



**OFFICE OF KIM TRUEBLOOD
COUNTY CLERK
MARATHON COUNTY**



Marathon County Mission Statement: Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business.

ADJOURNED ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – AGENDA

THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, composed of thirty-eight (38) members, will convene at the Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, on **Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** to consider the following matters:

The meeting will be broadcast on Public Access or at <https://tinyurl.com/MarathonCountyBoard>

A. OPENING OF SESSION:

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Gibbs at 7:00 p.m., the agenda being duly signed and posted
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Followed by a Moment of Silence/Reflection
3. Reading of Notice
4. Request for silencing of cellphones and other electronic devices
5. Roll Call
6. Acknowledgment of visitors

B. EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

7. Standing Committee Chairpersons or Designees
8. Education Presentation from Progressive Energy Regarding Conduit Bonding Request

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

9. Approval of minutes from the September 19 & 26, 2023 County Board Meetings
10. Referral of bills and communications to respective committees
11. Authorizing the Clerk to issue orders, bills, and claims from the last session through this session
12. Ordinances:
 - a. Town of Knowlton Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Andrew Borntreger #O-36-23
 - b. Town of Wien Rezone – Tim Vreeland for National Holdings, LLC #O-37-23
13. Resolutions:
 - a. Offer to Purchase Portion of Property at Stewart Ave and 72nd Ave #R-53-23

D. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

14. Resolution to Accept State-Local Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Assistance #R-54-23

E. EXTENSION, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

15. Marathon County Government’s Role in Providing Affordable High-Quality External Childcare #R-55-23

SIGNED: Chair Kurt Gibbs
Presiding Officer or Designee

EMAILED TO: Wausau Daily Herald, City Pages, and other Media Groups
EMAILED BY: _____
DATE & TIME: _____

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE
BY: _____
DATE & TIME: _____

F. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

16. Announcements and / or Requests

17. Motion to Adjourn

WITNESS: My signature this 24th day of October, 2023

Kim Trueblood
Marathon County Clerk

NOTE: The next meeting of the County Board will be the Budget Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the Assembly Room of the Courthouse.

NOTICE PROVIDED TO: County Board Members
Marathon County Departments
News Media
Posted on County Website: www.co.marathon.wi.us

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 or email countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

ORDINANCE # O - _____-23

Town of Knowlton Rezone

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Tim Vreeland on behalf of National Holdings LLC to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to U-R Urban Residential located in part of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 9, Township 26 North, Range 7 East, Town of Knowlton. The area to be rezoned is described as Lot 1 of the preliminary certified survey map. Parent Parcel #048-2607-093-0982.

WHEREAS, the petition was referred to the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee (the Committee) for public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, on due notice, conducted a public hearing thereon, pursuant to Section 59.69, Wisconsin Statutes on October 3, 2023 to consider the petition to amend Chapter 17; and

WHEREAS, the Committee being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, having reviewed the staff report, and duly advised of the recommendations of the Town of Knowlton hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows: The General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code (and accompanying Zoning Map) is amended as stated above.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE



Jacob Langenhahn, Chair



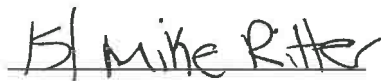
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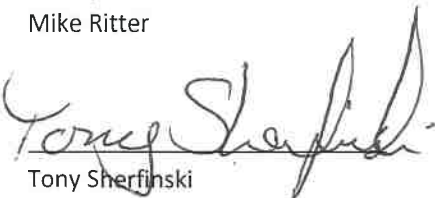
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Kurt Gibbs – Marathon County Board Chair

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2023

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

MARATHON COUNTY NO. _____

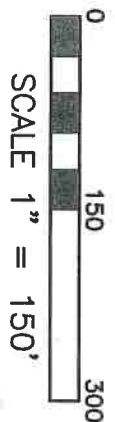
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TOWN OF KNOWLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

VREELAND ASSOCIATES, INC.	
LAND SURVEYORS & ENGINEERS	
6103 DAWN STREET WESTON, WI. 54476	
PH (715) 241-0947	tim@vreelandassociates.us
PREPARED FOR: ELLEN JO HOLGUIN	
FILE #: 23-0182 HOLGUIN	
DRAFTED AND DRAWN BY: TIMOTHY G. VREELAND	

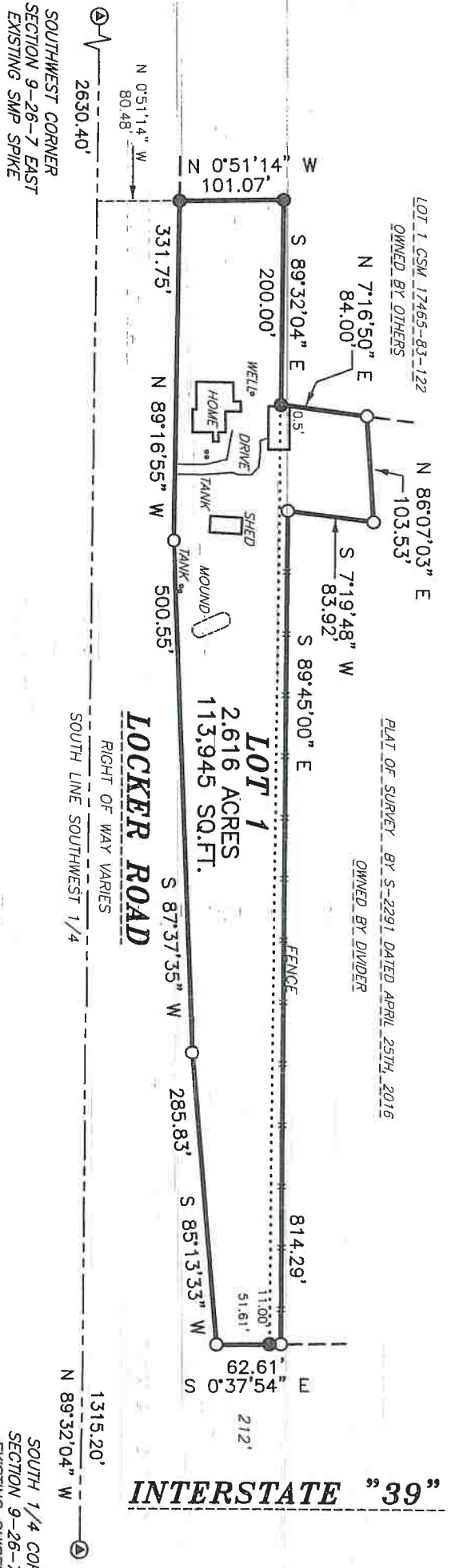
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WISCONSIN COUNTY COORDINATE SYSTEM
(MARATHON) NAD83 (2011)



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PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, TOWN OF KNOWLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

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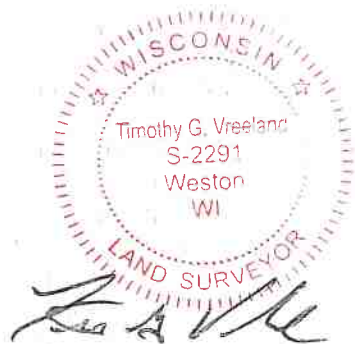
SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

I, TIMOTHY G. VREELAND, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT THE DIRECTION OF ELLEN JO HOLGUIN, I SURVEYED, MAPPED AND DIVIDED THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, TOWN OF KNOWLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE N 89°32'04" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 1315.20 FEET; THENCE N 0°51'14" W 80.48 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOCKER ROAD AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING N 0°51'14" W ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 17465 101.07 FEET; THENCE S 89°32'04" E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1 200.00 FEET; THENCE N 7°16'50" E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1 84.00 FEET; THENCE N 86°07'03" E 103.52 FEET; THENCE S 7°19'48" W 83.92 FEET; THENCE S 89°45'00" E 814.29 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY "39"; THENCE S 0°37'54" W ALONG THE WEST LINE OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY "39" 62.61 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOCKER ROAD; THENCE S 85°13'33" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOCKER ROAD 285.83 FEET; THENCE S 87°37'35" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOCKER ROAD 500.55 FEET; THENCE N 89°16'55" W 331.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD AND USE.

