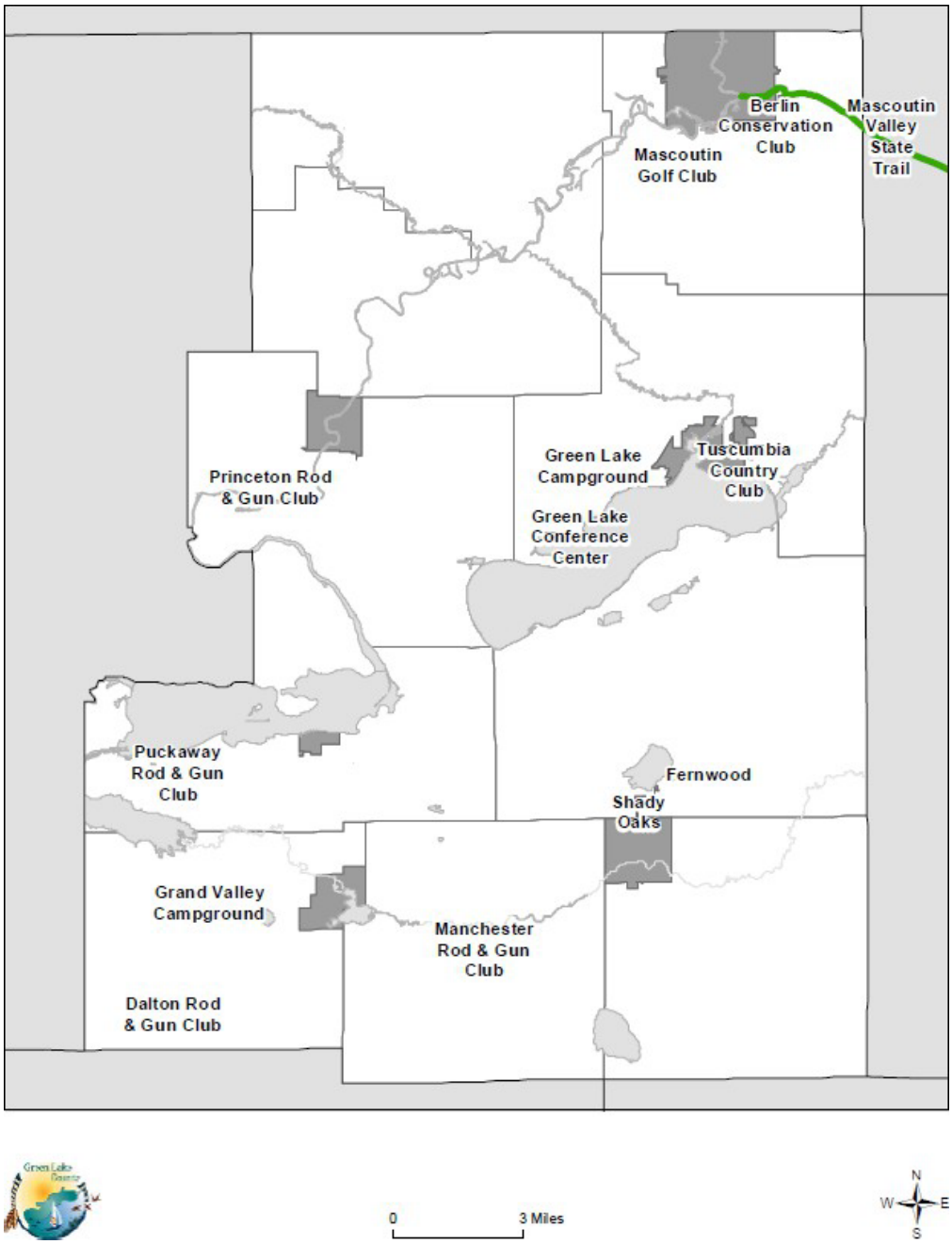
Quasi-Public Recreation Areas

Name	Size (in acres)	Activities and Facilities
1. Green Lake Conference Center (Town Brooklyn)	1,100	Boating; fishing; (access to Green Lake – 7,325 acres, 1 boat launch); bicycling and hiking trails (20 miles); snowmobiling trails (12 miles); swimming (50 ft. beach); camping (119 sites, restrooms); golfing (36 hole course); clubhouse, driving range); picnicking (4 acres – 120 tables, 25 grills, shelters, restrooms); tennis; basketball; disc golf; shuffleboard courts, skating rink; ball fields; tobogganing and sledding hills; skiing (250 acres slopes, 22 miles cross country); 500 plus parking places, restaurant.
2. Mascoutin Country Club (Town of Berlin)	160	Golfing (27-hole course, clubhouse, driving range); 125 parking spaces, restaurant.
3. Grand Valley Campground (Town of Kingston)	108	Camping; (200sites, restrooms, showers);; fishing (5 acre private lake); swimming (pool and pond); playground equipment; 19-hole mini-golf; ball fields; 2 recreation halls; 210 parking spaces, access to public hunting grounds next door.
4. Tuscumbia Country Club (City of Green Lake)	67	Golfing (18 hole course, 9-hole Par-3 course, clubhouse, driving range); 100 parking spaces; restaurant.

Name	Size (in acres)	Activities and Facilities
5. Green Lake Campground (Town of Brooklyn)	65	Camping (350spaces, restrooms); swimming (1/4 acres private lake & 4 pools); picnicking (150 tables, 130 grills); playground equipment; ballfields; 150 parking spaces.
6. Shady Oaks Campground (Town of Green Lake)	30	Camping (165 spaces, restrooms)
7. Fernwood Trailer Camp (Town of Green Lake)	10	Camping (32 sites, restrooms)
8. Berlin Conservation Club (Town of Berlin)	110 10	Camp Refuge Skeet, trap, rifle, pistol and archery ranges.
9. Dalton Rod & Gun Club (Town of Kingston)	28.4	Trap, rifle and pistol ranges.
10. Manchester Rod & Gun Club (Town of Manchester)	17.8	Trap and skeet ranges.
11. Princeton Rod & Gun Club (Town of Princeton)	29.39	Trap, rifle, pistol and archery ranges.
