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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.

An educational meeting of the **MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** will be held at the Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, in the City of Wausau, at 7:00 p.m. on February 16, 2023.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the telephone conference beginning ten minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:

1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 235 4571

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

AMENDED AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Gibbs, 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 to Silence Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices
5. Roll Call
6. Acknowledgement of Visitors
7. 15 Minute Public Comment (*Any person who wishes to address the County Board, or one of its committees, during the "Public Comment" portion of meetings, must provide his or her name, address, and the topic he or she wishes to present to the Marathon County Clerk, or chair of the committee, no later than five minutes before the start of the meeting.*)
8. Educational Presentations/Reports:
 - a) Presentation on Worker Shortage in Marathon County – Dave Eckmann and Dale Knapp
 - b) **Update from Administrator on Solid Waste Gas Rights Reacquisition**
 - c) Standing Committee Chairs or Designees
9. Review and discussion of Tuesday meeting agenda items:
 - a) Ordinances
 1. Town of Elderon Rezone – Laurie Bootz for Magdalen Conrad Trust #O-4-23
 2. Town of Hull Rezone – Jordan Weaver #O-5-23
 3. Amending General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County, Chapters 15, 17, and 18 #O-6-23
 4. Creation of Marathon County Energy Task Force #O-7-23

**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: _____

b) Resolutions

1. Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee
 - A. Resolution Requesting the State to Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula #R-7-23
2. Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee and Infrastructure Committee
 - A. Approve 2023 Budget Transfers for Marathon County Department Appropriations #R-8-23
3. Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee and Environmental Resources Committee
 - A. Resolution Adopting Westside Master Plan #R-9-23
 - B. Resolution for Use of Environmental Impact Funds to Fund Repair and Replacement the Big Eau Pleine Aerators #R-10-23
4. Executive Committee
 - A. BEAD Local Planning Grants #R-11-23

10. Announcements and/or Requests

11. Adjourn

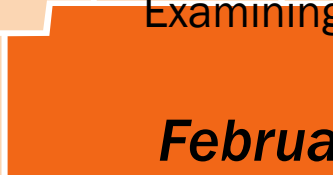
Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 261-1500 or e-mail countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.



Marathon County

Examining Workforce Issues

February 16, 2023



Overview

A blurred, high-angle photograph of a city street, likely New York City, showing several business professionals in suits walking away from the camera. The image is semi-transparent, allowing a city skyline to be seen through it.

- ▶ Workforce issues
 - ▶ Demographics
 - ▶ Housing
 - ▶ Childcare

We knew this was coming

From "Wisconsin's Future" published by the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance in 2004

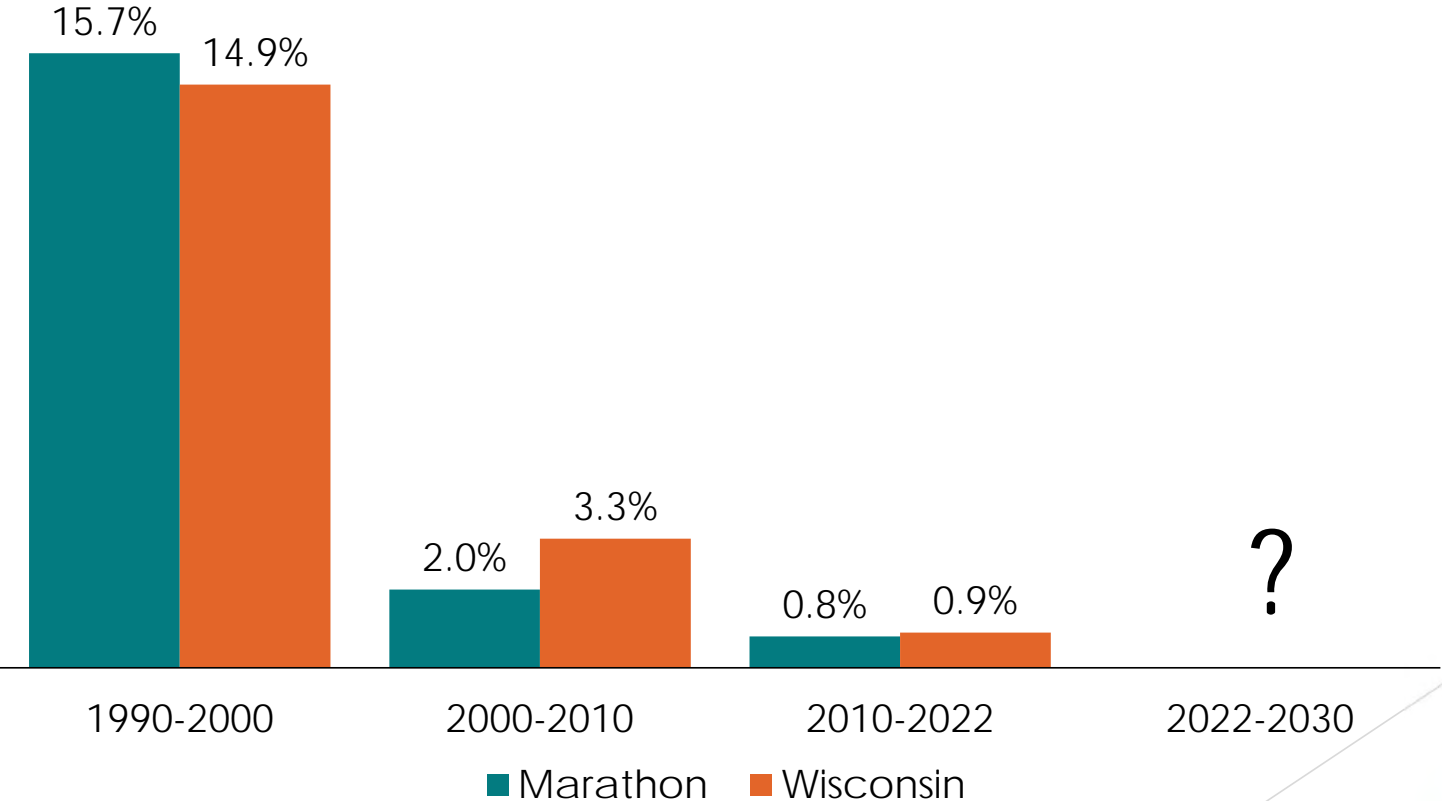
"The number of state residents of working age (20 through 64) is expected to rise slowly until approximately 2015... Over the following 15 years, ending in 2030, the working-aged population will decline about 85,000 (or 0.2% per year)."

"Growth in Wisconsin's workforce is expected to stagnate between 2010 and 2025. "

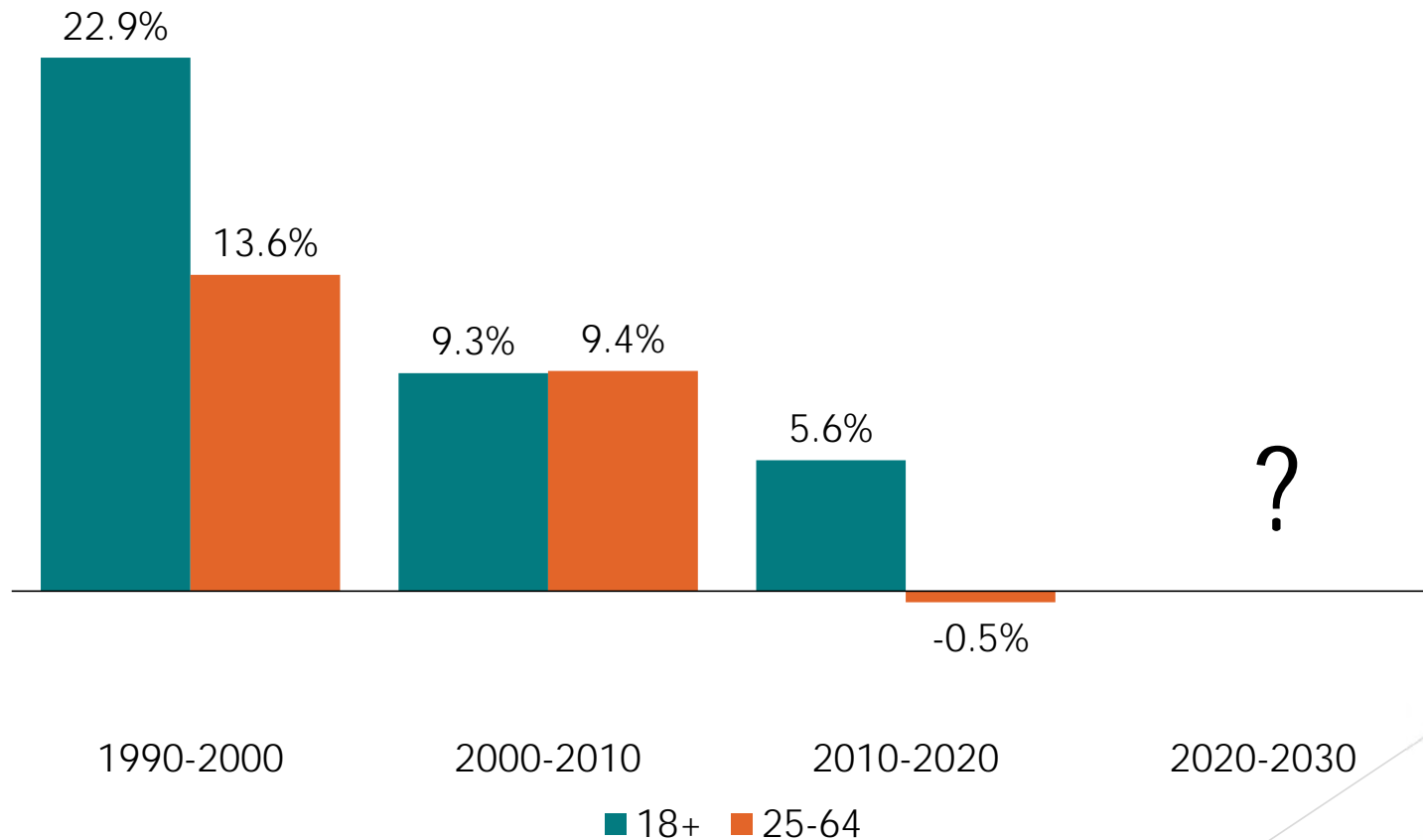
"The demand for workers is projected to outpace labor force growth, resulting in recurring labor shortages, and the state's unemployment rate will likely reach record lows, possibly falling below 3%."



Labor Force Growth Slowing



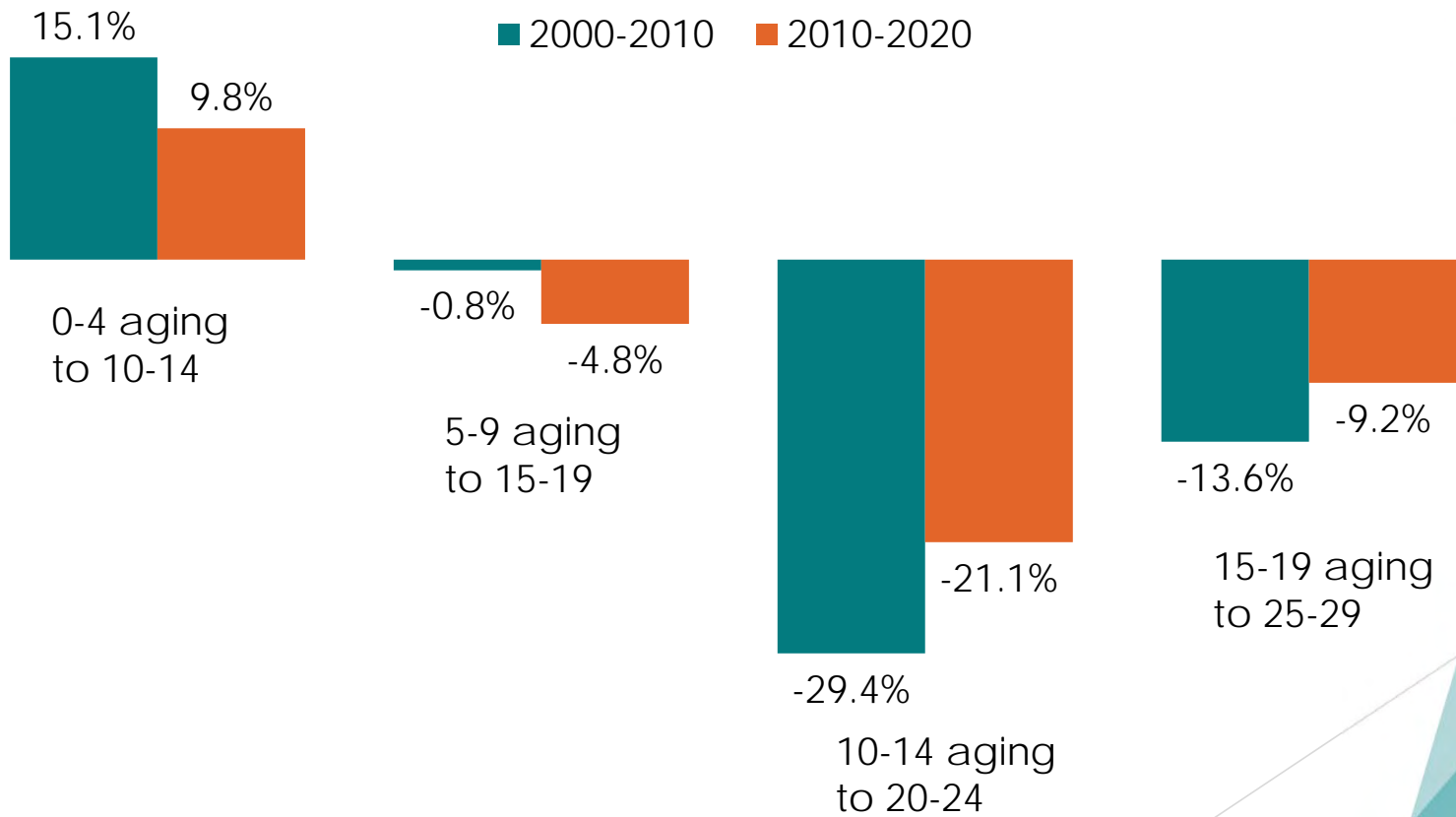
Working-Age Populations (Marathon)



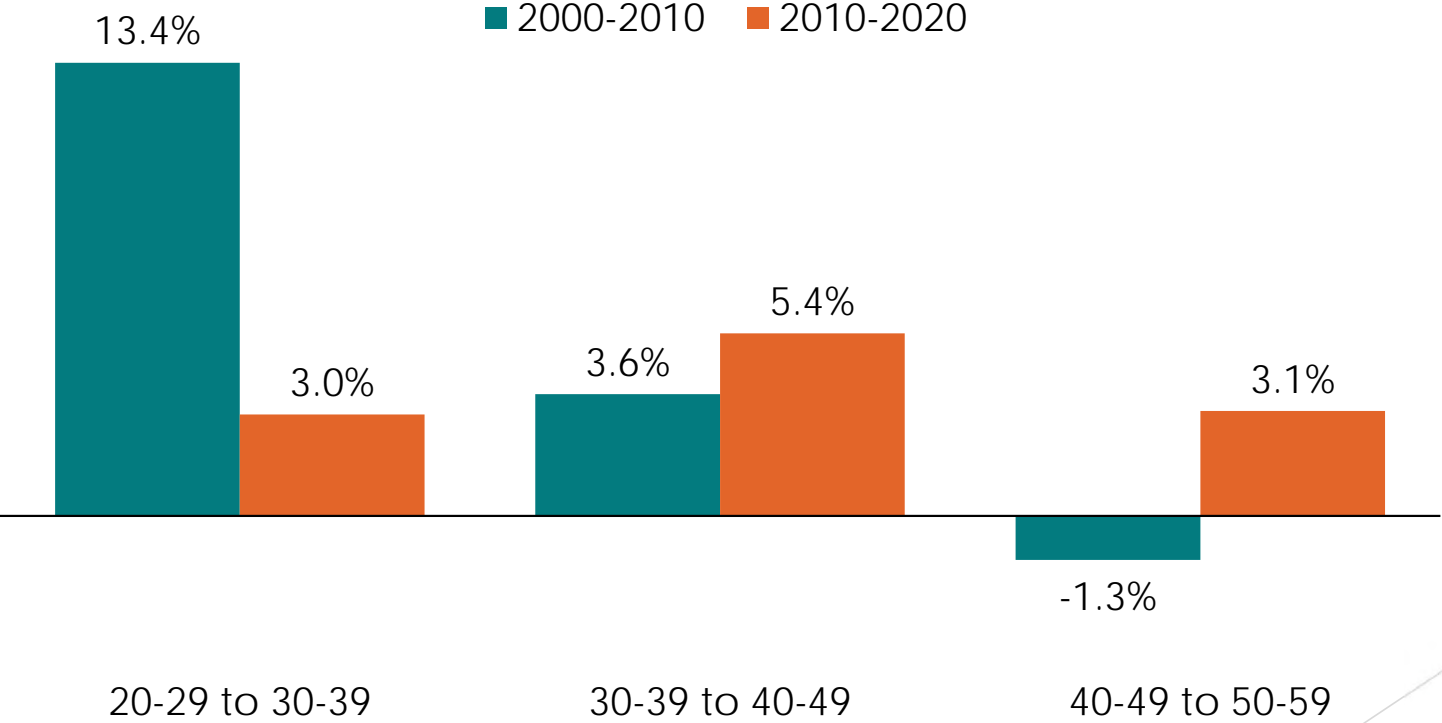
Challenges: Births and Migration

- ▶ Births declining:
 - ▶ 1990-2000 15,900
 - ▶ 2000-2010: 16,100
 - ▶ 2010-2020: 14,600
- ▶ Migration patterns shifting