THAT SUCH MAP IS A CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF ALL EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND SURVEYED AND THE DIVISION AND THE CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP THEREOF MADE.

THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH SECTION 236.34 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES IN SURVEYING, MAPPING AND DIVIDING THE LANDS, CHAPTER A-E 7 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND THE LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE OF MARATHON COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF KNOWLTON, ALL TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IN SURVEYING, DIVIDING AND MAPPING THE SAME.



DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF JULY, 2023
SURVEY PERFORMED JULY 15TH, 2023

TIMOTHY G. VREELAND P.L.S. 2291

APPROVED FOR RECORDING UNDER
THE TERMS OF THE MARATHON
COUNTY LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS.

BY _____

DATE _____
MARATHON CO. CONSERVATION,
PLANNING & ZONING DEPT.
CPZ TRACKING NO. _____

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR
RECORDING BY THE TOWN OF

DATE: _____

_____ TOWN OF

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
MARATHON COUNTY)
TOWN OF KNOWLTON)

RESOLUTION ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

TO THE MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

I, Alan Fochs, Clerk of the Town of Knowlton, Marathon County, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Knowlton Town Board at a meeting held on the 11th day of September, 2023.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 59.69(5)(e)3., Wisconsin Statutes, provides that if a town affected by a proposed amendment disapproves of the proposed amendment, the town board may file a certified copy of a resolution adopted by such board disapproving of the petition with the Environmental Resources Committee prior to, at or within ten (10) days after the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, if the town board of the town affected in the case of an ordinance relating to the location of boundaries of districts files such a resolution, the Environmental Resources Committee may not recommend to the County Board approval of the petition without change, but may only recommend approval with change or recommend disapproval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Knowlton Town Board considered on the 11th day of September, 2023, petition of Tim Vreeland on behalf of National Holdings LLC to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to U-R Urban Residential located in part of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 9, Township 26 North, Range 7 East, Town of Knowlton. The area to be rezoned is described as Lot 1 of the preliminary certified survey map. Parent Parcel #048-2607-093-0982.Parcel #048.2607.033.0990.

The Town of Knowlton hereby has considered the following standards for rezoning above property (use additional sheets if necessary);

- 1) **Has the applicant provided what public facilities and/or services currently serve the proposed development, what additional services may be required, and how the additional services will be provided?**

No Yes Explain: NA

- 2) **Has the applicant demonstrated how the provision of the public facilities will not be an unreasonable burden to local government?**

No Yes Explain: _____

- 3) **Has the applicant determined that the land is suitable for the development proposed? Explain.**

No Yes Explain: _____

- 4) **Has the applicant demonstrated what will have to be done so the development will not cause unreasonable air and water pollution, soil erosion, or adverse effects on rare or irreplaceable natural areas? Explain.**

No Yes Explain: _____

- 5) **Is there any potential for conflict with existing land uses in the area?**

No Yes Explain: _____

(OVER)

- 6) Has the applicant demonstrated the need for the proposed development at this location? Explain.
 No Yes Explain: _____

- 7) Has the applicant demonstrated the availability of alternative locations? Be specific
 No Yes Explain: _____

- 8) Is cropland is being consumed by this zone change? What is the productivity of the agricultural lands involved?
 No Yes Explain: _____

- 9) Has the applicant explained how the proposed development will be located to minimize the amount of agricultural land converted?
 No Yes Explain: NA

- 10) Is proposed rezone request consistent with the town's adopted Comprehensive Plan? Explain.
 No Yes Explain: _____

- 11) Is there anything else the Town wishes to present or comment on regarding this application to the Marathon County Environmental Resources (ERC) Committee?
 No Yes Explain: _____

The Town of Knowlton recommends: **Approval** **Disapproval** of the amendment and/or zone change.

OR **Requests an Extension*** for the following reasons: _____

*Wis. Stats §59.69(5)(e), (3), and (3m) authorizes Towns to extend the time to disapprove a zone change for a total of thirty (30) days beyond the date of the public hearing. The extension must be by Town Board Resolution and remains in effect until the Town Board adopts a resolution rescinding the extension.

Clerk Ally
Town Board Boyle
James Morris
Kevin Brown

NOTE: If you recommend disapproval of this request, please make every effort to send a representative to the Environmental Resources Committee Public Hearing. Town input at the hearing is always appreciated. Please return this form before September 26, 2023 to:

Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department
210 River Drive
Wausau, WI 54403

ORDINANCE # O - ____ -23

Town of Wien Rezone

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Tim Vreeland on behalf of Andrew Borntreger to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to N-C Neighborhood Commercial described as Lot 1 of CSM 11294-47-156, located in the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ and that part of the Northwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 32, Township 28 North, Range 4 East, Town of Wien. The area to be rezoned to Neighborhood Commercial is described as Lot 1 of preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #084-2804-321-0995.

WHEREAS, the petition was referred to the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee (the Committee) for public hearing; and


WHEREAS, the Committee, on due notice, conducted a public hearing thereon, pursuant to Section 59.69, Wisconsin Statutes on October 3, 2023 to consider the petition to amend Chapter 17; and

WHEREAS, the Committee being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, having reviewed the staff report, and duly advised of the recommendations of the Town of Wien hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows: The General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code (and accompanying Zoning Map) is amended as stated above.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE




Jacob Langenhahn, Chair



Allen Drabek, Vice Chair




Rick Seefeldt



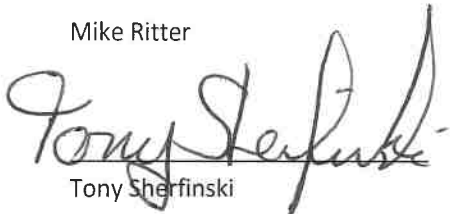
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Kurt Gibbs – Marathon County Board Chair

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2023

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

MARATHON COUNTY NO. _____

VREELAND ASSOCIATES, INC.
LAND SURVEYORS & ENGINEERS

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PREPARED FOR: **MELVIN MILLER**