12. Puckaway Rod & Gun Club (Town of Marquette)	10	Trap, rifle, pistol and archery ranges.
13. Mascoutin Multi-Use Trail	12 miles total (2.5 miles in GLC)	Walking, biking, bird-watching, snowmobiling.



Map 6: Boat Landings and Launches in Green Lake County, WI



Map7: Quasi-Public Recreation Areas in Green Lake County, WI

Public Access Areas

In addition to the multi-purpose parks, there are a number of public areas devoted to providing boating access. Green Lake, Puckaway, and the Fox River have the largest number of such access points. Most are under the jurisdiction of township units of government. See Map 6, Boat Landings and Locks for their locations.

Recreation Action Program

As previously noted in this plan, Green Lake County has had a relatively constant population over time. In 2010, Green Lake County had a population of 19,051; the County population is projected be 19,201 by 2020. It's estimated that the already substantial seasonal population has increased in the county from 30,000 in 2000 to 34,000 by the year 2010, placing further pressure on county recreational facilities.

Present Demand

Extensive acreage devoted to recreation in Green Lake County is satisfactory to meet residential population demands. However, it fell below recommended standards in 2000 when you consider summer residents and tourists. One can only suggest that if the county is able to reasonably acquire additional parkland or one of the recommended preservation areas, that it be seriously considered.

Standard: 15 Acres per 1,000 population					
Year	Res. Pop. Proj.	Existing Rec. Acres	Surplus /Deficiency	Inc. Proj. Summer Max. Population	Surplus /Deficiency
2000	19,105	314	+28	30,000	-136
2010	19,051	314	+24	34,000	-196
2020	19,201	314		34,000	

Surpluses were available for activities such as camping, boating, fishing, canoeing and golfing. Private facilities are a major resource to meet many of these needs, particularly those such as golf, and camping. Fulfilling demand generated by seasonal residents and tourism depends to a great extent on development of private facilities.