Net Migration of Young People



Net Migration in Family Formation Years

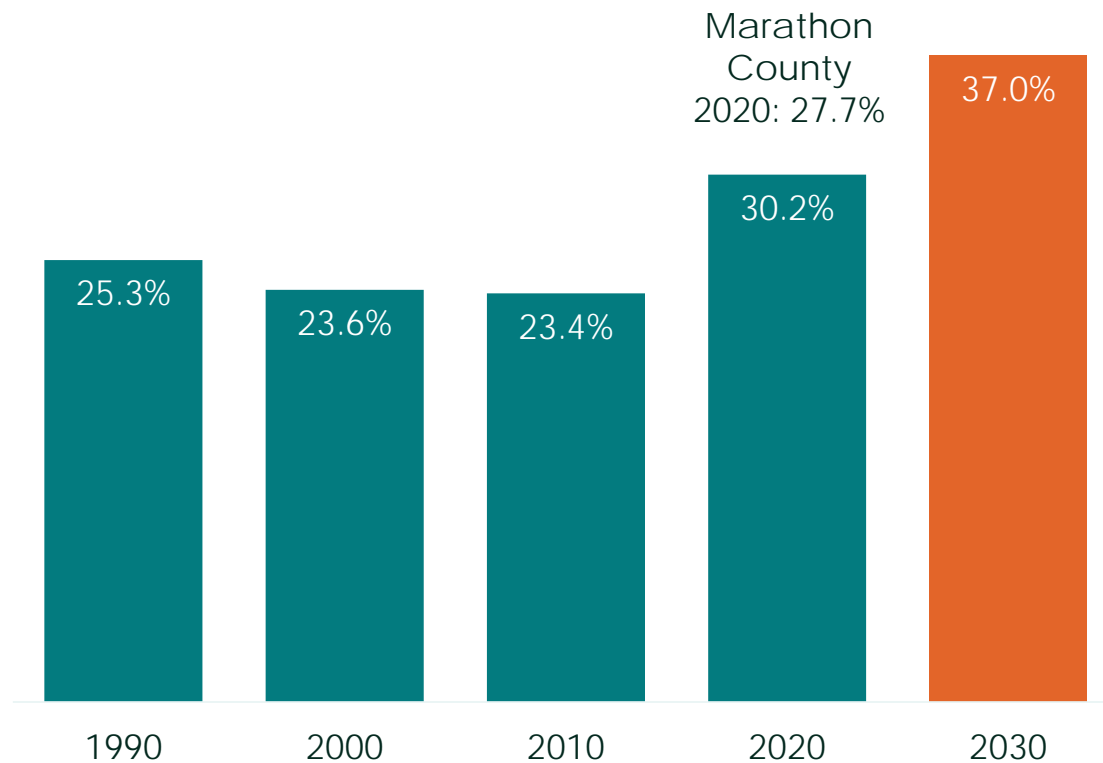


Key Groups Leaving Workforce

- ▶ 2010-21 changes in labor force participation rate
 - ▶ Women 25-34: 84.1% to 81.4%
 - ▶ Women 35-44: 83.9% to 81.5%
 - ▶ Women 45-54: 85.9% to 79.0%
 - ▶ Men 20-24: 84.1% to 80.4%
- ▶ Childcare issues may be driving some of this
- ▶ Licensed slots statewide roughly unchanged since 2011; Marathon County down: 3,698 to 2,794
- ▶ Under 10 population down 6.8% in state and 6.6% in Marathon County

The Coming Housing Challenge

% Owner Occupied 65 or older, statewide



Need to build
140,000 to
220,000 housing
units to solve
housing
challenge



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ANALYTICS

From: Competitive Wisconsin <cwi@wcgpr.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 12:05 PM

To: Competitive Wisconsin <cwi@wcgpr.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] [BULK] Save the Date: Wisconsin Tomorrow Workforce Housing Action Accelerator


COMPETITIVE WISCONSIN, INC.
BE BOLD
WISCONSIN TOMORROW
ACTION ACCELERATOR SERIES

SAVE THE DATE

WORKFORCE HOUSING
MONDAY, FEB. 27, 2023
MORAINÉ PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE
WEST BEND, WISCONSIN

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION **VIRTUAL REGISTRATION**

Building Solutions



Just-released study by highly regarded research entity *Forward Analytics* concludes, "...during this decade Wisconsin will need to build nearly 140,000 housing units to accommodate its under 65 population."

Competitive Wisconsin, Inc. is convening a Wisconsin Tomorrow Action Accelerator on Workforce Housing focused on addressing the barriers to workforce housing development in Wisconsin.



They won't come if we can't build it!

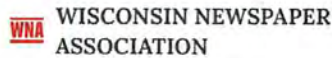
WISCONSIN TOMORROW WORKFORCE HOUSING ACTION ACCELERATOR SERIES SPONSORS



TOPIC SPONSORS



REPORTING SPONSORS



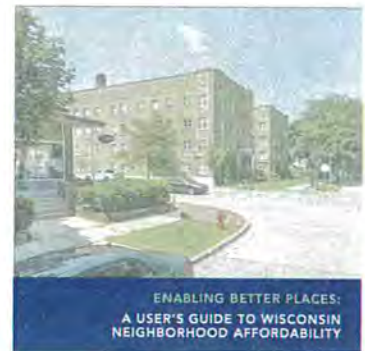
...FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Click on image to access Forward Analytics latest report.



Click on image to see an interview with Kurt Paulsen on Wisconsin's housing Challenges



Click on image to access the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Guide



Click on image to see an interview with Tom Larson, Senior Vice President, Wisconsin REALTORS® Association. on Wisconsin's housing Challenges



Our Great Community
Next Generation Housing Kick-Off

October 7, 2021

Click on image to review Washington County's presentation on the housing challenges they faced in 2021.

Competitive Wisconsin Inc. | 1930 Monroe St., #367, Madison, WI 53711

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Industry, Workforce and Demographics

Opportunities & Challenges

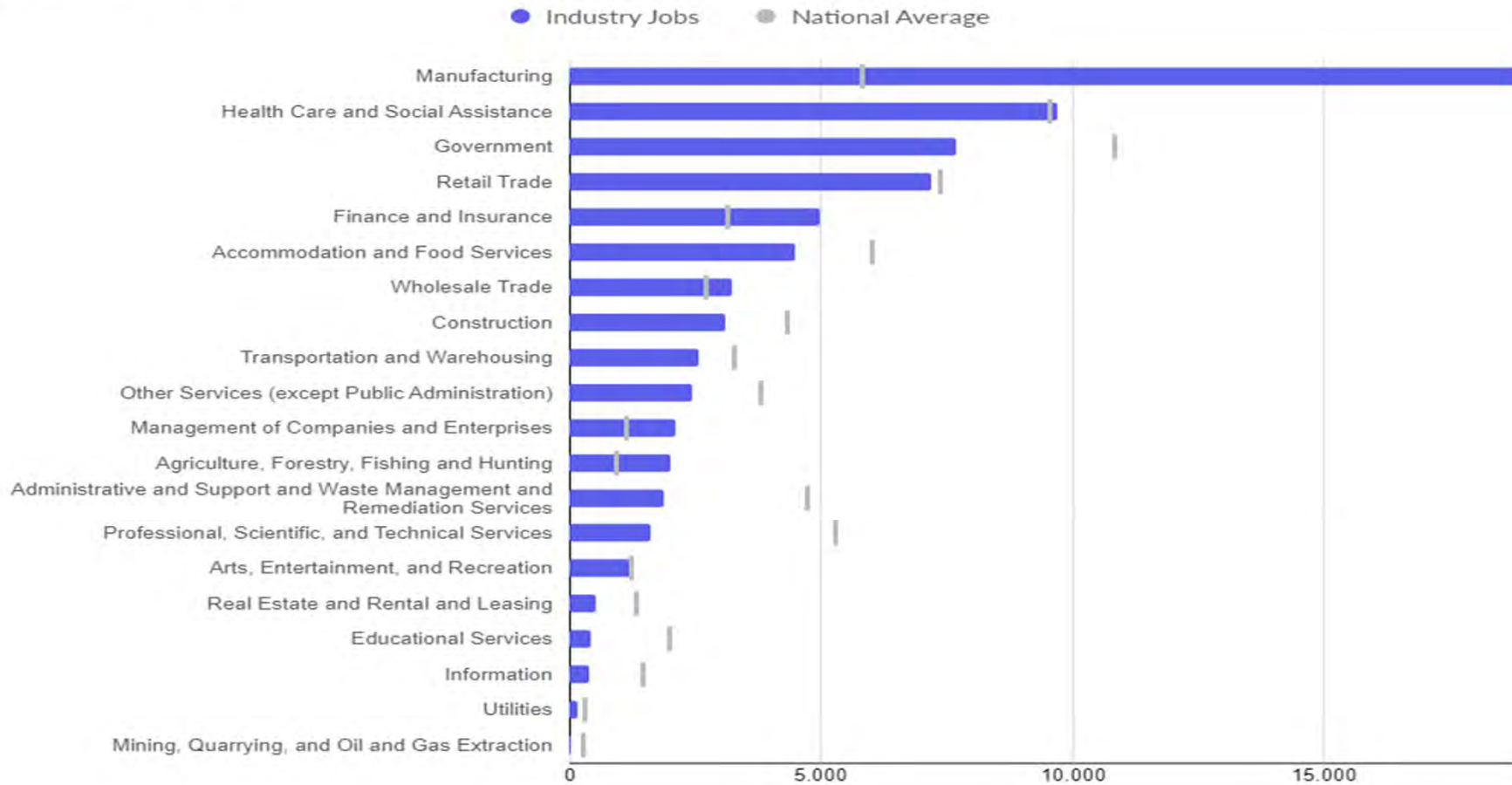
The Challenge

We are a
Predominantly
Rural Region



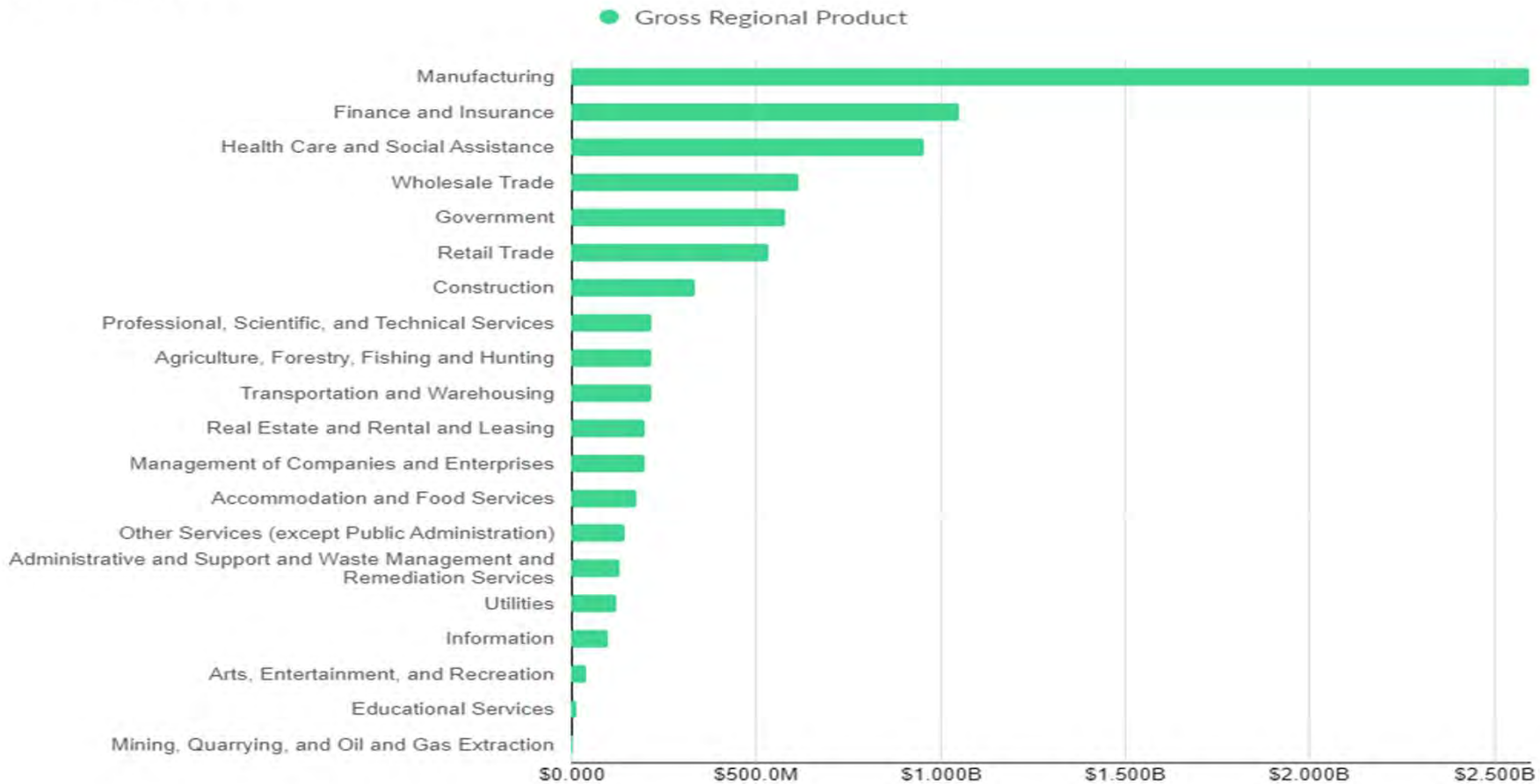
Industry Sectors

Largest Industries



Top Industry - Gross Regional Product

Top Industry GRP

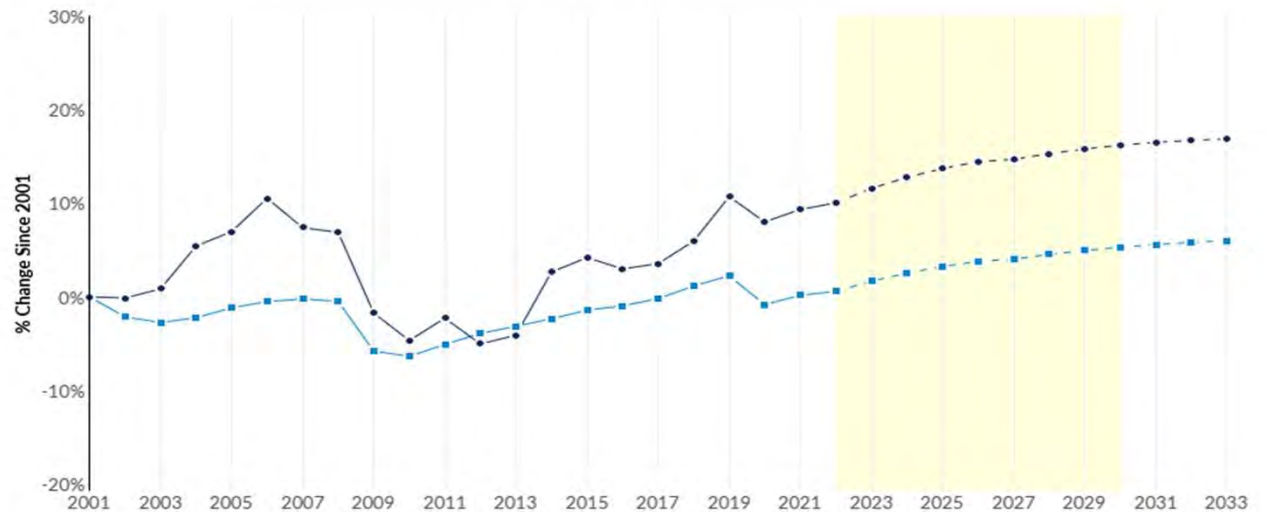


Industry Drivers Forecast

Driving Industry Sectors

- Agriculture & Forestry
- Finance & Insurance
- Manufacturing
- Health and Human Services