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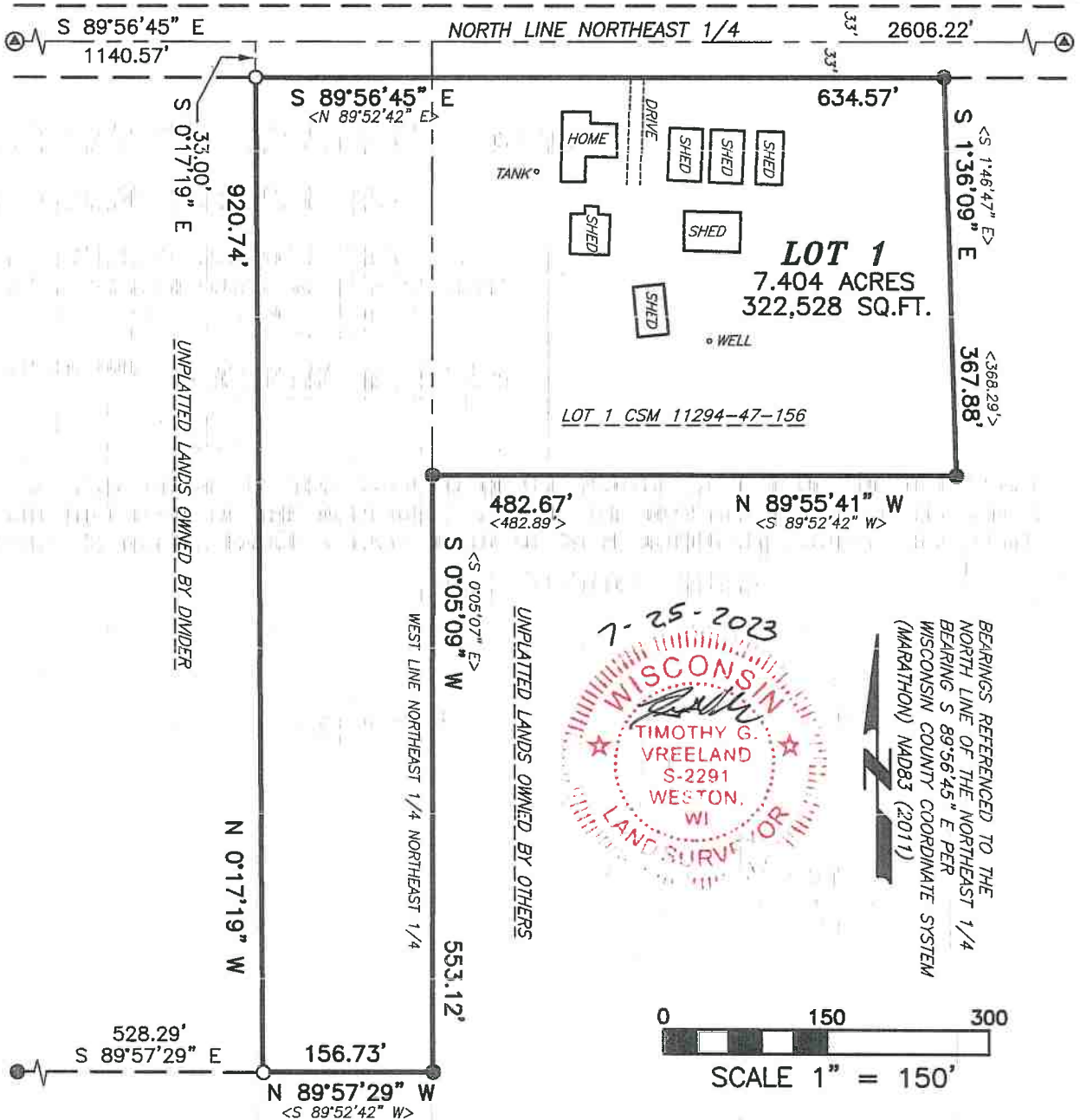
DRAFTED AND DRAWN BY: TIMOTHY G. VREELAND

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NORTH 1/4 CORNER
 SECTION 32-28-4 EAST
 LOCATION PER TIES

BLACKBERRY ROAD

NORTHEAST CORNER
 SECTION 32-28-4 EAST
 EXISTING 2" IRON PIPE



LOT ONE CSM 11186-47-48
 OWNED BY OTHERS

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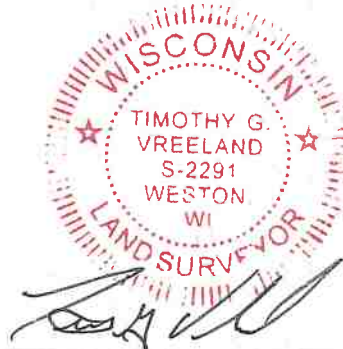
SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

I, TIMOTHY G. VREELAND, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT THE DIRECTION OF MELVIN MILLER, I SURVEYED, MAPPED AND DIVIDED ALL OF LOT 1 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 11294, RECORDED IN VOLUME 47 ON PAGE 156, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 AND THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, TOWN OF WIEN, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 32; THENCE S 89°56'45" E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 1140.57 FEET; THENCE S 0°17'19" E 33.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF BLACKBERRY ROAD AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 89°56'45" E ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF BLACKBERRY ROAD 634.57 FEET; THENCE S 1°36'09" E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 11294 367.88 FEET; THENCE N 89°55'41" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1 482.67 FEET; THENCE S 0°05'09" W ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 553.12 FEET; THENCE N 89°57'29" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT ONE OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 11186 156.73 FEET; THENCE N 0°17'19" W 920.74 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD AND USE.

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THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH SECTION 236.34 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES IN SURVEYING, MAPPING AND DIVIDING THE LANDS, CHAPTER A-E 7 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND THE LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE OF MARATHON COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF WIEN, ALL TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IN SURVEYING, DIVIDING AND MAPPING THE SAME.



DATED THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY, 2023
SURVEY PERFORMED JUNE 6TH, 2023

TIMOTHY G. VREELAND P.L.S. 2291

APPROVED FOR RECORDING UNDER
THE TERMS OF THE MARATHON
COUNTY LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS.

BY _____

DATE _____
MARATHON CO. CONSERVATION,
PLANNING & ZONING DEPT.
CPZ TRACKING NO _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
MARATHON COUNTY)
TOWN OF WIEN)

RESOLUTION ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

TO THE MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

I, Diane Drinsinger, Clerk of the Town of Wien, Marathon County, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Wien Town Board at a meeting held on the 11th day of

~~August~~
September, 2023.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 59.69(5)(e)3., Wisconsin Statutes, provides that if a town affected by a proposed amendment disapproves of the proposed amendment, the town board may file a certified copy of a resolution adopted by such board disapproving of the petition with the Environmental Resources Committee prior to, at or within ten (10) days after the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, if the town board of the town affected in the case of an ordinance relating to the location of boundaries of districts files such a resolution, the Environmental Resources Committee may not recommend to the County Board approval of the petition without change, but may only recommend approval with change or recommend disapproval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Wien Town Board considered on the 11th day of September, 2023, The petition of Tim Vreeland on behalf of Andrew Borntrager to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to N-C Neighborhood Commercial described as Lot 1 of CSM 11294-47-156, located in the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ and that part of the Northwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 32, Township 28 North, Range 4 East, Town of Wien. The area to be rezoned to Neighborhood Commercial is described as Lot 1 of preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #084-2804-321-0995.