Future Demand

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 20 percent of recreation demand in Green Lake County is generated by the resident population of the County; while 80 percent comes from tourism and seasonal development generated by proximity to Chicago, Milwaukee and the lower Fox River Valley. This demand tends to be concentrated in certain activities such as pleasure driving, boating, swimming, fishing, picnicking, sightseeing, and in the future is expected to increase the demands for hunting, fishing, camping, nature study, and biking hiking and multi-use trails.

5 Year Plan - Specific Recommendations (See Appendix I)

General Recommendations for Existing Facilities

- Additional picnic facilities (tables, benches, and grills) should be added to all county parks and accesses.

- Additional development facilities that may be considered are, dependent on available resources: improved boat landings, shelters, restroom facilities, parking lot improvements, landscaping and safety lighting.

- Town owned public lake accesses should be considered for improvements to the access roads and boat launch areas. This might entail new gravel and blacktopping. Units of government might in addition to the above consider the addition of picnic tables, grills and restroom facilities at these accesses, if feasible.

Areas that are identified as valuable county resources should be preserved.

- Areas, corridors and sites that contain unique environmental qualities offer great potential for satisfying many outdoor recreational needs simultaneously. The preservation of these areas will be of major significance in controlling scattered development patterns, preserving wetlands and other environmentally sensitive areas for wildlife habitat and passive recreation, preserving recognized scientific areas, and serving as learning resource centers. These areas were identified in the prior section on Natural and Cultural Resources.

- For the recommended preservation areas, the county should consider maintaining all these areas in their natural state. In maintaining and, in some cases, improving these natural resources, the county should consider establishing these policies:

    - Require an evaluation of the impacts of future recreational development or other development on the natural resources of the county prior to the approval of such development.

    - For all major development projects, evaluate water quality impacts on the Upper Fox River and its tributaries to insure that such development is compatible with the maintenance of water quality standards.

- In future land acquisition activities, the county may consider one of these sites or encourage the private sector to preserve these areas through enforcement of the aforementioned policies.

Continued maintenance of all county parks and public water accesses with periodic replacement or upgrading of equipment and access facilities is desirable.

- Existing facilities are serviceable and attractive and well located for residents of the county.

Provide a public snowmobile trail system through implementation of a Green Lake County Snowmobile Trail Plan.

- A snowmobile trail plan that will meet county needs and at the same time link up with a region wide system should be continued and maintained. Note: the snowmobile clubs have the plan.

OTHER RECREATION FACILITIES

In addition to the state and county lands, which together account for the largest proportion of parkland in Green Lake County, two other types of facilities supplement the recreation needs in the county.

Municipal Parks

Each urban community within the County should continue to provide active recreation facilities for its residents. These facilities for active recreation supplement the state and county park and wildlife areas which are generally designed for passive or nature study recreation, or certain activities such as hunting or boating which draw from a wider area. Existing facilities are serviceable, generally attractive, and well located for the residents of the individual community. Continued maintenance of these parks along with periodic replacement of equipment and access facilities is desirable.

As stated earlier, there is currently a deficit of available recreational area due to the increased number of summer residents and tourists. Often these persons congregate in the municipal parks and recreation areas. This being the case it is recommended that if a municipality has the opportunity to purchase new or expand/improve existing recreational areas the county would hope they do so. These actions will allow more people to enjoy Green Lake County and will help to alleviate the deficiency in available recreational land.

Quasi-Public Recreation Facilities

Since the private recreation areas in Green Lake County presently provide the only facilities for activities such as camping, skiing and golfing, continued maintenance and development of private facilities will be essential if the County is to meet recreation needs generated by tourism and seasonal residents. In particular, the County should continue to encourage the development of high quality private campgrounds to meet future needs for this activity.

APPENDIX I

Green Lake County
Five-Year Plan

Green Lake County Parks and Recreation Plan
Updated Outdoor Recreation Plan
2026 – 2030

Revised by Land, Water, Parks and Community Committee
November 2026

Adopted by the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors
Add Date

Updated Parks and Recreation Updated Action Plan
2026 – 2030

The action plan was generated by the Land, Water, Parks and Community Committee and through review of the on-line parks survey.