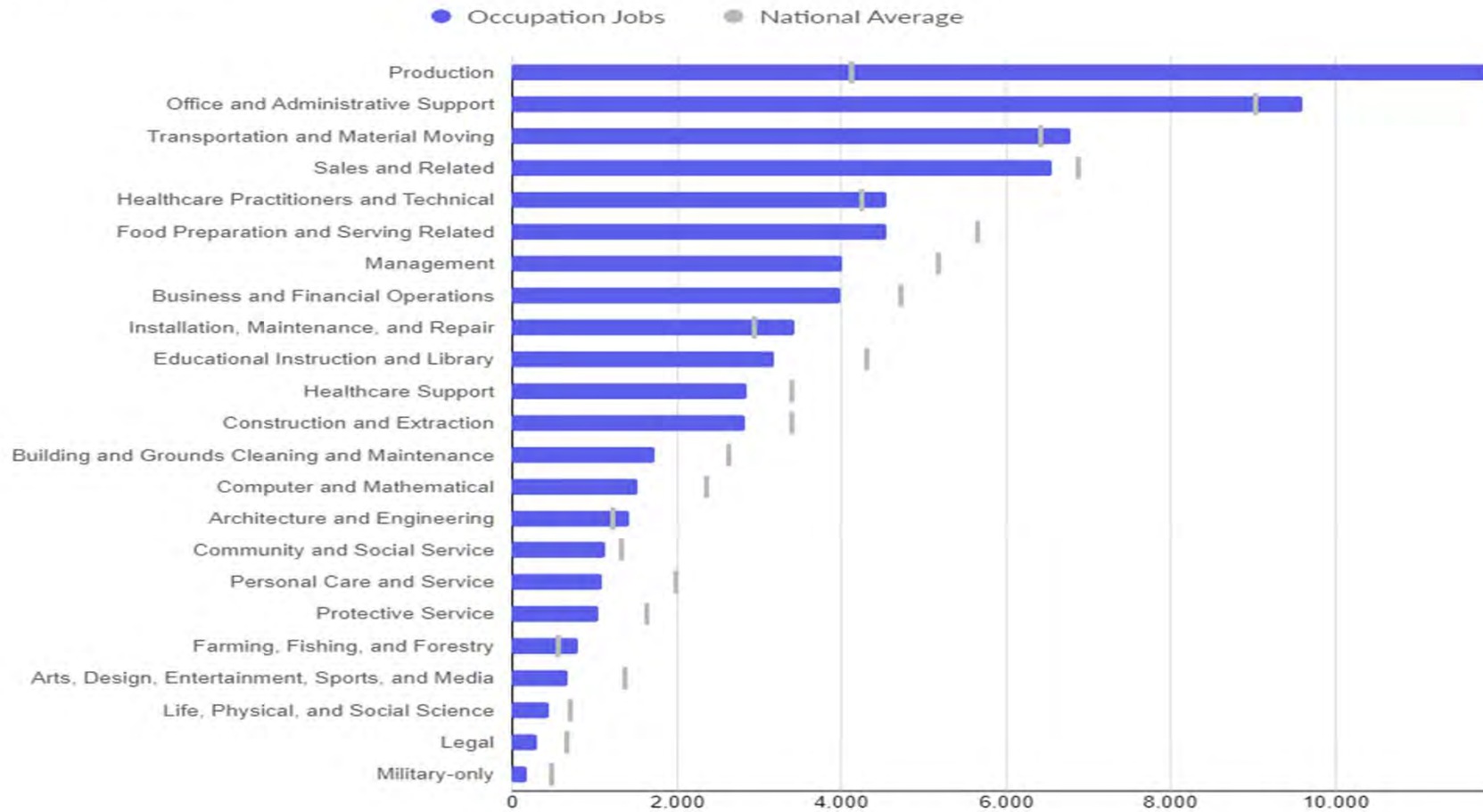
Industry Change Summary



Region	2022 Jobs	2030 Jobs	Change	% Change	2022 Average Earnings	2022 Payrolled Business Locations
Wausau-Weston, WI	40,232	42,487	2,255	6%	\$75,745	1,459
Wisconsin	1,081,816	1,132,629	50,813	5%	\$79,698	54,609

Largest Occupations

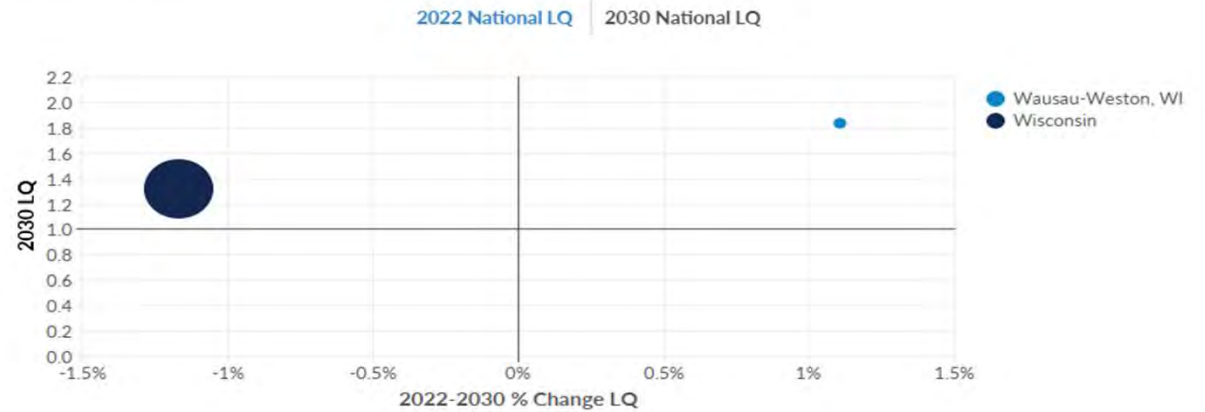
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Industry Location Quotient

A Measure of Competitiveness

Location Quotient Breakdown



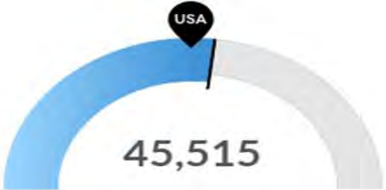
Industry	Description	Wausau-Weston, WI	Wisconsin
31	Manufacturing	3.38	2.00
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2.19	1.44
52	Finance and Insurance	1.66	1.04
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	1.00	1.01
	Total	1.84	1.32

Demographics Characteristics



Millennials

Marathon County, WI has 25,273 millennials (ages 25-39). The national average for an area this size is 28,117.



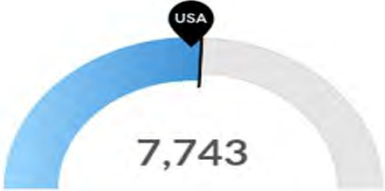
Retiring Soon

Retirement risk is high in Marathon County, WI. The national average for an area this size is 40,914 people 55 or older, while there are 45,515 here.



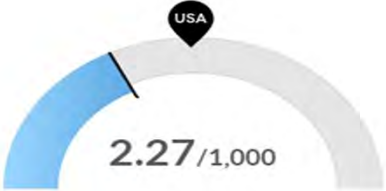
Racial Diversity

Racial diversity is low in Marathon County, WI. The national average for an area this size is 56,014 racially diverse people, while there are 17,021 here.



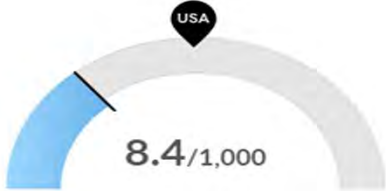
Veterans

Marathon County, WI has 7,743 veterans. The national average for an area this size is 7,422.



Violent Crime

Marathon County, WI has 2.27 violent crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 3.59 per 1,000 people.

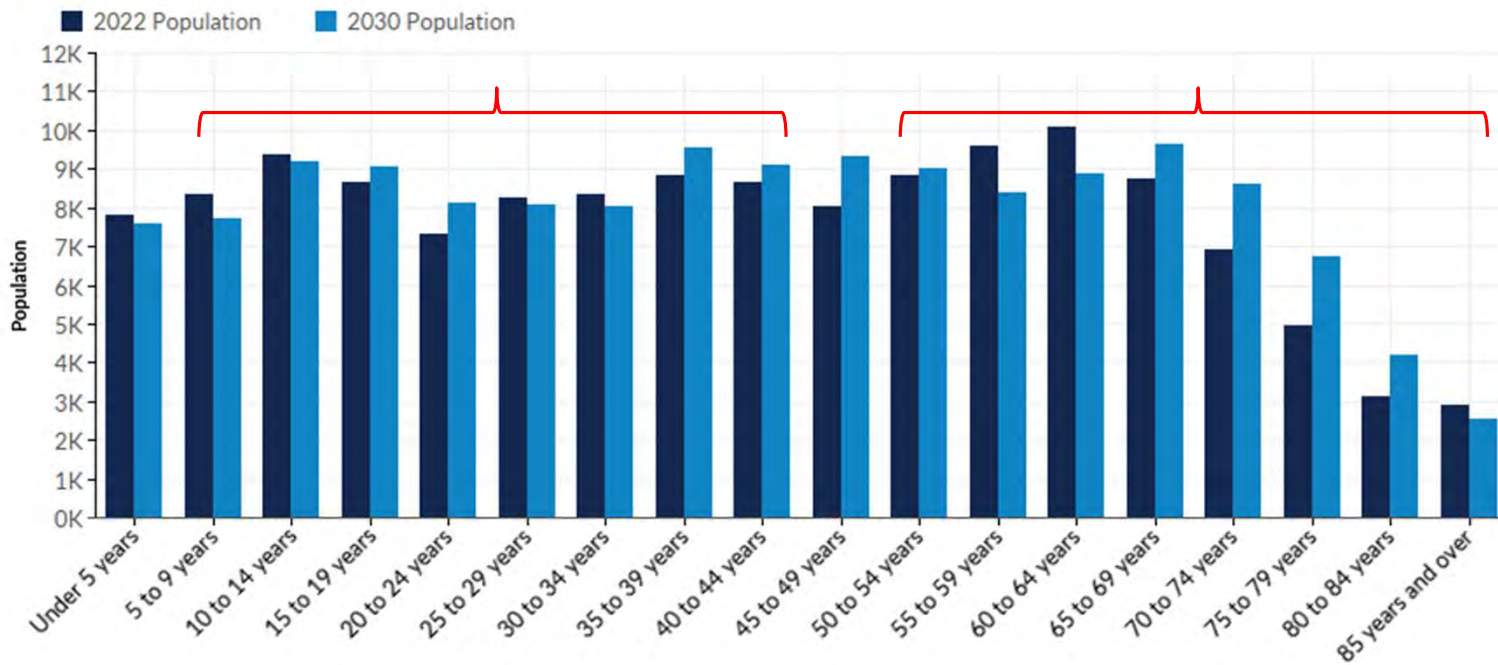


Property Crime

Marathon County, WI has 8.4 property crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 17.8 per 1,000 people.

Population Forecast

Population by Age Cohort



Barriers to Industry & Economic Growth

- Declining Demographics
- Lack of Skilled Workers
- Lack of Housing Opportunities
 - Workforce / Affordable Housing
 - Single Family Homes
- Access to Affordable Child Care

Areas of Opportunity

December 2022



Wausau Metropolitan Area Housing Assessment 2022



Prepared by: North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
210 McClellan St #210, Wausau, WI 54402

- Amending ordinances. Allowing for smaller lots and setbacks as well as more options for multifamily for-rent and for-sale products.
- Development bonuses can also reward developers for providing affordable housing with modified requirements like increased density, reduced parking space minimums, or municipal fee waivers to lower construction cost per housing unit.
- Actively pursuing developers capable of providing needed housing styles and marketing site owned by either municipalities or private landowners can reduce time and costs for developers, reducing the cost of housing and speeding up the rate at which housing is built.
- Reaching out to area employers, nonprofits, or state and federal agencies that administer grant programs may identify new sources of funding for new housing construction.
- Updating planning documents to encourage a greater variety of housing types and inventorying ideal locations for development and redevelopment makes reviewing proposed new construction more efficient as residents and developers have a clearer vision of what kind of housing is being encouraged and where it should be located.
- Higher density and/or lower-income housing may be more suitable near bus routes and roads with higher capacities, for example. Additionally, assembling a series of vacant sites may encourage a single developer to create multiple housing units throughout a community, known as “scattered sites.”
- Pursuing state and federal financial programs that assist with new construction, homelessness, housing rehabilitation, conversion of existing single-family structures to multifamily structures, brownfield site clean-up, infrastructure costs, aging-in-place upgrades, etc.
- Using Tax Increment Financing (TIF), bonds, cash incentives, or other municipal budgeting strategies to overcome prohibitive initial infrastructure investments a developer must make before generating revenue to build new housing that otherwise would not be feasible.
- Land banking

Thank You
&
Questions

ORDINANCE # O - 4 -23

Town of Elderon 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 Laurie A Bootz Trustee, on behalf of Magdalen Conrad Trust to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-E Rural Estate located in the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 8, Township 27 North, Range 10 East, Town of Elderon. The area proposed to be rezoned is described as Lot 1 of preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #022.2710.081.0994.

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 January 31, 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 Elderon 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 31st day of January, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE



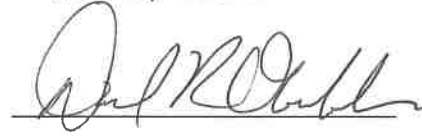
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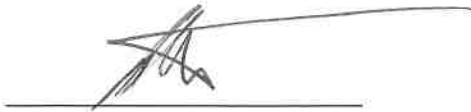
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Dated this 31st day of January, 2023

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
MARATHON COUNTY)
TOWN OF ELDERON)

RESOLUTION ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

TO THE MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

I, Mary Ostrowski, Clerk of the Town of Elderon, 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 Elderon Town Board at a meeting held on the 2nd day of JANUARY, 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 Elderon Town Board considered on the 3rd day of JANUARY, 2023, petition of Laurie A. Bouts, Trustee, on behalf of Magdalen Conrad Trust to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-E Rural Estate located in the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Township 27 North, Range 10 East, Town of Elderon. The area proposed to be rezoned is described as Lot 1 of preliminary CSM, Parent Parcel #022.2710.081.0994.

The Town of Elderon 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: no public facilities or services
- 2) Has the applicant demonstrated how the provision of the public facilities will not be an unreasonable burden to local government?
 No Yes Explain: no unreasonable burden
- 3) Has the applicant determined that the land is suitable for the development proposed? Explain.
 No Yes Explain: confirms with 5 acre minimum lot size required in TOWN OF ELDERON
- 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: none affected
- 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: NO New development
- 7) Has the applicant demonstrated the availability of alternative locations? Be specific
 No Yes Explain: no alternative location
- 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: NO ag land converted
- 10) Is proposed rezone request consistent with the town's adopted Comprehensive Plan? Explain.
 No Yes Explain: See #3
- 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 Elderon recommends: **Approval** **Disapproval** of the amendment and/or zone change.

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

*Wis. Stats §59.69(5)(c), (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 Mary Ostravski
 Town Board Donald Amann
Craig Ostrowski
Michelle Reynolds

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 January 20, 2023 to:

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

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

MARATHON COUNTY NO. _____

PART OF LOT 1 OF CSM 8528-33-96, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, TOWN OF ELDERON, MARATHON COUNTY.