The Town of Wien hereby has considered the following standards for rezoning above property *(use additional sheets if necessary)*:

1) **Has the applicant provided what public facilities and/or services currently serve the proposed development, what additional services may be required, and how the additional services will be provided?**

No Yes Explain: _____

2) **Has the applicant demonstrated how the provision of the public facilities will not be an unreasonable burden to local government?**

No Yes Explain: _____

3) **Has the applicant determined that the land is suitable for the development proposed? Explain.**

No Yes Explain: _____

4) **Has the applicant demonstrated what will have to be done so the development will not cause unreasonable air and water pollution, soil erosion, or adverse effects on rare or irreplaceable natural areas? Explain.**

No Yes Explain: _____

5) **Is there any potential for conflict with existing land uses in the area?**

No Yes Explain: _____

(OVER)

Has the applicant demonstrated the need for the proposed development at this location? Explain.

No

Yes

Explain: _____

6) Has the applicant demonstrated the availability of alternative locations? Be specific

No

Yes

Explain: *None needed*

7) Is cropland ~~is~~ being consumed by this zone change? What is the productivity of the agricultural lands involved?

No

Yes

Explain: *adding to the existing parcel*

8) Has the applicant explained how the proposed development will be located to minimize the amount of agricultural land converted?

No

Yes

Explain: _____

9) Is proposed rezone request consistent with the town's adopted Comprehensive Plan? Explain.

No

Yes

Explain: _____

10) Is there anything else the Town wishes to present or comment on regarding this application to the Marathon County Environmental Resources (ERC) Committee?

No

Yes

Explain: _____

The Town of Wien recommends: **Approval** **Disapproval** of the amendment and/or zone change.

OR **Requests an Extension*** for the following reasons: _____

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Clerk *Diane Drinsinger*

Town Board *Calvin Teichel*

Kelly [unclear]
Paul [unclear]

NOTE: If you recommend disapproval of this request, please make every effort to send a representative to the Environmental Resources Committee Public Hearing. Town input at the hearing is always appreciated. Please return this form before September 26th, 2023 to:

Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department
210 River Drive
Wausau, WI 54403

RESOLUTION # R-53-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF PORTION OF COUNTY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 72ND AVE AND STEWART AVE

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 59.52(6)(c) permits the Marathon County Board of Supervisors to sell or convey county property on such terms that the board approves; and

WHEREAS, Corre, Inc., on behalf of the City of Wausau and the Town of Stettin, have offered to purchase 301 square feet of new highway right of way owned by Marathon County at 72nd Avenue and Stewart Avenue and have offered to purchase a temporary limited easement on 313 square feet of certain property owned by Marathon County at the same location; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wausau and Town of Stettin seek these acquisitions to complete improvements to Stewart Avenue, specifically to complete the construction of a recreational trail in the area; and

WHEREAS, the offer to purchase thee 301 square foot parcel and the 313 square foot easement is \$1,350.00; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee recommended that the County approve the proposed sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors authorizes appropriate County staff to complete the sale of 301 square feet of new highway right of way owned by Marathon County at 72nd Avenue and Stewart Avenue and complete the creation of a temporary limited easement on 313 square feet of certain property owned by Marathon County at the same location for the total price of \$1,350.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appropriate county officials are authorized to execute documents necessary to finalize the sale and encumbrance of properties identified in this Resolution, and the County Board of Supervisors directs county staff to complete the transaction identified herein.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of October, 2023.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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Fiscal Note: This resolution would result in increased revenues of \$1,350.00 to the County.

Legal Note: This resolution requires a simple majority vote of the County Board.

September 7, 2023

Via Certified Mail



Marathon County
Attn: Lance Leonhard
500 Forest Street
Wausau, WI 54403-5554

Eau Claire Office
1802 Warden Street
Eau Claire, WI 54703

**RE: Project ID: 6999-09-02
Stewart Avenue, S. 72nd Avenue – S. 48th Avenue
City of Wausau,
Marathon County
Parcel 1**

We previously sent you an offer dated March 3, 2023. **This letter gives you written notice rescinding any previous offers presented to you during our negotiations.** The offer is being rescinded because the City/Town will not use eminent domain authority to acquire the property interests associated with the planned bike path on the north side of the Stewart Avenue improvement project if the seller chooses not to participate or if negotiations fail. Wis. Stat. s. 32.015 states, "Property may not be acquired by condemnation to establish or extend a recreational trail; a bicycle way, as defined in s. 340.01(5s); a bicycle lane, as defined in s. 340.01(5e); or a pedestrian way, as defined in s. 346.02(8)(a)."

This letter is a written offer to purchase the portion of your property that is needed for the improvements of Stewart Avenue in Marathon County. The acquisition area remains the same and involves the following interests:

- **301 Square Feet of New Highway Right of Way (FEE)**
- **313 Square Feet of Temporary Limited Easement (TLE):** A TLE means that you still own the property, but the City /Town has the right to use the property for construction purposes. No permanent improvements will be placed on the property. The TLE terminates at the time construction of the project is complete.

We have enclosed the following documents:

- "The Rights of Landowners Under Wisconsin Eminent Domain Law" pamphlet
- Right-of-way plat
- Names of neighboring landowners affected by the project
- Legal description of the land and/or interest(s) needed for the project
- Nominal Payment Parcel Recommendation and Approval Form
- Statement to Construction Engineer Form
- Warranty Deed & Temporary Limited Easement
- Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 & postage-paid envelope

When the City/Town determine an acquisition to be of a nominal value, they may acquire the property and/or interests without doing an appraisal, if the property owner agrees. We believe your parcel fits this situation, and hereby extend to you an offer of **\$1,350.00** for this parcel.

If you agree with the values determined and wish to enter into an agreement with the City/Town, please return the following enclosed documents in the enclosed self-addressed, postage-paid envelope:

1. **Nominal Payment Parcel Recommendation and Approval Form:** This form needs to be signed and dated by all owners. This verifies that you have waived the right to an appraisal and agree to accept settlement in the amount stated on the form.
2. **Statement to Construction Engineer Form:** If there are items you would like the construction engineer to be made aware of, please note them on the form under "Owner Concerns" and sign and date the form. If you have no concerns, write "None" on the form, and sign and date the form. This form will be reviewed and approved by the City of Wausau.
3. **Warranty Deed & Temporary Limited Easement:** Each person whose name is on the conveyance must sign, and each signature must be notarized. This means the conveyance must be signed in the presence of a notary public (available at a bank or the courthouse).
4. **Internal Revenue Service Form W-9:** This form is needed in order for the City/Town to issue you a check. This form is also required by the IRS for any sale of real estate valued at \$600 or more. If more than one owner, unless husband and wife at the time of the conveyance, each should submit a W-9. If husband and wife, please circle the name of the spouse whose social security number is provided. If exempt, the seller must provide an exemption form. Failure to complete a W-9, or to provide false information, risks a fine by the IRS.

Your rights as a landowner are fully explained in the enclosed brochure entitled "Rights of Landowners Under Wisconsin Eminent Domain Law." This brochure is intended to guide you during the acquisition process. **However, as previously noted, acquisition related to trail projects cannot follow the condemnation process that is noted in the brochure. Any real estate interests will be acquired through the negotiation process.**

The City of Wausau and Town of Stettin want you to be satisfied that your property and your rights have been fully considered. We will be pleased to provide any additional information as requested, if available, or further discuss any concerns you may have.