Park Name	2026-2030 Action Items
Dodge Memorial Park	Update/replace playground equipment with a focus on increasing accessibility. Expand the beach area. Include ADA access to the beach area.
Sunset Park	Install an updated concrete pit restroom replacement. Include ADA compliant sidewalk to ensure accessibility. Expand native plantings and new trees.
Twin Lake	New boat landing was installed in Spring of 2026; final concrete approach remains to be completed by contractor due to water levels. Add small post frame building. Potential parking lot resurfacing.
Spring Valley (Town of Green Lake)	Discovered saturated earth when parking lot project started in Spring of 2026 which added significant expense to the project. Solutions will be determined. Final parking lot size was doubled.
	Small post frame building was removed from action plan because there is not enough space with the parking lot expansion
	New boat landing was installed in Spring of 2026; final concrete approach remains to be completed by contractor due to water levels.
Spring Lake (Town of Kingston)	Expand the beach area. Remove dead Ash trees and replace with hardier trees. Add stone and gravel to boat launch.
Lake Maria	Add stone and gravel to boat launch.
Zobel Park	Add kiosks at the upper and lower areas. Improve signage and maps. Remove dead and fallen trees, replace with hardier trees.
	Note that parking lot still has ½ of its remaining life. Include in next five year plan.
Funding	Explore information on possible grants and other funding sources for significant action items included in the plan.

Mascoutin Valley State Trail

Update all signage

Multi-Use Recreational Trails (non-motorized/motorized)

Continue to improve existing trail system
Investigate areas for additional multi use trails
In coordination with Highway Department/Townships, investigate areas along state roads, county roads, town roads, possibilities for multi-use trails when feasible

COUNTY WIDE

Investigate acquisition of land for new parks and nature areas when feasible

Contract Between Green Lake County
and Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System

This contract is by and between Green Lake County, State of Wisconsin (**County**), and Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, on behalf of the University of Wisconsin - Madison, Division of Extension (**Extension**) and is entered into pursuant to the authority vested in the County Committee on Agriculture and Extension Education by sections 59.22(2)(d) and 59.56(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Whereas, Extension is organized both around geography, as Extension educators deliver programs in communities throughout the state, and around academic disciplines including Agriculture, Natural Resources, Community Development, Youth, Human Development & Relationships, and Health;

Whereas, Extension is committed to maintaining an office in every county willing to commit to continued funding and space for Extension staff. Extension recognizes the value in keeping a local presence in every county and keeping the shortest distance possible between the people of Wisconsin and the Extension staff delivering programming to them;

Whereas, Extension provides opportunities to additional resources such as statewide specialists and UW-System campus resources to address specific local issues in core areas of expertise;

Whereas, the County is a critical partner in developing and implementing key educational priorities for county residents. In collaboration with Extension leadership, counties will identify local services of priority to their communities. County will agree to co-fund Extension educators based upon annually established flat fees for positions as defined below; and

Whereas, the parties need to define their respective rights and responsibilities;

Now therefore, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Term, Amendment & Termination**.

   a. The term of this contract is one (1) year. The term shall run from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027, unless amended or terminated as set forth below.

   b. Any additions, changes, modifications or renewals of this contract are subject to the mutual agreement and written consent of authorized representatives of both parties.

   c. Either the County or Extension may cancel this entire Agreement with or without cause upon sixty (60) days' written notice delivered by mail or in person; provided, however, the County shall be responsible for paying a prorated amount of fees under Section 3.1.a. through the notice period. In addition, if the contract is cancelled before the end of the term, the discount identified in Section 3.1.a. shall

be prorated (i.e. the discount amounts to roughly $834 per month).

2. **Extension Responsibilities**. Extension agrees to:

   a. Hire local Extension staff who will deliver educational services aligned to County priorities. As vacancies occur, and if the County and Extension agree to continue to support the desired program and position, Extension will seek County input when filling vacant positions.
   b. Provide an Area Extension Director (AED) to serve as County department head and supervise Extension staff at no cost to the County.
   c. Invoice the County semi-annually, in May and November for amounts due under this agreement.

3. **County Responsibilities**

   3.1 In consideration of the programs that Extension provides to the County under this contract, the County agrees to:

   a. Pay to Extension the County share of up to $ 105,105.00 for the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027 as allocated below.