VREELAND ASSOCIATES, INC.
LAND SURVEYORS & ENGINEERS

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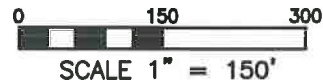
PREPARED FOR: **LAURIE BOOTZ**

FILE #: 22-0579 BOOTZ

DRAFTED AND DRAWN BY: TIMOTHY G. VREELAND

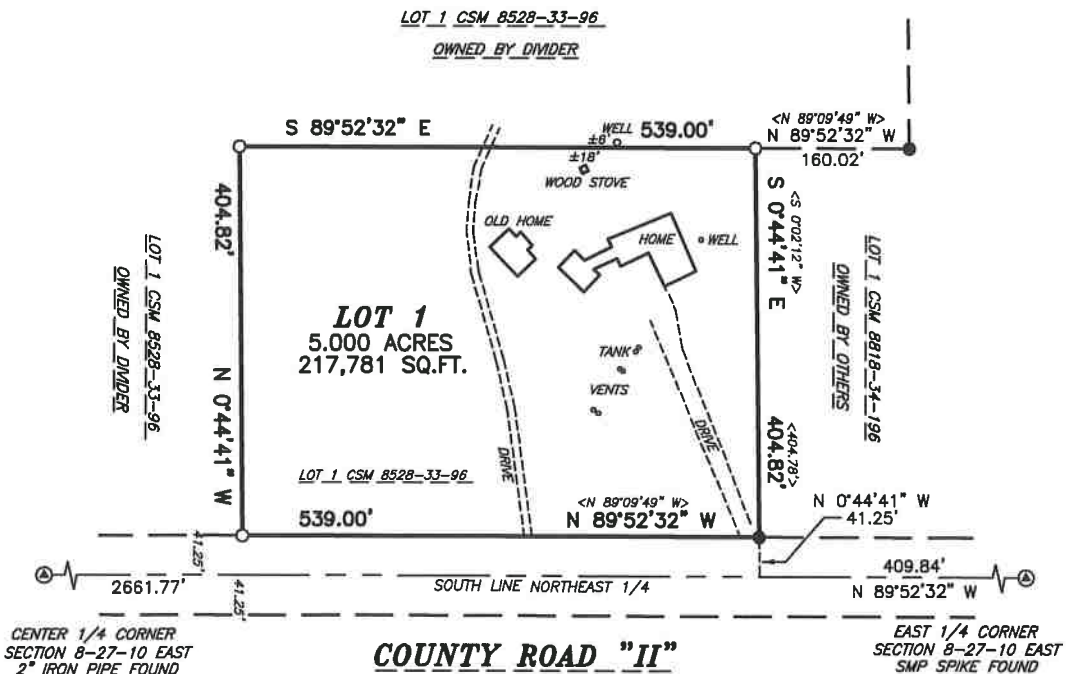
THIS MAP DOES NOT TRANSFER PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, AND THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF PROPERTY REQUIRES A RECORDED DEED EXCEPTING PUBLIC DEDICATION.

BEARINGS REFERENCED TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 BEARING N 89°52'32" W PER WISCONSIN COUNTY COORDINATE SYSTEM (MARATHON) MORS (2011)



LEGEND

- ⊙ = GOVERNMENT CORNER LOCATION PER COUNTY SURVEY RECORDS
- = 1.315" OUTSIDE DIAMETER x 24" IRON PIPE 1.68 POUNDS PER FOOT SET
- = 0.75" REBAR FOUND IN PLACE
- < > = PREVIOUSLY RECORDED AS CSM = CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP



COUNTY ROAD "II"

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

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1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH,
RANGE 10 EAST, TOWN OF ELDERON, MARATHON COUNTY.

SHEET 2 OF 2 SHEETS

SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

I, TIMOTHY G. VREELAND, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT THE DIRECTION OF LAURIE BOOTZ, I SURVEYED, MAPPED AND DIVIDED PART OF LOT 1 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 8528, RECORDED IN VOLUME 33 ON PAGE 96, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, TOWN OF ELDERON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8; THENCE N 89°52'32" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 409.84 FEET; THENCE N 0°44'41" W 41.25 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "II" AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 89°52'32" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "II" 539.00 FEET; THENCE N 0°44'41" W 404.82 FEET; THENCE S 89°52'32" E 539.00 FEET; THENCE S 0°44'41" E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1 404.82 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 ELDERON, ALL TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IN SURVEYING, DIVIDING AND MAPPING THE SAME.

DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022
SURVEY PERFORMED NOVEMBER 17TH, 2022

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. _____

ORDINANCE # O - 5 -23

Town of Hull 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 Jordan Weaver to rezone lands from RE Rural Estate to RR Rural Residential and from RE Rural Estate to NC Neighborhood Commercial described as part of the Southwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 12, Township North, Range 2 East, Town of Hull. The area proposed to be rezoned is described as Lot 1 and 2 of preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel # 044.2802.122.0995.

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 January 31, 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 Hull hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

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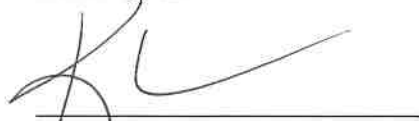
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RESOLUTION ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

TO THE MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

I, Jenny Reynolds, Clerk of the Town of Hull, 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 Hull Town Board at a meeting held on the 20th day of January, 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 Hull Town Board considered on the 20th day of January, 2023, petition of Jordan Weaver to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from RE Rural Estate to RR Rural Residential and from RE Rural Estate to NC Neighborhood Commercial location described as part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township North, Range 2 East, Town of Hull. The area proposed to rezoned is described as Lot 1 and 2 of preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel # 044.2802.122.0995.

The Town of Hull 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)

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: _____

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 Hull approves the request.

The Town of Hull 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 [Signature]
Town Board [Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]

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 January 20, 2023 to:

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

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

MARATHON COUNTY NO. _____

PART OF THE SW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION
12, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST,
TOWN OF HULL, MARATHON COUNTY, WI.

NORTHCENTRAL LAND SURVEYING, LLC
163957 OWL RIDGE ROAD, WAUSAU, WISCONSIN 54403
WEBSITE: www.NorthCentralLandSurveying.com
PHONE: 715-297-8343
EMAIL: JasonPfleger@gmail.com
DRAFTED & DRAWN BY: JASON J. PFLIEGER
OWNER OF PROPERTY: JORDAN & ELAINE WEAVER
SURVEY PREPARED FOR: JORDAN WEAVER
DATE OF FIELDWORK: 11/10/2022
FILE NUMBER: 2022132 WEAVER

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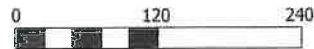


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- = 3/4" X 18" REBAR 1.50lbs/ft SET
- < > = PREVIOUSLY RECORDED AS

BEARING REFERENCE

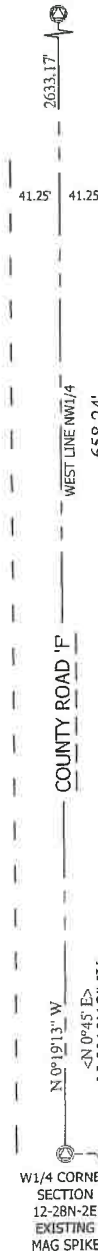
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THE NW1/4 BEARING N 0°19'13" W PER WCCS
(MARATHON COUNTY) NAD83 (2011)



SCALE 1" = 120'

NOTE:
THIS MAP DOES NOT TRANSFER PROPERTY OWNERSHIP.
SALE OR TRANSFER OF PROPERTY REQUIRES A DEED.

NW CORNER
SECTION
12-28N-2E
EXISTING
SMP SPIKE

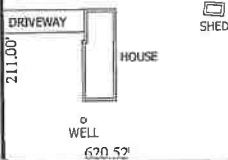


LOT 1 CSM #7341 OWNED BY OTHERS

<N 88°57'21" W>
N 89°57'21" E

620.52'

LOT 1
3.005 ACRES
130,929.76 SQ.FT.



211.00'
S 0°19'13" E
<N 0°45' E>



S 89°57'21" W

LOT 2
6.370 ACRES
277,516.88 SQ.FT.

LOT 1 CSM #7341 OWNED BY OTHERS

SOUTH LINE SW1/4 NW1/4

620.52'

S 89°57'21" W
<N 88°57'21" W>

4474.69'
5136.46'

SW1/4 CORNER
SECTION
12-28N-2E
EXISTING
MAG SPIKE

E1/4 CORNER
SECTION 12-28N-2E
EXISTING 60D SPIKE

UNPLATTED LANDS OWNED BY OTHERS

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP MARATHON COUNTY NO. _____

PART OF THE SW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION
12, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST,
TOWN OF HULL, MARATHON COUNTY, WI.

<p>NORTHCENTRAL LAND SURVEYING, LLC 163957 OWL RIDGE ROAD, WAUSAU, WISCONSIN 54403 WEBSITE: www.NorthCentralLandSurveying.com PHONE: 715-297-8343 EMAIL: JasonPflieger@gmail.com DRAFTED & DRAWN BY: JASON J. PFLIEGER OWNER OF PROPERTY: JORDAN & ELAINE WEAVER SURVEY PREPARED FOR: JORDAN WEAVER DATE OF FIELDWORK: 11/10/2022 FILE NUMBER: 2022132 WEAVER</p>

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SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

I, JASON J. PFLIEGER, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT THE DIRECTION OF JORDAN WEAVER, I SURVEYED, MAPPED AND DIVIDED PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, TOWN OF HULL, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE N 89°57'21" E ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, 41.25 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 'F' AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 0°19'13" W ALONG THE EAST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 'F', 658.24 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT (1) OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER (7341); THENCE N 89°57'21" E ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT (1), 620.52 FEET; THENCE S 0°19'13" E ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT (1), 658.24 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE S 89°57'21" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, 620.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS 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 HULL, ALL TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IN SURVEYING, DIVIDING AND MAPPING THE SAME.

DATED THIS 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022

JASON J. PFLIEGER P.L.S. 3148-8

SEPTIC EASEMENT DESCRIPTION

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, TOWN OF HULL, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE N 89°57'21" E ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, 41.25 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 'F'; THENCE N 0°19'13" W ALONG THE EAST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 'F', 378.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING N 0°19'13" W ALONG THE EAST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 'F', 68.61 FEET; THENCE N 89°57'21" E 87.61 FEET; THENCE S 27°34'32" W 77.43 FEET; THENCE S 89°57'21" W 51.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

BY: _____

DATE: _____

MARATHON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION, PLANNING & ZONING
CPZ TRACKING NO. _____

ORDINANCE AMENDING GENERAL CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR MARATHON COUNTY CHAPTER 15, 17 & 18 ORDINANCE CODES

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapters 15, 17 and 18 Ordinance Codes, and

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

WHEREAS, the Committee, on due notice, conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendments, and filed their recommendation with the Board, and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments has been given due consideration by the Board in open session,

WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed text amendments is available for review at the offices of Marathon County Conservation Planning and Zoning Dept., 210 River Dr., and Marathon County Clerk, Courthouse 500 Forest Street, Wausau, 54403 during regular office hours, and is also available at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3K0t1a6> and is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full; and

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 Chapters 15, 17 and 18 Ordinance Codes are amended in the following respects: For general text amendment changes to the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapters 15, 17 and 18 Ordinance Codes.

Dated this 31st day of January, 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE



Jacob Langenhahn, Chair



Allen Drabek, Vice Chair




Rick Seefeldt




Mike Ritter



David Oberbeck



Andrew Venzke



Kim Ungerer



Rodney Roskopf



Tony Sheffinski

Dated this 31 day of January, 2023

Kurt Gibbs – Marathon County Board Chair



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 3, 2023

TO: Marathon County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shad Harvey, Marathon County Land Resources Manager

SUBJECT: 2023 TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE MARATHON COUNTY GENERAL CODE OF ORDINANCES – CHAPTERS 15, 17, and 18

Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ) has done an annual review of Chapter 15-Private Sewage Systems, Chapter 17-Zoning Code, and Chapter 18-Land Division and Surveying Regulations of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County to propose text amendments for the upcoming building season. Most changes proposed are to ensure ordinances are consistent with state statutes, or to improve implementation and/or enforcement of the ordinances.

The Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) has been reviewing and discussing these proposed changes over the past 4 months. In addition to the ERC's review, CPZ has outreached to towns and citizens asking for input. This memo outlines the opportunities that have been provided to give input on the proposed ordinance changes.

- **October 6th, 2022**- Memo sent to towns notifying of potential updates and the request for comments and offering to come to town meetings to provide an overview of the proposed changes.
- **November 1st, 2022**- Public meeting with ERC for initial discussion on proposed updates.
- **November 29th, 2022**- Public meeting with ERC to continue discussions on proposed updates.
- **December 28th, 2022**- Second memo sent to towns notifying them of code updates, scheduled open house, and opportunities to submit questions or comments.
- **January 6th, 2023**- Public meeting with ERC to continue discussions on proposed updates.
- **January 19th, 2023**- Open house for towns and public to ask questions and submit comments.
- **January 31st, 2023**- Public hearing with ERC to recommend approval of proposed updates to the Marathon County Board of Supervisors.

CPZ respectfully requests the Marathon County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed updates at their February 2023 meeting. This will allow changes to be reflected in preparation for the upcoming building season.

To review full drafts of Chapters 15, 17, 18 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2btbpy6e>. Look under the *2023 Drafts for Review* header. A summary table has also been included in the County Board Packet for February. Please note that the only changes being proposed to Chapter 15 and 18 at this time are to ensure consistency with state statutes and consistency amongst the Chapter 15, 17, and 18 ordinances.

CPZ would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions or concerns prior to the County Board voting meeting on February 21, 2023. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these text amendments, please call me at 715-261-6030 or send an email to Shad.Harvey@co.marathon.wi.us.

2023 Summary of Proposed Revisions to Marathon County General Code Ordinances Chapter 17 - Zoning Code

Amendment #	Title	Page Number (refers to page # on bottom right of page in the Draft)	Section (in proposed code)	Proposed Change	Reason for Change
1	Chapter 17	Entire Document	Entire Document	Update Chapter 17 code references, correct existing spelling, formatting, and grammatical errors.	See draft ordinance for code reference updates and grammatical error updates.
2	Title 2, 4	Pages 23, 90, 91	Section 17.203.05 Table of Permitted Uses (Table 3) Section 17.401.02 Accessory Buildings and (Table 6)	Remove conditional use process for accessory building(s) exceeding the dimensional limitations of Table 6. (For personal/private use and/or accessory to the principal use of the lot). Pair this removal with an increase in dimensional standards for residential structures in Table 6.	This conditional use should actually be addressed as and area variance which currently has a process in our code.
3	Title 2, 9	Pages 9, 10, 99	Section 17.202.02 Schedule of Regulation (Table 2) Section 17.202.03 Footnotes To The Schedule of Regulations Chapter 17.902 General Definitions	Include Net Dwelling Densities back into the schedule of regulations. Add clarity regarding how Net Dwelling Density is calculated and what is applicable too. (Subdivisions, Multifamily Developments, Conservation Developments).	State statute 66.1001(2)(h) states that counties regulate densities. It is referenced in multiple areas in our code as a key factor in regulating 17.204.18 Multi-Family Dwellings, 17.204.19 Conservation Development. Without densities included regulating the number of Dwelling units in Multi-Family Dwellings and Conservation Development areas is not possible.
4	Title 3	Pages 71, 72	Section 17.204.64 Special Events, Transient Amusements, and Temporary / Intermittent Events	Include additional requirements for events with 500 or more guests such as Traffic control plan and or Emergency Management plan.	To better protect health and safety of the public. The current code says the event shall be designed in a manner which minimizes the potential effect on adjacent properties and or conflicting land uses but does not outline tools to accomplish that goal.
5	Title 2	Page 68	Section 17.204.57 Major Home Occupation / Home Professional Business	Removal of Major Home Occupation Conditional Use Permit Exemption for businesses that primarily conduct service off site.	Better protect the integrity of zoning districts and the interests of the public by requiring all new Major Home Occupations to go through the Conditional Use Permit process.
6	Title 1	Pages 2, 3	Section 17.101.06 Compliance With Other Applicable Regulations	Include new subsection section requiring a review of sale or exchange documents for parcels under 10 acres to ensure it abides by zoning district standards and POWTS standards. (Update Chapter 15 and 18 updated to remain consistent).	Wisconsin State Statute 236.45 removed the authority of Section 18.004.03 of Chapter 18 Land Division Ordinance to require a CSM (and review) for sale or exchanges that are less than 5 acres, where a new lot is not created. Not having this review process prevents the County from ensuring the newly adjusted parcels are conforming to the size requirements and standards of their respective zoning districts as well as ensuring a legal sanitary system remains possible. The addition of this section would allow the county to prevent non-conforming parcels from being created in county zoned towns.