Real estate taxes for the current year shall be pro-rated as of the date of acquisition, based on the latest tax assessment in accordance with Wis. Stat. Chapter 74.62.

Please give this matter your earliest consideration. I am requesting to hear from you by Tuesday,

September 19, 2023. I have also included a postage paid envelope for your convenience in returning the enclosed documents. Upon receipt of the required documents, I will begin processing payment to you.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 608-826-6129 (office), 715-450-0898 (cell), or via email at mmunden@correinc.com.

Respectfully,
CORRE, INC.



Megan Munden
As Consultant Real Estate Agent for the City of Wausau and Town of Stettin
Enclosures

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

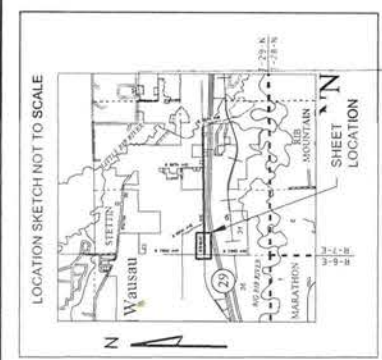
Parcel 1 of Transportation Project Plat 6999-09-02-4.01, recorded in Cabinet 3 on Page 582A as Document 1872141, recorded in Marathon County, Wisconsin.

Property interests and rights of said Parcel 1 consist of:

Fee Simple.

Temporary Limited Easement.

STATE OF WISCONSIN - MARATHON COUNTY
 RECORDED
 10-28-2022 at 11:39 AM
 DEAN J. STRATZ, REGISTER OF DEEDS
 DOC.#: 1872141
 Pages: 4
REGISTER OF DEEDS
 MARATHON COUNTY, WI
 Received for Record this 9 day of October
 A.D. 2022, at 11:31, Clock 24.11
 In Plat Cabinet No. 3 on page 126A
 REGISTRAR
 Dean J. Stratz
 RESERVED FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS
 PROJECT NUMBER 6999-09-02-4-01
 SHEET 1 OF 3
 AMENDMENT NO.:



TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PLAT NO: 6999-09-02-4-01

THAT PART OF LOT 1 OF CSM 1159 LOCATED IN PART OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, PART OF LOT 1 OF CSM 17539 LOCATED IN PART OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, PART OF LOT 1 OF CSM 4281, PART OF OUTLOT 1 OF CSM 12575, PART OF LOT 1 OF CSM 4787 AND PART OF LOT 1 OF CSM 4767 LOCATED IN PART OF THE NE1/2 OF THE FRACTIONAL NW1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, PART OF PARCEL A OF CSM 6176, PART OF LOT 1 OF CSM 609, PART OF LOT 1 OF CSM V. 1, P. 250, PART OF LOTS 1 AND 2 OF CSM 9120, PART OF LOT 1 OF CSM 4168, PART OF LOT 1 OF CSM 393, PART OF LOT 1 OF CSM 394 AND LOT 1 OF CSM 14275 LOCATED IN PART OF THE S1/2 OF THE FRACTIONAL NW1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, ALL IN CITY OF WAUSAU, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

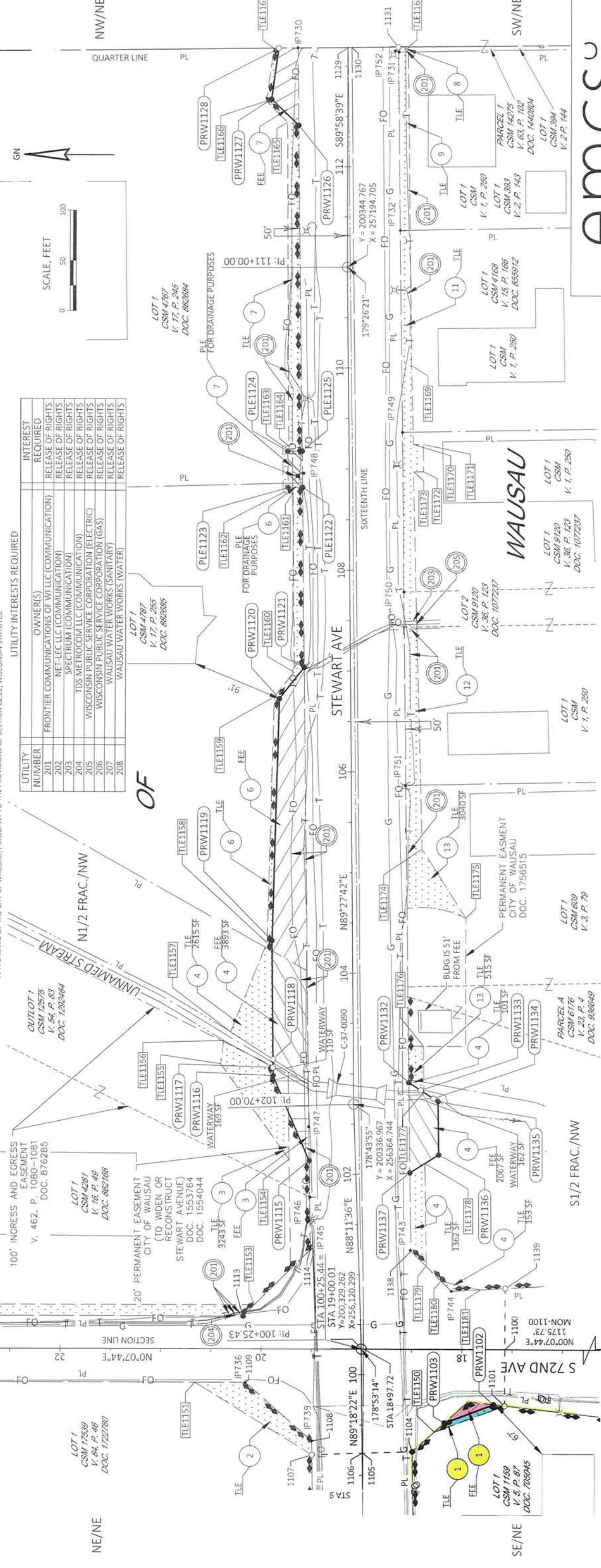
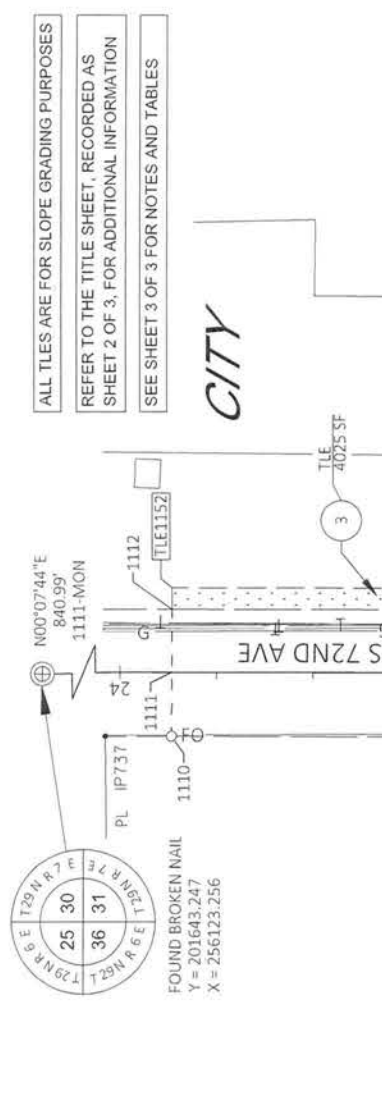
RELOCATION ORDER - LOC STR, C WAUSAU, STEWART AVENUE (S 72ND AVENUE TO S 48TH AVENUE), MARATHON COUNTY

TO PROPERLY ESTABLISH, LAY OUT, WIDEN, ENLARGE, EXTEND, CONSTRUCT, RECONSTRUCT, IMPROVE, OR MAINTAIN A PORTION OF THE HIGHWAY DESIGNATED ABOVE, THE CITY OF WAUSAU DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO RELOCATE OR CHANGE SAID HIGHWAY AND ACQUIRE CERTAIN LANDS AND INTERESTS OR RIGHTS IN LANDS FOR THE ABOVE PROJECT.