Co-Funded Positions	**Fee**	**FTE**	**Total**
4-H Program Educator	$50,045	1.0	$50,045
Community Development Educator	$50,045	.8	$40,036
Agriculture Educator—Regional Livestock	$50,045	.25	$12,512
Agriculture Educator—Regional Crops	$50,045	.25	$12,512
First Educator Discount			($10,000)
Subtotal			**$105,105**
Proposed or fully-county funded positions and other county contributions	**Fee**	**FTE**	**Total**
Final Total			**$105,105.00**

   b. Provide travel funds, office facilities (for Green Lake County located at: Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Rd. A, Green Lake, WI 54941), information technology equipment (such as computers, printer, and phones) and internet connectivity, access to Extension supported technology resources, office supplies, and educational programming materials to the Extension educators identified in 3.1(a),

c. Provide salary and fringe benefits for the County clerical support staff who support the Extension educators identified in 3.1(a),
d. Provide other supporting budgetary items through regular County budgetary procedures in which funds are appropriated for such purposes under applicable Wisconsin law.

3.2 Consider and assess opportunities to provide office space with a desk and chair for fully state funded Extension employees who serve in a regional or statewide capacity. These regional and statewide educators will be provided state-purchased technology and IT support. The opportunity for these positions to access the internet through the county may also be discussed.

4. **Delegation of Financial Budget Authority.** The parties hereby acknowledge that Extension will employ an Area Extension Director (AED), whose responsibilities may include certain budget-related functions as set forth in the Delegation of Financial Budget Authority Form (DFBA Form) attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. County may authorize the AED to carry out such functions on its behalf, but only to the extent specified in in the DFBA Form, which must be signed by an authorized representative of County in order to be effective. The County may rescind such authorization at any time by providing written notice to Extension. In the event that the parties execute a new agreement governing the subject matter of this agreement such that the term of this agreement and the term of the new agreement run consecutively, the parties agree that the delegations set forth in a duly signed DFBA Form shall remain in effect upon execution of the new agreement unless the County rescinds such authorization by providing written notice to Extension.

5. **General Conditions** This contract is established under the following conditions:

a. **Notices**. Any notice or demand which must be given or made by a party to this Agreement or any statute or ordinance shall be in writing, and shall be sent via e-mail and certified mail. Notices to the County shall be sent to County Representative(s). Notice to the Extension shall be sent to Area Extension Director.

b. **Employer, Personnel Rules, Volunteers and Liability**. Any employees hired by Extension under Section 2.a. of this contract are employees of Extension, and are subject to the personnel rules, policies, and procedures for faculty, academic staff or University staff, as appropriate to the respective appointment in Extension as established by Wisconsin statute, and, or administrative rules; and, or, by policies or procedures adopted by the Board of Regents and the University of Wisconsin - Division of Extension. Any individual who meets Extension's definition of a volunteer and completes all registration requirements will be considered an Extension volunteer. Extension will be responsible for ensuring that its employees and volunteers take affirmative steps to make clear, when entering into relationships with third parties, that they are employees or volunteers of Extension. Extension shall be liable for the acts and omissions of its employees while acting within the scope of such employment. To the extent they are acting as agents of Extension, Extension shall be liable for the acts and omissions of its volunteers while acting within the scope of such agency.

Any individuals who are employed by the County in order to satisfy obligations under Section 3.1 of this contract (fully county funded) are County employees and are subject to applicable County personnel rules, policies and procedures. Any volunteer engaged by County to further the purposes of this contract will be considered a volunteer of County. County will be responsible for ensuring that its employees and volunteers take affirmative steps to make clear, when entering into relationships with third parties, that they are employees or volunteers of County. County shall be liable for the acts and omissions of its employees while acting within the scope of such employment. To the extent they are acting as agents of County, County shall be liable for the acts and omissions of its volunteers while acting within the scope of such agency.