2023 Summary of Proposed Revisions to Marathon County General Code Ordinances Chapter 15 - Private Sewage Systems

Amendment #	Title	Page Number (refers to page # on bottom right of page in the Draft)	Section (in proposed code)	Proposed Change	Reason for Change
1	N/A	Page 22	15.40- Powers and Duties	Add sub section in powers and duties to include review of sale or exchange documents.	To ensure consistency among codes. To ensure sale or exchange does not affect the parcels ability to have a legal sanitary system.

2023 Summary of Proposed Revisions to Marathon County General Code Ordinances Chapter 18 - Land Division and Surveying Regulations

Amendment #	Title	Page Number (refers to page # on bottom right of page in the Draft)	Section (in proposed code)	Proposed Change	Reason for Change
1	Title 2, 4	Pages 3, 7	Section 18.002.03 Land Divisions and other Surveying Exceptions Not Governed By This Code Section 18.004.03 Special Land Division Circumstances and Procedures	Add sub section to reference chapters 15 and 17 for the purpose of requiring a review of sale or exchange documents. And update to ensure code is following state statute.	To ensure consistency among codes. To ensure sale or exchange does not affect the parcels ability to have a legal sanitary system.

To review full drafts of Chapters 15, 17, and 18 of The General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/2btbpy6e>

Look under the *2023 Drafts for Review* header.

Hard copies of the draft are available upon request to Shad.Harvey@co.marathon.wi.us

ORDINANCE #O-7-23

CREATION OF MARATHON COUNTY ENERGY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, Section 2.01(12)(e) of the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances allows the Marathon County Board of Supervisors to create taskforces at the request of standing committees. Taskforces are defined as workgroups appointed to address specific issues within a specific period of time and are formally constituted subgroups of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Within Marathon County’s Comprehensive Plan, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has identified as a utilities goal in Marathon County to “Promote energy conservation and the increased use of renewable energy” and has identified adoption of “innovative policies and practices for energy efficiency and sustainable building design” as a county goal within the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County’s energy costs have gone up considerably, creating a need to mitigate those costs for county taxpayers and to make annual budgeting for energy costs more predicable; and

WHEREAS, establishing a countywide energy policy or policies to maximize efficiencies and capitalize on state and federal energy incentives would assist Marathon County in its goal of being the healthiest, safest, and most prosperous county in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee forwarded to the Executive Committee for its review a proposed charter for an Energy Task Force which would research, coordinate, and provide recommendations for policy changes to maintain baseline data regarding the County’s current energy use, identify areas of opportunity for the mitigation of increasing utility costs, identify the costs of implementation and benefits of suggested changes, and identify partners of support and potential funding sources to assist in coordinating these efforts; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2023, the Executive Committee recommended creation of an Energy Task Force and approval of the attached task force charter, along with the attached amendment to Section 2.05 of the Marathon County General Code incorporating the duties, purpose, and membership of the task force into the Marathon County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby ordain as follows:

1. To create an Energy Task Force pursuant to the attached task force charter;
2. To amend Section 2.05 of the Marathon County General Code by creating a new subsection (14) as outlined in the attached document.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.
Dated the 21st day of February, 2023.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Fiscal Impact: None. The task force creation and code amendment have no fiscal impact.

NEWLY CREATED SECTION 2.05(14) – MARATHON COUNTY GENERAL CODE

2.05(14) *Energy Task Force.*

- (a) *Reporting Relationship:* Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee.
- (b) *Mission/purpose:* Establish a county-wide energy policy or policies to guide decisions focused on creating a more independent energy portfolio for the county that is more affordable, reliable, resilient and sustainable. The overall goal for energy use would be to maximize efficiencies and capitalize on state and federal energy incentives to assist the county.
- (c) *Statutory Responsibilities:* None.
- (d) *Membership:* Between 6 and 10 members, including the following:
 - 1. Between 5 and 7 Board Members from any of the following committees:
 - a. Human Resources, Finance and Property
 - b. Environmental Resources
 - c. Infrastructure
 - d. Extension, Education & Economic Development
 - e. Solid Waste
 - f. Parks, Recreation, and Forestry
 - 2. Between 1 and 3 citizen members
- (e) *Member terms:* Concurrent with terms of the County Board.
- (f) *Duties and Responsibilities:* To research, coordinate, and provide recommendations and options for policy changes to achieve goals set for and established by the task force, including:
 - 1. Maintain baseline data regarding the county’s current energy use.
 - 2. Identify areas of opportunity for the mitigation of increasing utility costs, energy usage, conservation strategies, alternative/renewable energy development, and overall management and resiliency
 - 3. Identify the costs of implementation and benefits of suggested changes with best return on investment and/or shortest payback period
 - 4. Identify partners of support and potential funding sources
- (g) *Timeline and Expectations:*
 - 1. By Spring 2023, define goals, gather baseline data, and create a plan for engaging appropriate stakeholders.
 - 2. By Summer 2023, reach out to logical stakeholders and begin focused meetings based on defined goals.
 - 3. By Fall 2023, report to Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee relative to possible capital improvement projects and funding sources to coincide with 2024 budget process.
 - 4. By Winter 2023, incorporate recommendations into 2024 capital improvement process.
 - 5. By Spring 2024, incorporate input from committees into a final proposal and resolution to be considered for adoption.
 - 6. Quarterly, report to County Board and relevant committees as needed

Marathon County Energy Task Force Charter

One of Marathon County's goals is to be the healthiest, safest, and most prosperous county in the state. The County Government serves people by "leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives...directly or in cooperation with public & private partners...to create opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business." Recognizing that being fiscally responsible and good stewards of our resources is integral in both of those, in 2016, Marathon County established Goal 8.5: *"Promote energy conservation and the increased use of renewable energy. (a.) Adopt innovative policies and practices for energy efficiency and sustainable building design."* as part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mission/purpose:

Establish a county wide energy policy or policies to guide decisions focused on creating a more independent energy portfolio for the county that is affordable, reliable, resilient and sustainable. The overall goal for energy use would be to maximize efficiencies and capitalize on state and federal energy incentives to assist the county.

Membership: 5-7 Board Members from any of the following committees as well as possible at large members from the community/utilities

- HRFP
- Environmental Resources
- Infrastructure
- Extension, Education, & Economic Development
- Parks, Recreation, and Forestry
- Solid Waste
- 1-3 at-large members

Duties/Responsibilities:

To research, coordinate, and provide recommendations/options for policy changes to achieve the goals set for and established by the task force, which would include but not be limited to:

- Maintain baseline data regarding the county's current energy use
- Identify areas of opportunity for the mitigation of increasing utility costs, energy usage, conservation strategies, alternative/renewable energy development, and overall management and resiliency
- Identify the costs of implementation & benefits of suggested changes with best ROI/shortest payback period
- Identify partners of support (grid/utility providers, large users, renewable equipment providers) and potential funding sources (ARPA, BIL, IRA...) to assist in coordinating the county's efforts

Possible Outcomes/Deliverables:

- Analyze our current energy situation (status and challenges)
- Evaluating the impact on the County's finances
- Suggest solutions for mitigating the increasing energy costs due to fluctuation in the energy market
- Capitalize on new monetary streams
- Recommend possible CIP project(s) for 2024

Timeline:

Spring 2023

- Define goals, gather baseline data, and create a plan for engaging appropriate stakeholders

Summer 2023

- Reach out to logical stakeholders
- Begin focused meetings based on goals

Fall 2023

- Report to HRFP (possible CIP project and funding sources) to coincide with 2024 budget process

Winter 2023

- Incorporate any recommendations to the 2024 CIP process

Spring 2024 and beyond

- Report to Board and other relevant committees as needed (i.e., quarterly)
- Initiate any CIP projects in the 2024 budget in January (i.e. bidding)
- If, due to supply chain issues, any delays are experienced and ARPA funds are utilized, the county has through 2026
- For the purposes of proposing the creation of the Task Force, incorporate input from committees into a final proposal and resolution drafted by Corporation Counsel to be considered for adoption in March.

RESOLUTION #R - 7 - 23

**REQUESTING THE STATE TO REVISE THE CURRENT REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES
REVENUE SHARING FORMULA**

WHEREAS, the collection of a real estate transfer fee by counties was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, the State changed the transfer fee formula to require counties to remit 80% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, the County, through the Register of Deeds Office, assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in each county, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County real estate transfer fee collections over the past five years totaled \$4,693,255.80 of which the County retained \$900,499.44 and \$3,792,756.36 was remitted to the State; and

WHEREAS, using a 50/50 split, the County's share of fees collected on local real estate transfers during that same five-year period would have provided an additional \$2,346,627.90 in support of local government; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of approximately 6.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing county government services to an inflationary economy and providing services for increasing unfunded State mandated programs along with financial restrictions caused by State imposed levy limits; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, that in an effort to assist all Wisconsin counties, the State of Wisconsin revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin counties to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Marathon County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all other Wisconsin counties.

Done this 21st day of February, 2023

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Fiscal Impact: This would provide approximately an additional \$469,325.58 in annual revenue.

**RESOLUTION #R-8-23
APPROVE 2023 BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR MARATHON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

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, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee and the Infrastructure Committee have reviewed and does recommend the a 2023 budget transfer to allow the Highway Department to complete a Highway KK Box Culvert project; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee further approved amendment of the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan to add the Highway KK Box Culvert project.

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

Transfer from:	Highway Department Fund Balance
Transfer to:	Other Raw Materials – Infrastructure and Personal Services
Amount:	\$500,000.00
Re:	Highway KK Box Culvert Project

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan is amended to include as a project the Highway KK Box Culvert project.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of February, 2023.

HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Fiscal Note: This resolution modifies the revenues and expenditures for various County funds. There is no additional County levy appropriated in this resolution.

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

MARATHON COUNTY
Budget Transfer Authorization Request Form

This form must be completed electronically and emailed to **Season Welle, Kristi Palmer**, and to your Department Head. This email will confirm that your Department Head acknowledges and approves this transfer. Forms that are incomplete, incorrect, out-of-balance, or that have not been sent to your Department Head will be returned. The Finance Department will forward completed forms to the Marathon County Human Resources, Finance & Property Committee.

DEPARTMENT: Highway

BUDGET YEAR: 2023

TRANSFER FROM:

Action	Account Number	Account Description	Amount
Revenue Increase	801 265 8 9900	Use of Fund Bal: Black Creek @ CR:KK Box Culvert Project	500,000.00

TRANSFER TO:

Action	Account Number	Account Description	Amount
Revenue Decrease	Click to enter GL Account	Click here to enter account description	Enter amount
Expenditure Increase	801 284 9 4590	Other Raw Materials-Infrastructure	275,000.00
Expenditure Increase	801 284 9 1210	Personal Services	225,000.00

I, the undersigned, respectfully request that the Human Resources, Finance & Property Committee approve the following change in budget / transfer of funds as discussed in the attached supplemental information.

Requested By: James Griesbach

Date Completed: 2/7/2023

COMPLETED BY FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

MARATHON COUNTY
Budget Transfer Authorization Request – Supplemental Information

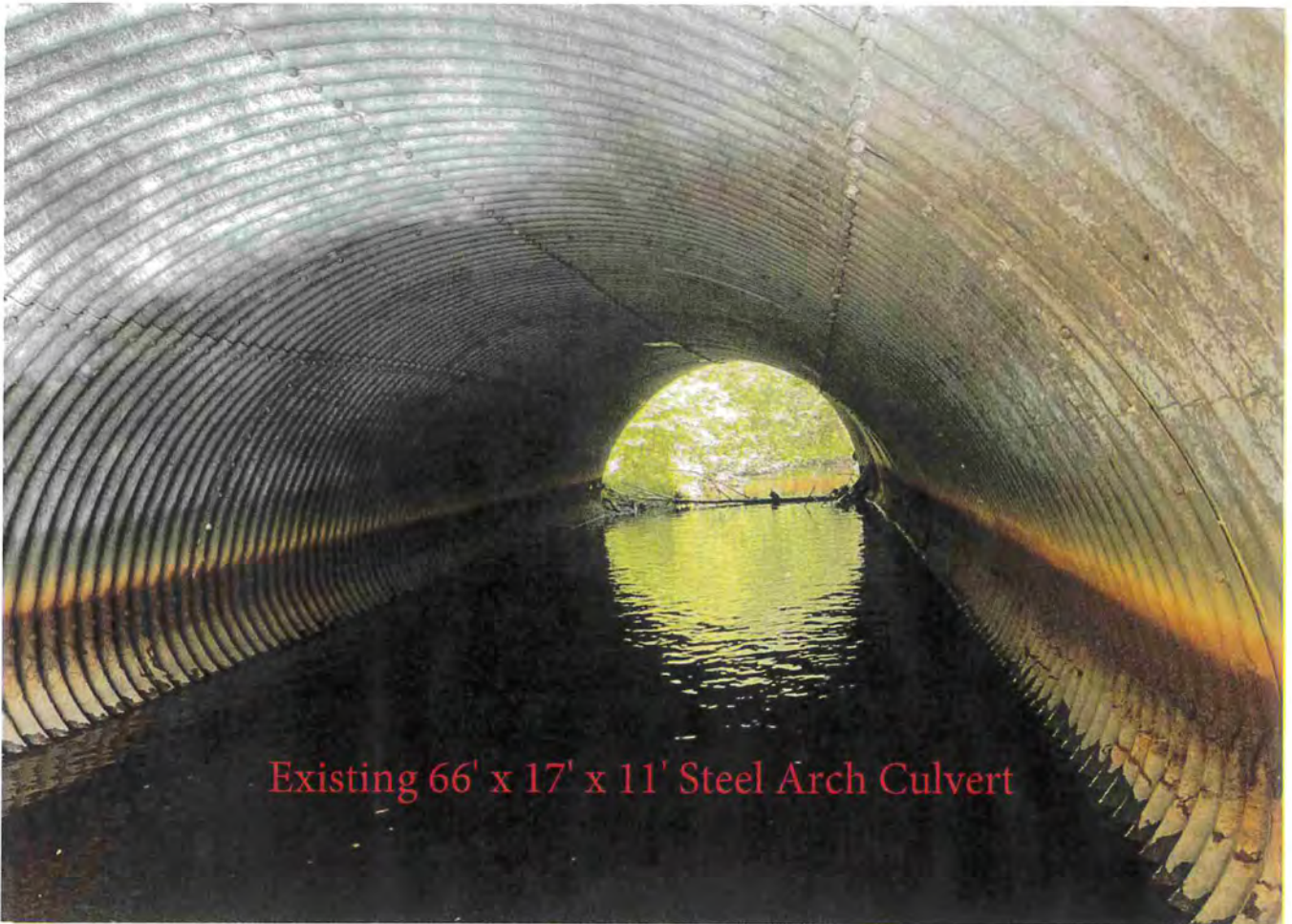
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Highway Department Infrastructure; Bridges, Culverts, Design, Engineering
- 2) Provide a brief (2-3 sentence) description of what this program does.
Provides infrastructure acquisition, reconstruction, design and engineering services for projects throughout the County.
- 3) This program is: (Check one)
 An Existing Program.
 A New Program.
- 4) What is the reason for this budget transfer?
 Carry-over of Fund Balance.
 Increase/Decrease in Grant Funding for Existing Program.
 Increase/Decrease in Non-Grant Funding (such as tax levy, donations, or fees) for Existing Program.
 Set up Initial Budget for New Grant Program.
 Set up Initial Budget for New Non-Grant Program
 Other. Please explain: [Click here to enter description](#)
- 5) If this Program is a Grant, is there a “Local Match” Requirement?
 This Program is not a Grant.
 This Program is a Grant, but there is no Local Match requirement.
 This Program is a Grant, and there is a Local Match requirement of: (Check one)
 Cash (such as tax levy, user fees, donations, etc.)
 Non-cash/In-Kind Services: (Describe) [Click here to enter description](#)
- 6) Does this Transfer Request increase any General Ledger 8000 Account Codes? (Capital Outlay Accounts)
 No.
 Yes, the Amount is Less than \$30,000.
 Yes, the Amount is \$30,000 or more AND: (Check one)
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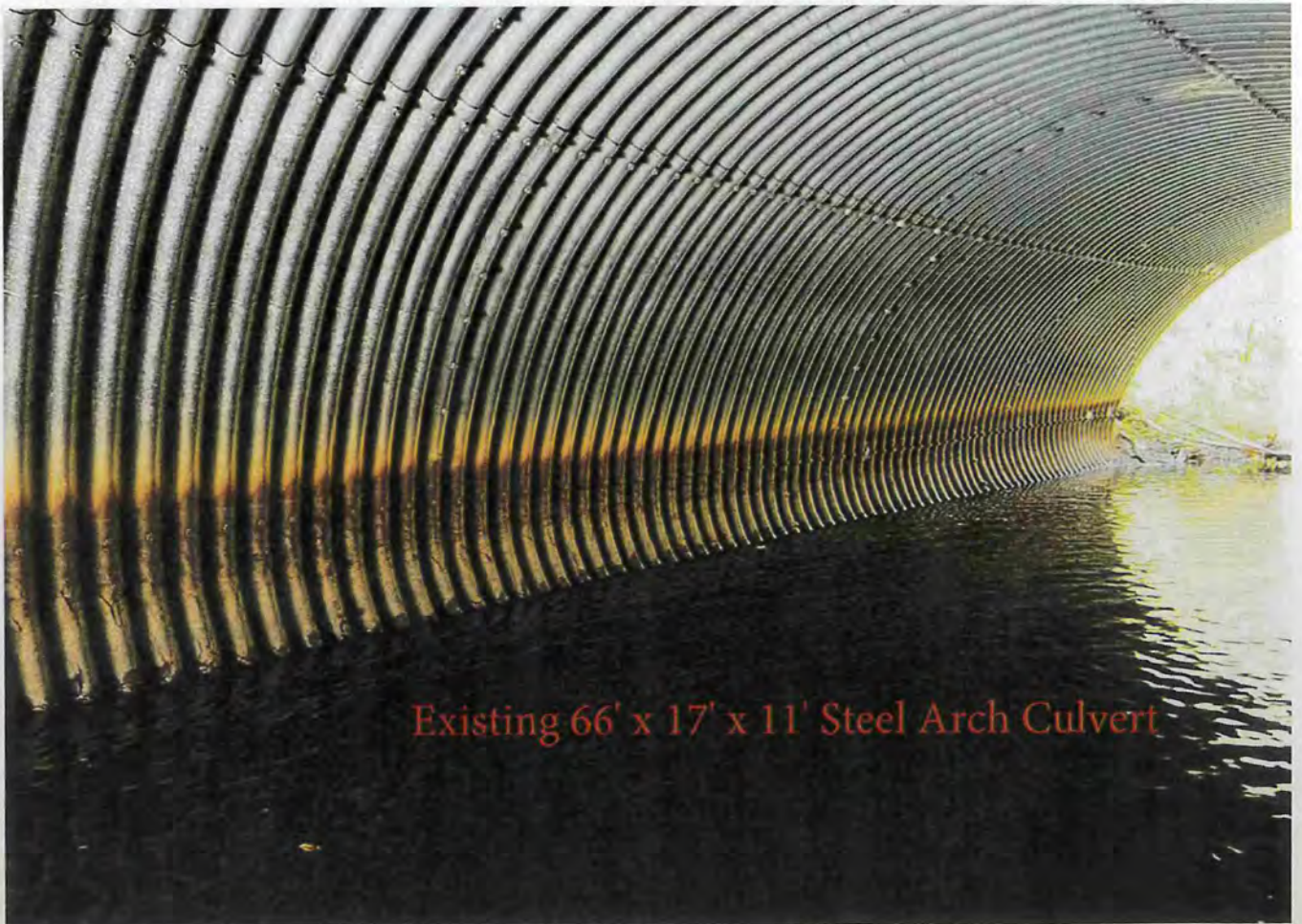
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Is a Budget Transfer Resolution Required? _____