TO EFFECT THIS CHANGE, PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER SECTION 62.22, WISCONSIN STATUTES, THE CITY OF WAUSAU HEREBY ORDERS THAT:

- THAT PORTION OF SAID HIGHWAY AS SHOWN ON THIS PLAT IS LAYED OUT AND ESTABLISHED TO THE LINES AND WIDTHS AS SHOWN FOR THE ABOVE PROJECT.
- THE LANDS OR INTERESTS OR RIGHTS IN LANDS AS SHOWN ON THIS PLAT ARE REQUIRED BY THE CITY OF WAUSAU FOR THE ABOVE PROJECT AND SHALL BE ACQUIRED IN THE NAME OF THE CITY OF WAUSAU, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 62.22, WISCONSIN STATUTES.

UTILITY NUMBER	OWNERS	UTILITY INTERESTS REQUIRED	INTERESTS REQUIRED
201	FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF WI LLC (COMMUNICATION)	RELEASE OF RIGHTS	RELEASE OF RIGHTS
202	NET-LEC LLC (COMMUNICATION)	RELEASE OF RIGHTS	RELEASE OF RIGHTS
203	SPECTRUM COMMUNICATION	RELEASE OF RIGHTS	RELEASE OF RIGHTS
204	TDS METROCOM LLC (COMMUNICATION)	RELEASE OF RIGHTS	RELEASE OF RIGHTS
205	WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION (ELECTRIC)	RELEASE OF RIGHTS	RELEASE OF RIGHTS
206	WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION (GAS)	RELEASE OF RIGHTS	RELEASE OF RIGHTS
207	WAUSAU WATER WORKS (SANITARY)	RELEASE OF RIGHTS	RELEASE OF RIGHTS
208	WAUSAU WATER WORKS (WATER)	RELEASE OF RIGHTS	RELEASE OF RIGHTS

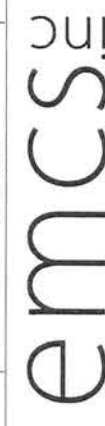


SCHEDULE OF LANDS & INTERESTS REQUIRED

OWNER'S NAMES ARE SHOWN FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER OF LAND INTERESTS TO THE CITY OF WAUSAU.

PARCEL NUMBER	OWNERS	INTERESTS REQUIRED	R/W	NEW SF	EXISTING SF	TILE
1	MARATHON COUNTY, A WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION	FEE/TILE	301	301	313	313
2	APOGEE WAUSAU GROUP, INC., A WISCONSIN CORPORATION	FEE/TILE	1556	1556	2264	2264
3	KINGSAN LIGHT & AIR LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY	FEE/TILE	5960	5960	7268	7268
4	CITY OF WAUSAU, A WISCONSIN MUNICIPALITY	FEE/TILE	8254	8254	4231	4231
6	BADGER HOUSING ASSOCIATES III, A WISCONSIN CO-PARTNERSHIP	FEE/PLE/TILE	1521	1521	63	3247
7	OSHCN CORPORATION, A WISCONSIN CORPORATION	FEE/PLE/TILE	1521	1521	455	4586
8	WITH 9, LLC, A WISCONSIN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY	TILE	---	---	---	47
9	BRIAN LUEDTKE PROPERTIES, LLC, A WISCONSIN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY	TILE	---	---	---	1746
11	INDUSTRIAL TOWEL AND UNIFORM, INC., A WISCONSIN CORPORATION	TILE	---	---	---	1997
12	RUTH A. VAN ERT, LLC, A SOUTH DAKOTA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY	TILE	---	---	---	4622
13	DP REAL ESTATE LLC, A WISCONSIN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY	TILE	---	---	---	3555

- (201) FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF WI LLC (COMMUNICATION)
VOL. 66 PG. 561 DOC. 604190 - PAR. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8
VOL. 155 PG. 286 DOC. 645939 - PAR. 9
VOL. 158 PG. 604 DOC. 646161 - PAR. 11, 12 & 13
- (202) NET-LEC LLC (COMMUNICATION)
DOC. 1607184 - PAR. 12
- (203) SPECTRUM (COMMUNICATION)
NO RECORD OF EASEMENT - PAR. 12
- (204) TDS METROCOM LLC (COMMUNICATION)
NO RECORD OF EASEMENT - PAR. 3
- (205) WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION (ELECTRIC)
NO RECORD OF EASEMENT - PAR. 12
DOC. 1770320 - PAR. 13
- (206) WAUSAU WATER WORKS (SANITARY)
DOC. 1756515 - PAR. 13
- (207) WAUSAU WATER WORKS (WATER)
DOC. 1756515 - PAR. 13
- (208) WAUSAU WATER WORKS (WATER)
DOC. 1756515 - PAR. 13



KEVIN C. BOYER, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 84.095 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES AND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE CITY OF WAUSAU I HAVE SURVEYED AND MAPPED THIS TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PLAT AND SUCH PLAT CORRECTLY REPRESENTS ALL EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE SURVEYED LAND

SIGNATURE: *Kevin C. Boyer* DATE: 10/28/2022
 PRINT NAME: KEVIN C. BOYER
 REGISTRATION NUMBER: S-2675

THIS PLAT AND RELOCATION ORDER ARE APPROVED FOR THE CITY OF WAUSAU

SIGNATURE: *Kevin C. Boyer* DATE: 10/28/2022
 PRINT NAME: KEVIN C. BOYER
 REGISTRATION NUMBER: S-2675

THIS PLAT AND RELOCATION ORDER ARE APPROVED FOR THE CITY OF WAUSAU

SIGNATURE: *Kevin C. Boyer* DATE: 10/28/2022
 PRINT NAME: KEVIN C. BOYER
 REGISTRATION NUMBER: S-2675

RESOLUTION #R-54-23
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING STATE-LOCAL HAZARD
MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, Section 65.90(5)(a) dictates that appropriations in the Marathon County budget may not be modified unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2023, the Environmental Resources Committee approved the acceptance of a \$300,000.00 grant from Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) for a project scoping activity relative to safe room feasibility in conjunction with the feasibility study for an ice arena; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2023, the Public Safety Committee approved the acceptance of a \$300,000.00 grant from Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) for a project scoping activity relative to safe room feasibility in conjunction with the feasibility study for an ice arena; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County's share of the \$300,000.00 grant, \$37,500, has already been allocated from non-levy sources for the ice arena feasibility study and no additional match funds are needed; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee approved the acceptance of a \$300,000.00 grant from Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) for a project scoping activity relative to safe room feasibility in conjunction with the feasibility study for an ice arena; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee reviewed and recommended a 2023 budget transfer to allow the \$300,000.00 in grant funds to be expended by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department relative to the proposed scoping activity..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Marathon County Board of Supervisors authorize and direct the budget transfers as listed below:

Transfer from:	GRANT FUND Grant Awards Revenue Fed/State WEM
Transfer to:	Co Parks Operation Cost Center 58292 Parks & Rec Area Improvement
Amount:	\$300,000.00
Re:	Safe room scoping project

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Class 1 Notice of this transaction be published within (10) days of its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Marathon County Clerk to issue checks pursuant to this resolution and the Marathon County Treasurer to honor said checks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officers of Marathon County are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to affect this policy.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of October, 2023.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Fiscal Note: This resolution modifies the revenues and expenditures for the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. There is no additional County tax levy appropriated in this resolution; however, this resolution would transfer grant funds for expenditure by the Parks Department.

Legal Note: This resolution requires a 2/3 majority vote of the County Board.

**From: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
Emergency Management**

TO: Marathon County Board of Supervisors

AGENDA SUMMARY

Discussion and Possible Action Accepting State-Local Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Assistance

Every year, tornadoes and other extreme windstorms cause numerous injuries and deaths in the United States. In the Marathon County Hazard Mitigation Plan that was updated in 2022, tornadoes and high winds were identified in the top three hazards likely to impact Marathon County. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and its partner in Wisconsin, Wisconsin Emergency Management, help protect people from severe wind events by promoting safe rooms. A safe room can be constructed or installed on a property to serve a residence or within the community to serve a larger number of people. FEMA and WEM have made grants available for all aspects of saferooms from the feasibility and design to construction. The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department in partnership with Emergency Management worked with WEM to apply for a grant to complete a project scoping activity to determine the location, cost effectiveness, and the design of a future community safe room.

The County received notification that the grant application was awarded in the amount of \$300,000 in which \$225,000 is from FEMA, \$37,500 is from WEM and a required local match of \$37,500. The total grant award of \$300,000 will be utilized for the feasibility study, design, site testing, public outreach and a cost-benefit analysis. The County already planned to conduct a feasibility study for the ice arena which could serve a dual purpose as a saferoom. The \$32,500 secured of non levy funds to complete the study meets a portion of the local match and in-kind services in the amount of \$5,000 will fulfill the required local match requiring no additional county funding. This project could be similar to the Forensic Science Center by providing a valuable service to the community, enhance the uses of the facility and reduce the costs to the taxpayers. Conducting the project scoping project does not obligate the county to construct the facility. Additional State-Local Hazard Mitigation Grants are available for construction if or when that phase would occur.

The closest saferoom is in the Village of Spencer. The Spencer school district was awarded just under \$3 Million in 2019 towards an addition to their high school that they were planning to build as part of a successful referendum. The grant award allowed them to complete the saferoom and utilize the approved referendum funding for other critical district needs. The addition includes a gymnasium and fitness center and also serves as the community's saferoom. The FEMA press release is included in the packet.

On October 3, 2023, the Park Commission and the Environmental Resources Committee unanimously voted in favor of accepting the State-Local Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Assistance Agreement. In addition, on October 10th and October 11th the Public Safety Committee and the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee also unanimously voted in favor of accepting the State-Local Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Assistance Agreement. The County Board is asked to approve the acceptance of the State-Local Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Assistance Agreement for the project scoping activity for providing a saferoom to the citizens of Marathon County.

FEMA Awards \$2.9 Million Grant to Village of Spencer

Release Date: May 13, 2020

CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released \$2,926,153 in Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) funds to the Village of Spencer, for the construction of a safe room at the Village of Spencer High School.

“The Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant program enables communities to implement critical mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate the risk of loss of life and property,” said James K. Joseph, regional administrator, FEMA Region V. “This project will give the community a safe room that can be used to protect residents in Spencer during times of severe weather.”

“We are excited about these funds and the support it will provide,” said Dr. Darrell L. Williams, Wisconsin Emergency Management administrator. “We are grateful to FEMA for their continued support!”

HMGP provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures. Through PDM, FEMA will pay 90 percent of the \$3,251,281 eligible project cost. The remaining 10 percent of the funds, \$325,128 will be provided by the Spencer School District.

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Safe Rooms: Saving Lives When Tornadoes and High Winds Strike

INTRODUCTION

Community resilience is the ability of a community to prepare for anticipated hazards, adapt to changing conditions, and withstand and recover rapidly from disruptions. Activities such as disaster preparedness include hazard mitigation planning and reducing community stressors and impacts from disasters.

Local hazard mitigation plans form the foundation of a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repetitive damage. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) supports local mitigation planning to foster partnerships among all levels of government, to develop and strengthen non-governmental and private partnerships, to reduce the costs associated with disaster response and recovery by promoting mitigation activities, and to promote more disaster-resilient and sustainable communities. A hazard mitigation plan creates the framework for state, local (counties and incorporated municipalities), tribal, and U.S. territorial governments to engage in hazard mitigation planning to receive certain types of non-emergency disasters. The development of the Marathon County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan 2022 fulfilled the federal requirement to update a local hazard mitigation plan every five years.

Every year, tornadoes and other extreme windstorms cause numerous injuries and deaths in the United States. In the Marathon County Hazard Mitigation Plan, tornadoes and high winds were identified in the top three hazards likely to impact Marathon County. See rankings below:

1. **Tornado**
2. Winter Storm / Extreme Cold
3. Thunderstorm / **High Wind** / Hail / Lightning

While we cannot stop these storms from occurring, we can respond by understanding the hazards and carefully planning to protect ourselves from their effects. FEMA and its partners, such as Wisconsin Emergency Management, help protect people from severe wind events by promoting safe rooms.

FEMA provides guidance and best practices on safe room design and construction, participates in safe room-related standards and building code development, provides funding for safe rooms, and monitors a safe room helpline to answer safe room-related technical questions.

FEMA's Safe Room Activities

Providing guidance and best practices on safe room design and construction

A safe room is a storm shelter specifically designed to meet FEMA Funding Criteria and provide near-absolute protection in extreme wind events, including tornadoes and hurricanes. A safe room can be constructed or installed on a property to serve a residence or within the community to serve a larger number of people. FEMA produces technical publications, fact sheets, and training materials for engineers, architects, building officials, and prospective safe room owners on the design, construction, operations, and maintenance of safe rooms. To be considered a safe room, the structure must be designed and constructed to the guidelines specified in FEMA P-361, *Safe Rooms for Tornadoes and Hurricanes: Guidance for Community and Residential Safe Rooms*.

Participating in safe room-related standard and building code development

FEMA works with the International Code Council® and National Storm Shelter Association to improve the storm shelter standard, *Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters* (ICC 500). FEMA also recommends building code updates to improve the construction of and access to storm shelters and safe rooms for vulnerable populations.