c. **Billing**. For the period January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027, Extension shall bill the County for the total amount under Section 3.1.a. of this contract. The County will be billed for the first half of the total contract by May 31st and the second half of the total contract by November 30th. If services are not rendered or excess services are provided to the County by Extension during the contract period, the parties will use good faith efforts to adjust the total contract amount and update future bills to coincide with the new agreed upon amount. The County shall pay the amount billed within 30 days of the billing.

d. **Cybersecurity Provisions.** Each party shall be responsible for the response to, remediation of, and any resulting notification requirements related to cybersecurity breaches of their own information technology systems or those of any third parties hired on their behalf. This responsibility includes the financial costs of any breaches, e.g., forensics, remediation, notifications, etc. The County and Extension shall determine their individual need for cyber liability insurance coverage. Any breaches that could impact Extension data classified as moderate or high risk must be reported to Extension staff, via the Area Extension Director, and the University of Wisconsin - Madison Cybersecurity Operation Center (CSOC) Help Desk, 608-264-4357 following the risk-based timelines outline in the UWSA System Policy 1033 and associated Incident Response Plan. Following a reported breach event, the County will provide a primary staff contact and periodic response updates to Extension and the CSOC until event closure. Any breaches that could impact County data will be reported to the County immediately upon learning of the breach. The County shall provide the Area Director with the expressed point person or position for which to report a breach.

e. **Insurance**. The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System as an agency of the State, and consequently, Extension, is self-funded for liability (both public and property) under ss. 893.82 and 895.46(1), Wis. Stats. As a result, such protection as is afforded under respective Wisconsin Statutes is applicable to officers, employees, and agents while acting within the scope of their employment or agency. Since this is statutory insurance, there is no liability policy as such that can extend protection to any others.

County agrees to maintain appropriate insurance to cover the potential liability of its officers, employees and agents while acting within the scope of their employment or agency. Such insurance may be provided through a self-insurance

program. To the extent that an Extension employee is allowed to use a County vehicle, the responsibility for insuring that vehicle lies with the County.

f. **Nondiscrimination Statement**. The County and Extension will comply with all applicable state and federal laws and rules prohibiting unlawful discrimination. The University of Wisconsin–Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law**.**

By:_____ Date:
County Representative

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By:_____ Date:
Area Extension Director
UW-Madison, Division of Extension

By:_____ Date:
County Representative

By:_____ Date:
Director of Financial Services
UW-Madison, Division of Extension

By:_____ Date:
On Behalf of Board of Regents of
The University of Wisconsin System

Exhibit A

Delegation of Financial Budget Authority Form

Area Extension Directors play an important part in county Extension offices as they manage the faculty and staff within that county, and many times, that includes the county support staff. Area Extension Directors also work with county partners to develop a departmental budget and provide oversight to that budget on an annual basis in cooperation with corresponding county financial departments and county board committees. The Delegation of Financial Budget Authority allows Area Extension Directors, hired, and managed by Extension as state employees, to manage county fiscal resources in service to the people of those counties.

To be completed by the county administrator or county official delegating signature/budget authority.

County hereby delegates to the Area Extension Director for Green Lake County and _____(no other person, if blank) authority to approve/authorize the following financial budget matters on behalf of County, provided, however, that such delegation is limited to the extent that such matters are directly related to County's authority under section 59.22(2)(d) and 59.56(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes and subject to any conditions/limitations indicated by County below.

Invoices	Travel Reimbursements	Supply & Expense Reimbursements
Time/Leave Approvals	Purchase Requisitions	Internal Budget Transfers
Inter- departmental transfers	County specific space agreements for educational programs	Bank account signatory
Other items:		
Conditions:		

This authorization is effective until either party (UW-Madison Extension or Green Lake County) requests a change to the document

Budget Authority signature: I am aware this constitutes a delegation of budget authority allowing the Area Extension Director, and any other position mentioned above, to manage county fiscal resources in service to the Extension office and residents of Green Lake County. I understand that delegating authority does not release Green Lake County, from full responsibility as Budget Authority.