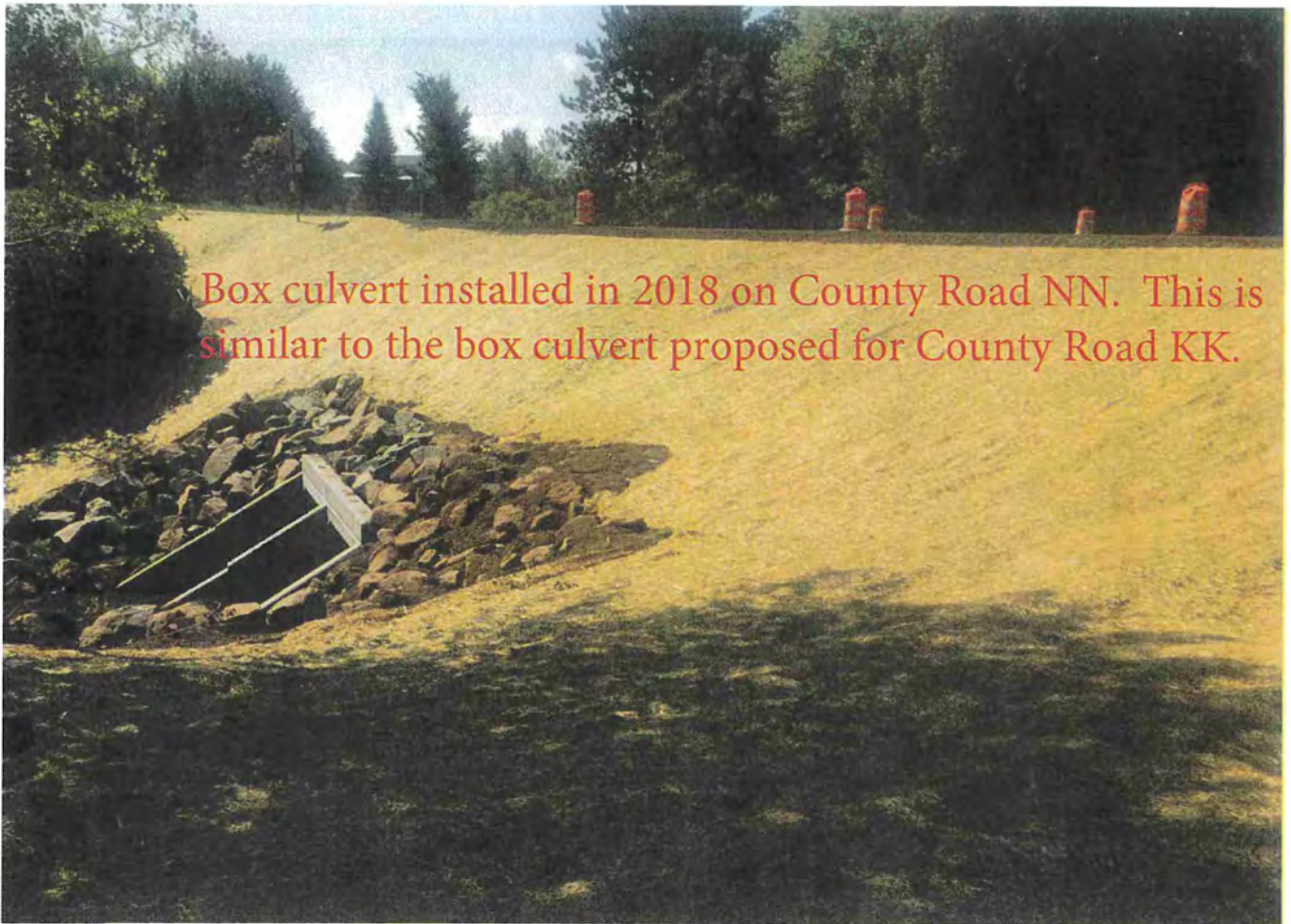


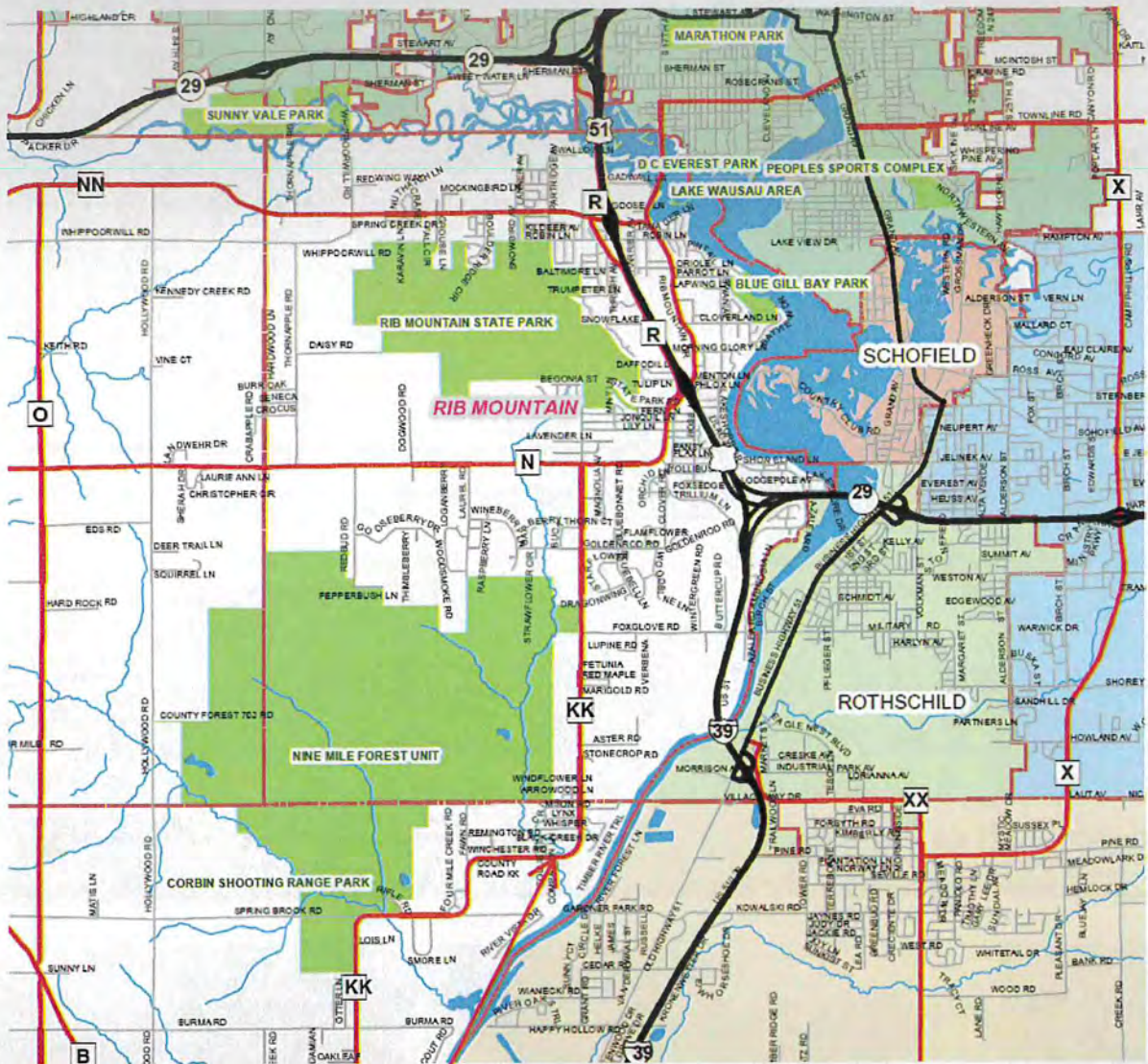
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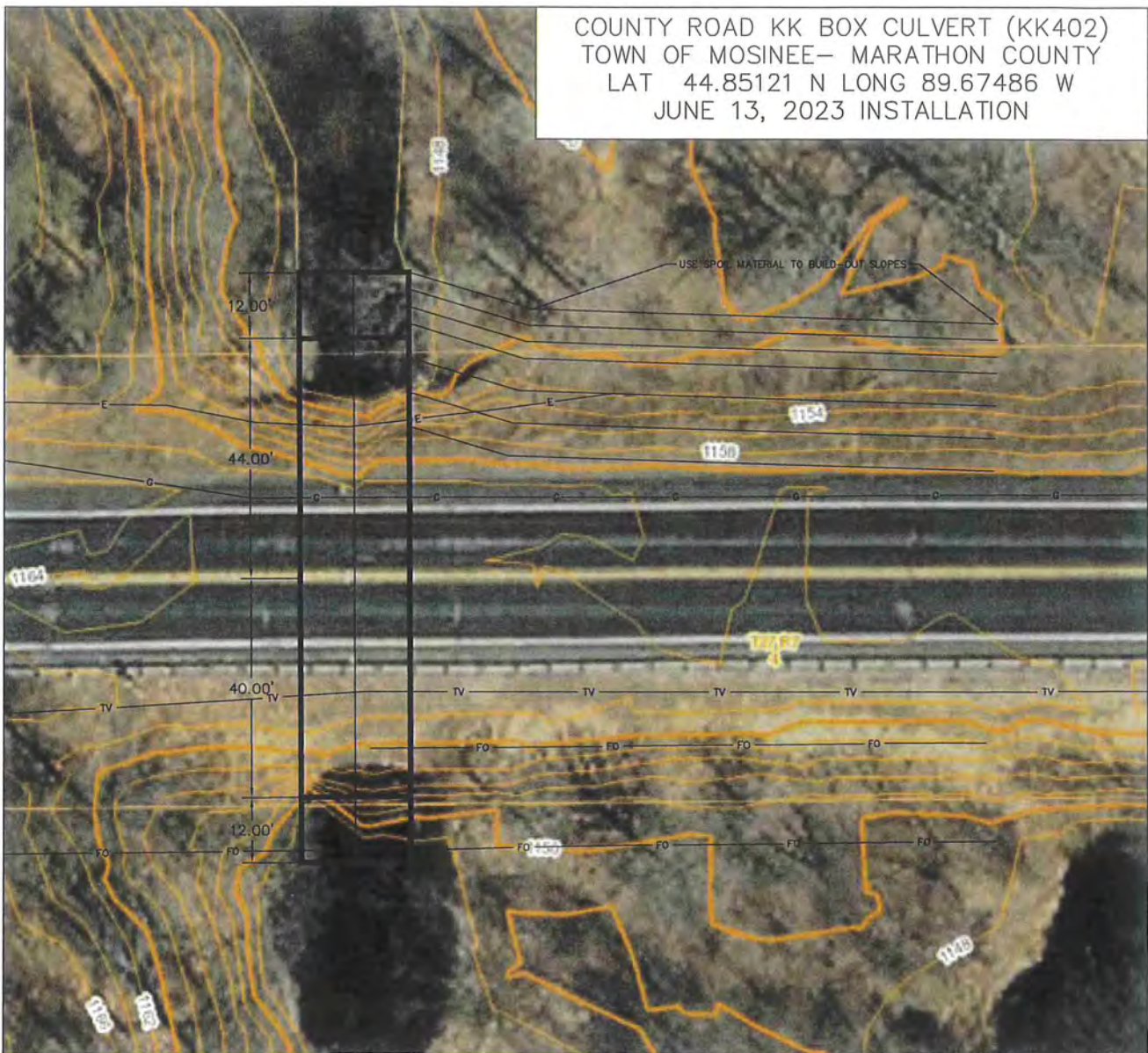


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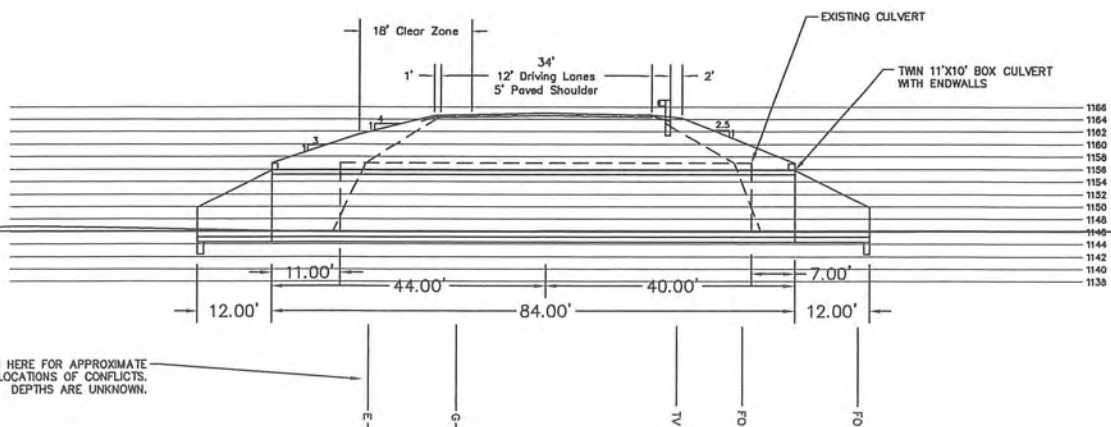
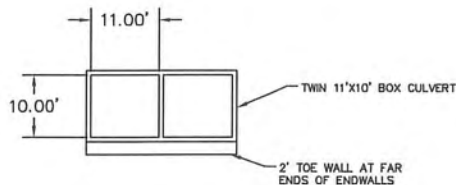




COUNTY ROAD KK BOX CULVERT (KK402)
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 JUNE 13, 2023 INSTALLATION



REMOVE 66' X 17' X 11' METAL ARCH PIPE
 REPLACE WITH 84' TWIN 11' X 10'
 CONCRETE BOX CULVERT WITH ENDWALLS



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January 3, 2023

Marathon County Highway Department
Kevin Lang, PE
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PRICE QUOTATION

QU23-023

Project: Bid Number 1
Marathon County Culvert KK402
Mosinee, WI

1 LS Precast Concrete Box Culvert \$247,170.00 LS
11' Span x 10' Rise Twin Cell
22 Total Sections – 108 LF Total (Includes Tapered Ends)
Maximum Weight = 48,000 lbs.