Providing funds for safe rooms

The federal government makes funds available to construct residential and community safe rooms. FEMA provides hazard mitigation funding to eligible states, tribes, and territories that provide funding to local governments to assist in reducing overall risk to people and property. FEMA's grant programs to fund eligible safe room projects include the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program.



An above-ground residential safe room that was in the garage of a home hit by an EF5 tornado in Joplin, Missouri (2011). This saferoom was built to meet FEMA guidance, which offers near-absolute life-safety protection, so the occupants were unharmed even though their house was destroyed.

Safe Rooms: Saving Lives When Tornadoes and Hurricanes Strike

Release Date: Jun 10, 2021

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Summary of FEMA's Safe Room Activities

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Assessing damage caused by extreme wind events

After severe tornadoes, large tornado outbreaks, or hurricanes, FEMA may send a Mitigation Assessment Team (MAT) to assess the performance of affected buildings and develop recommendations for reducing injuries and loss of life following future events. Recommendations and findings have helped inform FEMA safe room guidance over the years. MATs are composed of subject matter experts and professionals from government agencies and private firms, including structural engineers, wind engineers, architects, building code officials and emergency planners. More information, as well as publications, can be found on the [Mitigation Assessment Team webpage](#).

Answering questions from the public, industry, and government

FEMA hosts the Safe Room Helpline, responding to inquiries concerning FEMA's safe room publications and guidance. Inquiries can be sent to Saferoom@fema.dhs.gov or made by calling 866-927-2104.



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FEMA Awards \$2.9 Million Grant to Village of Spencer

By Sierra Rehm May 13, 2020



By Sarah McGrew

SPENCER, WI (WAOW) - The Village of Spencer has received a \$2.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The grant is Pre-Distaster Mitigation (PDM) funds, and is intended for the construction of a safe room at the Village of Spencer High School.

"We are excited about these funds and the support it will provide," said Dr. Darrell L. Williams, Wisconsin Emergency Management administrator in a news release. "We are grateful to FEMA for their continued support!"

FEMA will pay for 90 percent of the project, and the school district will pay for the remaining 10 percent.

"It will also serve the district and the community as a gymnasium," Spencer Public School District Administrator Mike Endreas said. "In addition to that we added a community fitness center. That'll be added to that structure as well."

Endreas said the space will help protect the 700+ students in the district, as well as residents in the area that don't have a basement or other safe tornado shelters within their homes in the case of a storm.

Construction is expected to begin sometime in the summer of 2020. It should take about a year to finish.

Spencer Awarded \$2.9 Million Grant for High School Safe Room

By News Desk - May 13, 2020

A rendering of the dome project for School District of Spencer.

Spencer, WI (OnFocus) The Village of Spencer is the recipient of \$2,926,153 in Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) funds through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The funds are for the construction of a 28,850 square-foot, dome-shaped safe room at Spencer High School, which can be used during times of severe weather by the community.

"We are excited about these funds and the support it will provide," said Dr. Darrell L. Williams, Wisconsin Emergency Management administrator, in a release. "We are grateful to FEMA for their continued support!"

The grant covers 90 percent of the \$3,251,281 eligible project cost, of which the Spencer School District will pay \$325,128.

The allocated funds were greater than expected by the district a year ago and will have a significant impact on school improvements, which were approved through a referendum last April.

"It was a nice surprise," said District Administrator Mike Endreas.

Now that the grant dollars are allocated, the district will be able to proceed with the construction process, since it would otherwise have defaulted on the grant if work was completed. The dome will include a new gym and music rooms as part of the planned expansion.

Construction will begin mid-to-late summer, according to Endreas, with the goal of completion by the 2021-22 school year.

The grant money will also free up funds for additional projects, including bathroom renovations, upgrading the original elevator, and enclosing an unused outdoor area at the elementary school.

<http://focusonmarshfield.com/spencer-school-district-proposes-improvements-through-referendum/>

Author: [News Desk](#)

This piece was posted by our news team! Contact us or submit stories at news@onfocus.news.

RESOLUTION # R-55-23
Marathon County Government's Role in Providing Affordable
High-Quality External Child Care

WHEREAS, a shortage of affordable, high quality child care is directly impacting Marathon County families and indirectly impacting Marathon County businesses through workforce shortages; and

WHEREAS, the EEED committee has been tasked with preparing recommendations for Marathon County Government's role in supporting affordable high-quality childcare, with input from non-EEED Supervisors and other Marathon County Stakeholders, per Marathon County's Strategic Plan Objective 10.3, Outcome Measure 3, and

WHEREAS, the certified family child care segment of the child care industry has been decimated, declining from 5000 certified family care providers statewide in 2001ⁱ to 580 in 2018ⁱⁱ, diminishing a substantial source of lower cost, high quality childcare slots, and

WHEREAS, at least one report indicates that state regulation, including the YoungStar rating system and the reauthorization of the CCDBG in 2014, has played a major role in the substantial decrease in the number of certified family care providers: "The answer has become clear. Many states chose overly burdensome regulation and procedures that pushed many childcare providers out of the market, replaced by higher-cost center-based care."ⁱⁱⁱ "Additionally, YoungStar likely has contributed to a decline in family childcare providers that has limited parental choice and driven up costs"^{iv}, and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County has an integral role in certified family child care as the Marathon County Department of Social Services is the local certification agency for certifying family care providers, and

WHEREAS, the state provides financial child care assistance to lower income families through Wisconsin Shares, with a state wide total of more than \$300,000,000.00 provided over the last 12 months to more than 17,500 Wisconsin families to assist in providing child care to more than 31,000 children^v, and

WHEREAS, family child care providers must be either certified or licensed to be eligible to accept Wisconsin Shares funding, and

WHEREAS, the federal and state government have provided \$10,641,766 of taxpayer funded subsidies to Marathon County child care providers since May 2020^{vi}, a level of funding which was not widely known to local taxpayers or local governments, and for which local input was not sought or approval received, and

WHEREAS, expanding childcare subsidies is contrary to the goal of increasing the number and percentage of self-sufficient households in Marathon County as stated in Marathon County's Strategic Plan Objective 10.3 Outcome Measure 1 adopted April 25, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is not the role of Marathon County Government to subsidize external child care using taxpayer funds from the property tax levy, the sales tax levy, or from APRA funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in general, the County believes that a significant part of the answer to Wisconsin’s early care and learning problems is to reduce government regulations and place more authority into the hands of parents and childcare providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County will identify state and county regulations that negatively impact the number of certified family child care providers in the County, and provide options for eliminating or mitigating these impacts, including but not limited to providing recommendations for feedback to the State and developing potential pilot programs to reduce unnecessary child care regulation while still maintaining high standards of health and safety. County staff are directed to provide a report to EEEDC detailing the results of this effort on a quarterly basis.

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ⁱ Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners, “Working to Transform Early Childhood Education and Care”, November 2001, Page 11

ⁱⁱ Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Division of Early Care and Education, “2018 Annual Report Early Care and Education in Wisconsin”, March 2019, Page 22

ⁱⁱⁱ “Off Track: An Assessment of Wisconsin’s Early Care and Learning System for Young Children.”

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^{iv} *ibid*, page 15

^v <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares/stats>

^{vi} EEED Packet 20230706, page 22