County Administrator/County Official(s):

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee
Land & Water Conservation Dept. November 12, 2026 Report

October 2026 Projects

- Inspect open erosion control permits and review new permit applications for erosion control and stormwater management.
- Review of Stormwater Management Plan application and design plan for building expansion, Town of Manchester

- Construction Inspection for heavy use protection and roof projects, Town of Princeton
- Complete design for rock-lined waterway, Town of Mackford
- Begin design for 2 Water and Sediment Control Basins and 2 Underground Outlets, Town of Manchester
- Complete stream crossing installation, Town of Mackord
- Completed new county buffer program application, completed ranking and design. Developing agreement.

- Continue inspecting all existing animal waste storage facilities per County Animal Waste Management Ordinance.
- Deliver and calibrate No-till Drill
- Assist Green Lake Farmers Coalition with planning, application, outreach, and social media
- Attended Fall Technical Tour – Outagamie County
- Winterize boat wash station
- Assist 4 landowners with CEMA 216 Soil Health Testing.
- Submitted application for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) FY2027 proposal.
- Attended County Conservationist meeting, Wausau

November 2026 Planned Projects

- Continue planning for a Green Lake County Stewardship Program.
- Continue project planning for streambank stabilization structures and harvestable buffers.
- Continue construction checks on heavy use protection and roof structure projects.

Lake and River Report

Lake Puckaway – Invited to December 2, 2026, meeting with Lake Puckaway Rehabilitation and Protection District and DNR regarding the new Princeton Dam Operation Plan.
Twin Lakes – Waiting for final Lake Management Plan from consultant.
Spring Lake (Kingston) – No update
Spring Lake (Green Lake) – No update
Little Green – Meeting with GEI Consultant and DNR for 9KE Plan Development. Correct errors in SNAPV3 database for GEI Consultants.
Green Lake – Multiple Lake Management Plan update meetings and discussions. Discussion on Internal Loading. Meeting regarding County K marsh wind-wave study. Attended meeting to listen to Silver Creek Restoration proposal.
Grand Lake – No update
Other – Continuing DNR water sampling on 4 streams.

Golden Sands AIS Update

- See attached report

Producer Led Watershed Group:

- Green Lake Farmers Coalition Annual Meeting held.
- Liv assisting group as needed.

Upcoming Events:

November 19, 2026 – Golden Sands RC&D Board Meeting – Stevens Point
November 23, 25, 28 – Deer Donation Partners Program collection – Highway Shop
*April 4, 2028 – DATCP Land & Water Board Meeting for 10-year Revision of LWRM Plan

Grant Received:

- County Conservation Aids Grant - $1880.26 (Spring Lake Boat Launch Repair)

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

October Aquatic Services Highlights 2026

County LMPN planning for 2027 and reporting for 2026. Staff had meetings with DNR and County staff. 2027 Cooperative agreements were sent to all counties for signatures. Signed agreements and the pre-application forms are returned to Golden Sands RC&D which will be sent to DNR by November 11th. The current grant is being wrapped up and ends December 31, 2026. **Thank you for your continued partnership!**

Outreach packets were sent to dock service providers reminding them of the WI laws to prevent spreading AIS while performing lake services to residents. Counties with known providers include: Columbia, Green Lake, Juneau, Marathon, Marquette, Portage, Waupaca and Waushara.

Staff participated in the fall LMPN AIS Partnership meetings Oct. 27 & 28.

Prohibited invasive water lettuce was found in Trempealeau Co. Staff is asisting with follow up and completed monitoring on other suspect, nearby waters. No other plants were observed.

Wood Lake AIS & Water Quality plan was open for public comment from Oct 9 -30, 2026. Notice printed in the Marquette Co. Tribune Oct 8, 2026, page 16.

Assisted Pine Lake-Township of Springwater Waushara Co in reviewing a 2027 surface water grant application. Assistance planning and reviewing surface water grant applications is covered under LMPN services.

Collaborated with DNR staff to present New Zealand mudsnail, other AIS and stream information to Rowan Creek Friends group.

Golden Sands RC&D Council staff attended the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference (UMISC) in LaCrosse Oct. 6-8. Staff had a booth promoting invasives species prevention and our invasives programs. Staff presented AIS prevention methods towards trappers and waterfowl hunters. Staff attended presentations to learn about various other invasives, projects, techniques and ways to partner with others on invasives work. Assisted with a pet surrender event at UMISC, 1 red-eared slider turtle was surrendered.