Price Includes: Delivery
Lifting Inserts
Joint Ties
Joint Sealant
Joint Wrap
Shop Drawings
Design for HL-93 Loading w/ 8' Cover
(2) Drop Walls (2' Tall)

Does Not Include: Installation
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Unloading time of one hour per truck (maximum) is allowed in above price. Any additional time required will be billed at \$225.00 per hour, unless prior arrangements have been made.

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Terms of payment are C.O.D. **OR** with approved credit net 15 days of invoice.

1.5% service charge will be added to overdue accounts.

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PRICE QUOTATION

QU23-024

Project: Bid Number 2
Marathon County Culvert O602
Marathon, WI

1 LS Precast Concrete Box Culvert \$116,750.00 LS
8' Span x 6' Rise Twin Cell
11 Total Sections – 61 LF Total Plus Skew (Includes 1 Tapered End and 2 Wingwalls)
Maximum Weight = 40,000 lbs.

Price Includes: Delivery
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Member

RESOLUTION #R-9-23

Resolution Adopting Westside Master Plan

WHEREAS, a 25-year Master Plan is currently in place regarding development and uses of the area bounded roughly by Stewart Avenue, South 6th Avenue, South 17th Avenue, and West Street (the “Westside Master Plan”); and

WHEREAS, Marathon County staff, in conjunction with MSA Professional Services, Inc., have reviewed the existing Westside Master Plan; completed an inventory of buildings, facilities, and land owned by Marathon County in the area; engaged the Wisconsin Valley Fair, neighborhood groups, interested individuals, and other stakeholders to gain an understanding of concerns and visions for the future land use of the area; and developed an updated Westside Master Plan for the project area, which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the updated Westside Master Plan lays out a preliminary vision for the next 15 years of land use in the project area. The Plan itself is a dynamic document subject to updates and revisions as necessary. The Plan does not bind the County to any specific procurement but instead provides County staff with policy direction in the acquisition, development, and planning related to the project area; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2023, the Park Commission and Environmental Resources Committee voted to forward the attached updated Westside Master Plan to the County Board for adoption; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee voted to forward the attached updated Westside Master Plan to the County Board for adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors that the attached updated Westside Master Plan document is adopted as the Master Plan for the designated project area.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2023.

Fiscal Note: Adoption of this resolution has no direct fiscal impact. Any procurements or expenditures related to the development of the project site in accordance with the Plan would require separate approvals.

Environmental Resources Committee

Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee



Marathon County Westside Master Plan

February 9th, 2023



Acknowledgments

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1.0

Introduction

Introduction

The Marathon County Westside Master Plan Project spans three areas of interest for future improvements: Marathon Park, UWSP – Wausau Campus, and a Redevelopment Area south of the park. The project area is located centrally in the City of Wausau, surrounded by a mix of residential neighborhoods and retail and industrial uses, and easily accessible from the regional highway system. The Marathon County

Westside Master Plan Project was conceived to prioritize investments into this high-profile, high-use area through a public process that engaged all interested stakeholders. Over the next 15 years this document is intended to help the County and other stakeholders make decisions about when, where and how to invest in the continued success of these sites and the activities and users they support.

Introduction (Continued)

MARATHON PARK

Marathon Park is an important asset to the community in many ways. It is a prominent and popular recreation site, it hosts several community amenities and gathering places such as East Gate Hall, and it hosts the Wisconsin Valley Fair. Previous Master Plans identify this park as an environmental asset with opportunities for year-round programming and an economic generator. The original 80-acre site was donated in 1867 by two Wausau citizens with the condition that it be used for an agricultural fair. Just the next year, the first county fair was held by the Marathon County Agricultural Society. The white pines, a beloved feature of Marathon Park, are direct descendants of the great pines that existed when the first lumbermen explored the Wisconsin River Valley over 170 years ago. Existing facilities within Marathon Park are in need of improvements. This Master Plan proposes many facility upgrades, introduces new recreational elements, and maintains functioning programs. The most important resources to maintain are natural elements, historic structures, and the fair grounds. Introduction of new recreational facilities will continue to bring visitors to the park year-round as a regional destination. Overall improvements will increase the park's accessibility, visibility, safety and success.

UWSP – WAUSAU

The UW Stevens Point – Wausau campus sits on county land directly adjacent to Marathon Park. Originally the Training School for Teachers and the Agriculture and Domestic Economy (1899 to 1943), the University campus was absorbed into the University of Wisconsin Center System in 1964 and in 1998 it became the University of Wisconsin-Marathon County. Most recently, through a 2018 UW System restructuring, it became affiliated with UW Stevens Point. Campus facilities are owned by Marathon County but are operated and maintained by university staff. The Marathon County Westside Master Plan Project proposes a few updates and renovations to existing facilities but mainly focuses on opportunities for new, private residential development on unutilized sites within the campus, including the vacant Marathon Hall and an excess parking lot.

REDEVELOPMENT AREA

The County owns most of the parcels immediately south of Marathon Park along West St. and Pardee St., including lands that house the County Highway Department Operations, the City/County Park Department Operations, and the Emergency Management and Medical Examiners offices. The operations facilities are undersized relative to the needs of those departments and this planning process was intended to identify uses that better fit the size and location of each site. A full range of residential, commercial, industrial

and recreational uses were considered in the planning process and a focus on recreational and residential uses is proposed. The redevelopment area also includes the privately-held site commonly known by its historical use as the Wausau Iron Works. That site may continue in its current use, may be acquired by the City of Wausau for Public Works purposes, or could be utilized for other forms of new development, including as an expansion of the proposed recreational uses along West St.





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Stakeholder Input

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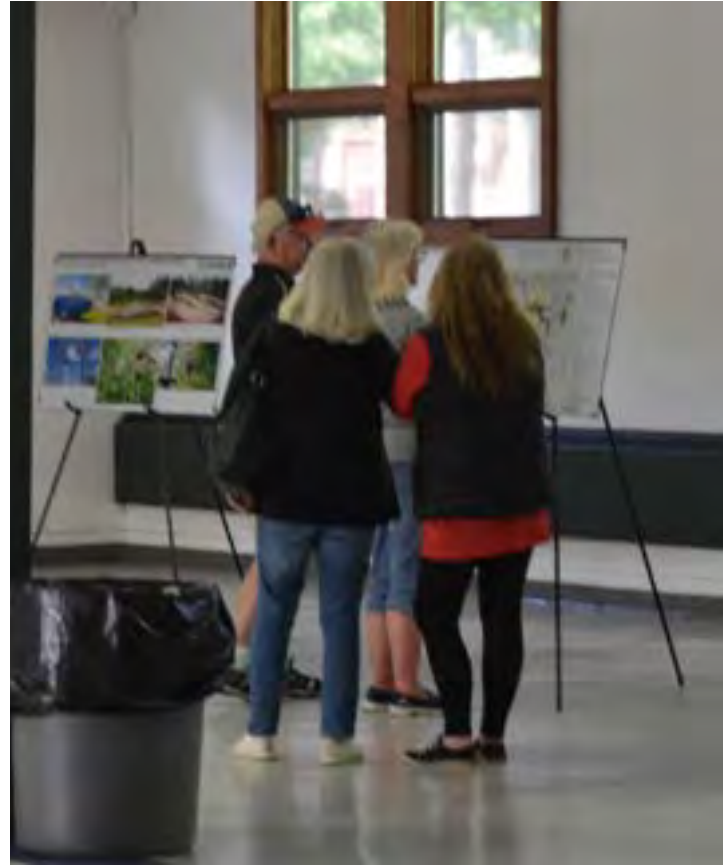
This process started in January 2022, focused on conversations with the steering committee, including representation from County staff (Facilities, Planning and Parks departments), UWSP-Wausau staff, and City of Wausau staff.

In March the staff and consultant team presented an overview of the project to the County Board and conducted a series of interviews with key stakeholder groups, including the Fair Board, ice users, the School District and regional economic development leaders.

In April an online community survey was conducted, asking about how people use the park and surrounding areas now and what they think about various future improvements and changes. The survey collected more than 2,200 responses, which are summarized in the appendix.

In May there was a public meeting hosted in East Gate Hall. Approximately 30 people attended to learn about the preliminary findings and conceptual plan alternatives for the entire study area. The key stakeholder groups were invited to review and comment on the concepts via an online preference survey which garnered 157 responses that helped the steering committee and consultant formulate a single, preferred concept.

The consultant and staff team worked to refine the master plan through the summer and fall, and then made presentations to the Park Commission, HR-Finance Committee, Fair Board and County Board in October through December.





3.0

Master Plan

MARATHON COUNTY PARK - MASTER PLAN

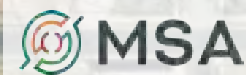
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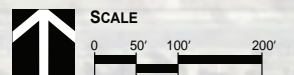
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- 2 Campground
- 3 Main Park Entrance
- 4 Central Playground
- 5 New Railway and Station
- 6 New Marathon Junction
- 7 New Splash Pad
- 8 New Playground
- 9 New Skating Ribbon
- 10 Big Kitchen
- 11 Meeting Hall
- 12 Little Red School House
- 13 East Entrance

- 14 East Gate Hall
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- 16 Animal Barns and Pavilion
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- 22 Grandstand
- 23 Fair Parking
- 24 New Fair Midway
- 25 New Stormwater Basin
- 26 New Disc Golf
- 27 New Ropes Course
- 28 Park Maintenance Shed
- 29 New Retail Space
- 30 New Indoor Sport Venue
- 31 New Field/Court Sports Venue
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- 36 UWSP Wausau St Closure
- 37 UWSP Wausau Rest. Remodel
- 38 Alternate Court Sports Site
- T Trails
- R Restrooms
- S Shelter

PARKING			
P1 North Shelter	10 Stalls	P8 Big Kitchen	78 Stalls
P2 Playground	10 Stalls	P9 Exhibition/Ice Arena	86 Stalls
P3 Ropes and Trails	95 Stalls	P10 East Gate	54 Stalls
P4 Playground	20 Stalls	P11 West Arts	13 Stalls
P5 ADA/Grandstand	4 Stalls	P12 Retail Frontage	43 Stalls
P6 Band Shelter	8 Stalls	P13 Sports Venue	147 Stalls
P7 Marathon Junction	116 Stalls		



NOVEMBER 2022





4.0

Project Descriptions

Improvements

PARK DRIVE AND WALKWAY CHANGES

One of the most significant changes proposed for the park is rethinking and reconstruction of the drives and paths throughout the park. Most notably, this plan recommends the removal of most vehicle routes from the western, forested area and also from the northeastern quadrant. These routes are considered non-essential to the function of the park, offering opportunities to enhance green space. The primary route through the park, from the Main entrance on Stewart Ave. to the east entrance via Garfield Ave. is proposed for reconstruction with roundabouts and boulevard sections that should help keep traffic speeds low. A drive connection

across the south side of the park, currently just a gravel path, would be paved to establish a new loop around the central open space. Paved trails and trail connections are proposed throughout the park, including better crossings of internal roadways, providing many options for walking and running in and through the park.

PARKING CHANGES

Parking is currently provided in perpendicular stalls along roadways, in marked parking lots, and in unmarked gravel areas. The new design eliminates all gravel parking and proposes a mix of new lots at the core of the park and limited new perpendicular parking along the drive lanes. Just under 500 marked stalls are proposed within the park, plus another 150 stalls with a new sports facility on West St.

Improvements (Continued)

The elimination of parking along the drive in the northeast quadrant is expected to have the greatest impact on the parking choices of UWSP-Wausau students who currently take advantage of free parking in the park, both along that road and in the lot east of the Big Kitchen. The University should work with the County to create a parking permit system that charges a modest fee each semester for off-street parking and enables parking either in the Big Kitchen lot in the park or in on-campus lots. Student parking in other park lots may necessitate signage and periodic enforcement efforts to ensure its availability for park users.

On-site parking during the Fair would be somewhat reduced due to the elimination of roadways and parking stalls in the northeast quadrant of the park. Off-site lots with shuttle service are recommended to support access to the Fair.

The parking directly north of the Exhibition Building is proposed to have multiple electric

hookups, to support food carts for a weekly event in the park during the summer.

FORESTRY MANAGEMENT

The park's tree population, in particular the white pines, are an important and beloved aspect of its identity. Storm events have continued to remove trees and have made the remaining trees more vulnerable to wind damage. The County should continue the practice of replacing lost trees, with the long-term objective of a healthy mix of ages and species that is resilient to damage from weather, insects, and disease. The current tree mix is predominantly white pine on the west end of the park, transitioning to predominantly deciduous hardwoods at the east end of the park, and exclusively deciduous in the center of the park around the Exhibition Building and parking areas. Future plantings should generally continue the current tree mixes in each area, including some deciduous hardwoods among the white pines in the forested part of the park.



Numbered Master Plan Features

1 17TH AVENUE ENTRANCE (MAINTAIN)
The western entrance may be utilized less due to the removal of most roadways through the wooded portion of the site, however it should be maintained to maximize flexibility for special events, including the Fair.



Feature 1: 17th Avenue Entrance

2 CAMPGROUND (MAINTAIN)
The campground is recommended for continued use at its current size, with improved parking pads and continued monitoring of tree health to mitigate risk to campers. The "Tourist Cabin" shelter at the campground is recommended for removal due to declining condition and limited utilization, while the bathrooms are to be maintained as-is. Campers desiring shelter can use the other existing structures directly east and south of the campground.



Feature 2: Camping Area

3 MAIN PARK ENTRANCE (MAINTAIN)
No significant changes are proposed, beyond continued maintenance. The internal site circulation will change as described above, affecting flow to and from this entrance.

4 CENTRAL PLAYGROUND (MAINTAIN)
No significant changes are proposed, beyond continued maintenance.



Feature 4: Existing Central Playground

Numbered Master Plan Features (Continued)

5 RAILWAY AND STATION (NEW)

The rail line is proposed to be expanded, to enhance its appeal. The expanded route would not have a fence, to allow free movement through the park (a design safely used in other parks with similar train features). The train station would be redesigned in coordination with the redevelopment of Marathon Junction.



Feature 5: Existing Railway with Fence

6 MARATHON JUNCTION (NEW)

The current Marathon Junction is worn out, not architecturally consistent with other structures, and underutilized. A new facility would become a year-round, all-ages, multipurpose focal point of activity in the park. Proposed features include a high-quality concessionaire facility with indoor and outdoor seating, bathrooms/locker rooms in support of the splash pad, and a reservable multipurpose space for birthday parties and other gatherings. Optional components include concessionaire enhancements to enable beer vending in support of a seasonal beer garden, and an ice skate rental counter and storage in support of the skating ribbon. The facility should be designed on axis with the Exhibition Building.



Feature 6: Existing Marathon Junction Building

7 SPLASH PAD (NEW)

A new splash pad is recommended to replace the aging spray pad, to be located outside of the trailway for improved safety. The proposed site is north of the new Marathon Junction where the bathrooms are currently located (the bathrooms are to become part of Marathon Junction). With the relocation of the splash pad, the Pool Cabin would be removed.



Feature 7: Proposed Splash Pad

8 EAST PLAYGROUND

This site adjacent to the new Marathon Junction and Splash Pad is recommended as the focus for a new playground investment, to enhance this node as an all-ages recreation destination. Improvements should include both small child and older child play features.