AIS article submitted to WI Trappers Assoc. magazine for winter edition.







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Green Lake October 2026 Report

Agriculture: Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator, Waushara, Adams, Green Lake, Portage, adam.hartfiel@wisc.edu

Upcoming Events

- Beef Round Up: An online free webinar series: https://livestock.extension.wisc.edu/beef-roundup/



- Beef 101: School for Beginning Beef Production: A free online 7-part webinar series: https://livestock.extension.wisc.edu/school-for-beginning-beef-production/



- A workshop designed for beef producers to better understand what options are available when fall forage runs out, pasture management considerations, and information on flies, ticks, and screwworms.
    - Total Reach: 21 participants
    - An evaluation was given to the 21 participants, and it showed a knowledge increase of 63% in pasture management, 44% in alternative feeds/forage options, and 225% in flies, ticks, and screwworms.
- An educational article for the Wisconsin State Farmer newspaper, for farmers and ag industry professionals, focusing on culling decisions and herd improvement for beef producers. Total Reach: The Wisconsin State Farmer has a circulation of approximately 26,000.
    - The Wisconsin State Farmer includes articles written and peer-reviewed by the Division of Extension educators on crops, soils, dairy, and livestock topics. Livestock-focused articles are intended for the publication's beef producer audience, and for all articles, the editor asks us to increase livestock producers' awareness of current best management practices.
- An in-person workshop focusing on direct marketing meat off farm as well as meat quality and yield. The workshop also discussed useful decision tools that UW-Madison Extension have available for participants on the UW-Madison Extension Livestock website.
    - Total Reach: 8 total participants for the workshop
    - Participants demonstrated an increase in knowledge after taking a survey. The increases in educational understanding occurred over all three topics: 1. 300% knowledge increases from participants from the "Licensing and Labeling" presentation from DATCP. Participants were asked to rate their knowledge of the topic before and after the presentation on a 1-5 scale. 1. Being little to no knowledge, 5 being an

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expert.2. 60% knowledge increases in "Direct Marketing Tools," a presentation from WI Beef Council. 100% increase in "Meating" consumer expectations, a presentation from UW-Extension on quality and yield grade.

- A series of phone calls and farm visits in Adams, Green Lake, Waushara and Portage counties to address concerns brought up by livestock producers. This effort is designed to assist livestock producers in providing research-based information for their use to help improve and maintain economic viability for their operation.

Agriculture: Karen Bender, Regional Crops Educator, Waushara, Adams, Green Lake, Portage, karen.bender@wisc.edu

- A publication for farmers throughout Wisconsin to provide timely information on weather patterns, crop outlooks, and pest and disease information. This publication provides growers with data to drive decision making in-season and connects them with additional resources.
- A training for private pesticide applicators to educate participants on the regulations and best practices for using and handling restricted use pesticides (RUPs). This training session prepares participants for the certification exam which tests their knowledge on pesticide regulations and proper pesticide handling and use. Ultimately, training people on the proper use of pesticides can not only protect those using pesticides, but also help protect other humans, nontarget organisms (e.g., wildlife), and the environment.

Community Development

Patricia Malone-patricia.malone@wisc.edu

- A series of events for a county planning committee to help them understand the comprehensive planning process and be able to apply that knowledge to complete a county comprehensive plan.
- A study on the current status of housing in Green Lake County. Results from this study will help local elected officials determine their role and level of involvement in county housing issues.

Positive Youth Development

Sadie Dean, sadie.dean@wisc.edu

- A quarterly session for Cloverbuds (K-2nd grade), where youth will start to explore different project areas available through 4-H. Through these sessions, youth will find their sparks and build belonging early in the 4-H program.
- A 4-H Welcome Night for 4-H families, members, and volunteers. The goal is for 4-H youth and adults to explore and learn all that Green Lake County 4-H has to offer.
- Professional Development and Networking opportunities included participation in the 2026 4-H Fall Forum in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, ongoing weekly NCR DESP Professional Development Series on effective volunteer leadership and engagement strategies, and SYNC Coalition meetings.

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