9 SKATING RIBBON

A new year-round skating feature is proposed, allowing for both summer wheeled skating and winter ice skating on an undulating, looped ribbon. The winter use could be supported from the new Marathon Junction, which could offer skate rentals, a warming area, and concessions.

10 BIG KITCHEN (MAINTAIN)

No significant changes are proposed, beyond continued maintenance. This facility may be able to serve as part of a new beer garden use, either as a seating area or also with sales in the structure.

11 MEETING HALL

No changes are proposed; continued maintenance.

12 LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE (MAINTAIN)

No changes are proposed; continued maintenance.

13 EAST ENTRANCE (MAINTAIN)

No changes are proposed; continued maintenance.



Feature 9: Proposed Skating Ribbon



Feature 10: Existing Big Kitchen Building

Numbered Master Plan Features (Continued)

14 EAST GATE HALL (MAINTAIN/ENHANCE)

As one of the park's busiest venues, East Gate Hall serves many uses and generates revenue for the County. It's function and flexibility can be enhanced with several upgrades, including restoration of the clerestory windows, update of the ceiling material and acoustical modifications, replacement of the floor material (and underlying base as necessary), remodeling of the main entrance to make it more open and inviting, and installation of air conditioning to enable comfortable summer use.

15 EXHIBITION BUILDING (MAINTAIN)

No significant changes are proposed for the Exhibition Building. It is recommended for continued seasonal use, including summer events and winter storage, and maintenance as needed to protect its appearance and longevity. Removal of the detached storage shed and restoration of more green space around the building is recommended.

16 ANIMAL BARN AND PAVILIONS (MAINTAIN)

No changes are proposed for the animal barns or pavilion, beyond continued maintenance.

17 MULTIPURPOSE BUILDINGS (MAINTAIN/ENHANCE)

The existing multipurpose buildings are recommended for repair and continued use with limited changes, both for summer and winter events. The uses will continue for the next three-five years, or as soon as the ice rink can be relocated to a new facility. The current facility would revert to a mix of winter storage and special event uses. If a new facility in another location is further evaluated and deemed not feasible, more extensive changes will be needed to this facility, including improved insulation to extend the season and a more expansive entry hall that wraps around the northwest corner of the building. The expanded entrance hall may also be considered as an optional interim investment if a new ice facility at another location is to be deferred for five (5) or more years. Assuming relocation of the ice uses, the existing buildings can function for their other uses with limited changes, though there are no proposed uses for the various locker room spaces. The long term plan illustrated on the conceptual illustration is a major overhaul of the facility to consolidate the needed floor space into a more compact structure, either by modification or wholesale replacement of the facility. With a smaller footprint for this use the horse barn can and should be relocated and a wider promenade between the Exhibition Building and the Multipurpose Buildings(s) should be established, each as shown on the concept map.

18 WEST ARTS BUILDING (MAINTAIN/MODIFY)

The western additions to the building are recommended for removal, to improve truck and trailer movements around the animal buildings during Fair and livestock events. The remainder of the building is to be cleaned and renewed for an academic and community-oriented glass-blowing program.

19 HORSE BARN (RELOCATE)

The horse barn is in good condition, but it is too close to the railroad tracks and the park's south entrance walkway. This plan recommends moving it to the north in conjunction with a planned modification or replacement of the multipurpose buildings.

20 HORSE ARENA

The existing arena should be relocated just a bit further east, in conjunction with improvements to parking, roadways, and stormwater management facilities.



Feature 14: Existing East Gate Hall Interior



Feature 18: Existing Arts Building



Feature 15: Interior (Fair Office) of Existing Exhibition Building



Feature 20: Existing Horse Barn (Interior)

Numbered Master Plan Features (Continued)

21 SOUTH PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE (NEW)

The south entrance should be improved with a more formal, stone gateway feature, similar in stature to those at the other entrances, and located south of the railroad tracks. The surrounding area should be improved with landscaping as an extension of the park. The track crossing surface should be improved to enhance appearance and safety.



Feature 13: Existing East Pedestrian Entrance

22 GRANDSTAND (MAINTAIN)

No changes are proposed to the grandstand or event area it faces. The County is encouraged to promote its use for events other than the Fair, supported by shuttle service from off-site parking.



Feature 22: Existing Grandstand

23 PARKING FIELD (MAINTAIN)

The field south of the grandstand is to be maintained as grassy open space, to be used during Fair and other event operations as needed for parking, either patrons or trucks and trailers.

24 FAIR MIDWAY (NEW)

A new midway location is proposed, expanded in size from 120,000 SF to approximately 135,000 square feet. This area can be maintained mostly as grass and should be engineered to ensure efficient drainage toward the new stormwater ponds, so that it can withstand heavy use in varied weather conditions. As needed, areas that will have the most foot traffic can be maintained with a gravel surface. A central fairway 60 feet in width is shown as gravel in the master plan.

25 STORMWATER BASIN (NEW)

The park was developed without any on-site facilities to manage the rate and quality of stormwater runoff. This could be remedied during construction of new roadways and parking, and will help the City of Wausau meet its pollution discharge permit requirements.

26 DISC GOLF COURSE (NEW)

The wooded area could accommodate an 18-hole disc golf course, with the following assumptions: The “front” and “back” 9 holes share the same set of baskets. Most of the existing vehicle roadway would be changed to service vehicles only to reduce conflict between disc golfers and runners/walkers (walking trails would be closer to the edges, as shown); selective tree trimming and clearing would be needed for most of the holes to work.

27 ROPES/CHALLENGE COURSE (NEW)

There is ample space within the wooded area of the park to install a high ropes course. This facility would use installed wooden poles (not existing trees) connected by cables in various ways. Access could be controlled and secured at the base, and use managed by a public or private entity that offers team building experiences (e.g. UWSP-Wausau or NTC).

28 PARK MAINTENANCE SHED (MAINTAIN)

The existing shed should continue to serve the needs of the park. It should at some point be remodeled or replaced, and expanded as necessary to compensate for the loss of other on-site storage and/or the relocation of the Parks Department Operations Facility.

29 RETAIL SPACE (NEW)

This retail space would complement and connect to the attached indoor sports venue, yet operate independently. Food and beverage retailers are suggested. The County could own and lease the space, or the building could be sold as a commercial condominium to a commercial property investor/manager.



Feature 25: Proposed Stormwater Basin



Feature 26: Proposed Disc Golf Course



Feature 27: Proposed High Ropes/
Challenge Course

Numbered Master Plan Features (Continued)

30 INDOOR SPORTS VENUE (NEW)
This facility is intended to replace and expand upon the sport use of the Multipurpose Buildings in the park. The tentative program includes one year-round ice sheet, one seasonal ice sheet (until demand shows otherwise) that can be used for indoor turf sports during the summer, and one indoor turf sports field. Other amenities should include dedicated locker rooms for boys and girls hockey, coaches training room, concessions and gear shop, informal café/eating spaces, etc. Ownership and maintenance are negotiable, though County ownership is suggested.

31 FIELD AND COURT SPORTS VENUE (NEW)
Improved in conjunction with the adjacent indoor facility, on land owned by the County, this site can accommodate court sports and several soccer fields, plus a bathroom and shelter structure. The courts should include basketball and 12 pickleball courts. This site needs to be improved before the Fair midway can be relocated and roadways improved in the center of Marathon Park.

32 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (NEW)
The Parks Department Operations Facility is planned for relocation to a larger site (location TBD). This site could accommodate a variety of residential redevelopment formats and be returned to the tax rolls. Townhomes are recommended.

33 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (NEW)
Marathon Hall has repair needs and an undesirable layout. Razing and redevelopment is recommended. A 30-unit, three-story apartment building is proposed. Parking could be supplemented by fee for permit across Garfield Ave. to the north, if needed.

34 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (NEW)
This underutilized parking lot north of Stewart Ave. could accommodate a variety of residential redevelopment formats and be returned to the tax rolls. Townhomes are recommended.

35 UWSP-WAUSAU INFILL DEVELOPMENT (NEW)
This site along Garfield Ave between 6th Ave. and 7th Ave. could accommodate multi-story infill development, either private housing or an academic facility. This plan recommends reserving the site for the possibility of expanded academic facilities until 2027, unless there is clarity before then that no further expansion is reasonably anticipated in the next 20 years.



Features 32/34: Residential Redevelopment - Townhomes



Feature 35: Residential Redevelopment - Apartments



Feature 38: Wausau Iron Works Building (Potential Adaptive Reuse Opportunity)

36 UWSP-WAUSAU 7TH AVENUE CLOSURE (NEW/MODIFIED)

At this time the closure of 7th Ave. between Stewart Ave. and Garfield Ave. for vehicle use is not recommended, based on the current campus needs and flows of vehicle and pedestrian traffic. However, this option is noted for future consideration as conditions change, especially if expanded academic facilities are considered to the east.

37 UWSP-WAUSAU RESTAURANT REMODEL (MAINTAIN/ENHANCE)

The existing cafeteria and kitchen have been hosting a private restaurant use. The cafeteria, kitchen, and exterior entrance should be remodeled to enhance the viability of the restaurant and also to serve effectively as rentable space for meetings, receptions, etc.

38 POTENTIAL BUILDING/SITE REUSE (NEW USE)

Should this site become available for public purchase, consider adaptive reuse of the original brick warehouse. New use could include a small, heated area with bathrooms and a larger area that is covered but not fully enclosed, for additional court sports options, skate park or similar.

Other Park Features

- RR - RESTROOMS (MAINTAIN)

EXISTING RESTROOM FACILITIES IN MARATHON PARK ARE TO BE MAINTAINED

- S - SHELTERS (MAINTAIN)

EXISTING SHELTERS IN MARATHON PARK ARE TO BE MAINTAINED, EXCEPT FOR THE NORTH SHELTER AND THE TOURIST CABIN

- NORTH SHELTER (REMOVED)

The shelter north of the Pool Cabin will lack access when the north drive and parking are removed. It should be removed with those access features.

- BANDSTAND (MAINTAIN)



Existing Restrooms north of Grandstand (to be maintained)



Existing Shelter east of Campground (to be maintained)



Existing Shelter near Stewart Avenue (to be removed)





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Phasing and
Implementation

Phasing and Implementation

This master plan describes projects to be pursued over the next 15 years within Marathon Park and on County-owned land around the park. Each individual project requires further design, cost/revenue analysis, and budget approval. The most significant projects in size and cost are expected to require public-private partnerships and private fundraising efforts. This section offers preliminary recommendations on the approximate timing and phasing of projects, to help the County and other stakeholders plan and coordinate efforts in the coming years.

Preliminary cost estimates were prepared during this planning process and provided to County staff for future reference but are not included in the plan, both because of uncertainty about design details and future construction costs and because this plan is not intended to establish budgeting approval for any of the projects described.

Phasing and Implementation (Continued)

TIMING AND PHASING OVERVIEW

2023
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2025

East Gate Hall Improvements, Utility Upgrades, Splash Pad Replacement, Playground Replacement, Campus Residential Redevelopment, Multipurpose Feasibility Planning

2026
-
2028

New Marathon Junction, Highway and Parks Department Relocations, New Ice/Field Sports Facility

2029
-
2032

New Court Sports and Field Sports Site, Roadway and Parking Changes Throughout Park, New Midway Site, Horse Arena Relocation, Skating Ribbon, New Multipurpose Building

2033
-
2037

Parks Site Residential Redevelopment, Train Track Expansion, New/Relocated Horse Barn, New Recreation Features in Forested Area

2023 - 2025

East Gate Hall Improvements

This project is not contingent upon any other work, however changes to the entry could extend to the approaches from the parking area and street and should anticipate the reconstruction of each. Preferred timing is design in 2023 and implementation in 2024.

Utility Upgrades

This project is a high priority to bring the park's water supply system up to code. These improvements and associated underground utility improvements should be able to proceed before roadway improvements are designed, but potential conflicts should be considered in the utility design process to place surface features where they are least likely to conflict. Preferred timing is construction in 2023 or 2024.

Splash Pad and Playground Replacement

The existing splash pad is in need of replacement. The preferred location is outside the train track loop, where the bathrooms are today. The playground near the campground is in need of replacement, and the preferred location for new playground investment is near the splash pad. These projects require detailed site planning for the entire area around Marathon Junction to ensure that these first new investments in that area are compatible with other future improvements to the train track and station, Marathon Junction, and a possible skating ribbon. Removal of the bathrooms will require the use of portable toilets until the new Marathon Junction is completed. Preferred timing is design in 2023-2024 and construction in 2024-2025.

Campus Residential Development

These projects are not contingent on any other work. The lot north of Stewart Ave. can be sold as-is for redevelopment at any time. Marathon Hall can be offered as-is, but the County may need to raze the site or indicate intent to cover the cost of site clearing. A clean site is much more likely to get interest from developers and so it is recommended to proceed with that project. Preferred timing is sale of each as soon as possible, and clearing of the Marathon Hall site by 2024 if it has not sold.

Ice/Field Sports Facility Feasibility Planning

Keeping pace with the growing demands on the ice sheets and related spaces calls for some sort of major new investment. The current facility is not meeting user needs in several ways and the County faces difficult decisions regarding maintenance of the existing cooling system. The process of planning that investment and raising the necessary funds will take years and should start immediately.

Phasing and Implementation (Continued)

2026 - 2028

New Marathon Junction

Preliminary programming and design for this project should occur in conjunction with the splash pad and playground replacement efforts to reserve adequate space for this new facility and allow time for partnership development and/or fundraising. Preferred timing is design in 2025 and construction in 2026.

Highway and Parks Department Relocations

These relocations are contingent upon other efforts by the County to acquire land and design and fund new facilities. Those efforts should proceed immediately with the goal of relocation of both departments by the end of 2026.

New Ice/Field Sports Facility

The proposed site is a strong candidate for a new indoor ice and field sports facility but other sites outside of Marathon Park may also be considered. Any new facility will require years of planning, design, and fundraising, efforts that should begin as soon as possible so that the County has more clarity about how long it may need to patch and repair the existing facility. Preferred timing is design in 2025-2026 and construction in 2027-2028.



2029 - 2032

New Court Sports and Field Sports Site

This site currently includes the old cold storage buildings (expected to be razed at any time) and the Emergency Management and Medical Examiners offices (plus document storage for other County departments). The latter facilities are in good condition but will need to be relocated to accommodate the County's vision for West St. It should be feasible to improve this site in phases, adding court sports and some of the desired fields first, and then more field space when the offices are relocated. Preferred timing is court sports design in 2028 and construction in 2029. Field sports could be added to the former cold storage site at any time, with the caveat that they may depend upon off-street parking to be provided as part of the new ice/field sports indoor facility.

Roadway and Parking Changes Throughout Park

Roadway and parking removals (northeast quadrant) and replacement (everywhere else) could be achieved in a piecemeal fashion over several years, though the most efficient approach would be a single construction process in one season. It will be important to maintain access to Marathon Junction during the summer season and to have the entire park accessible and usable for the Fair. These considerations in the design phase may influence phasing decisions. Projects that must be complete before new roadway construction include the new court sports facility and the new midway site. Preferred timing is design in 2028-2029 and construction 2030-2031.

New Midway Site

The midway site needs to be ready for use in conjunction with the planned roadway and parking improvements where the midway is currently hosted. This will likely require construction in the fall following the completion of the fair, with adequate time in the following season for turf portions of the midway site to establish themselves. It will also be necessary to complete the new court sports facility and to relocate the horse arena prior to construction of the midway grounds. Preferred timing is design in 2029 and construction in 2030.

Horse Arena Relocation

This project can be completed only in conjunction with the roadway and parking improvements in the center of the park. Timing is tied to that project.

Skating Ribbon

This project is intended to occur after the completion of the new Marathon Junction. It could be constructed at the same time as that facility if fiscally feasible. The later construction of this amenity is based on an assumption that it may require a separate budgeting and fundraising effort. Possible timing is design in 2029 and construction in 2030.

New Multipurpose Building

This project is premised on the relocation of the ice uses in earlier years. The existing facility is adequate for continued event and fair uses, but the total footprint is somewhat larger and inefficient for those uses. A purpose-built facility would make space for relocating or including the horse barn. Possible timing is design in 2030 and construction in 2031.

Phasing and Implementation (Continued)

2033 - 2037

Parks Site Residential Redevelopment

This site can be sold for redevelopment as soon as the Parks Department is out. The County will likely need to raze the site to achieve its sale for residential use. Preferred timing is sale in 2028.

New/Relocated Horse Barn

This project should occur in conjunction with design and construction of a new multipurpose building.

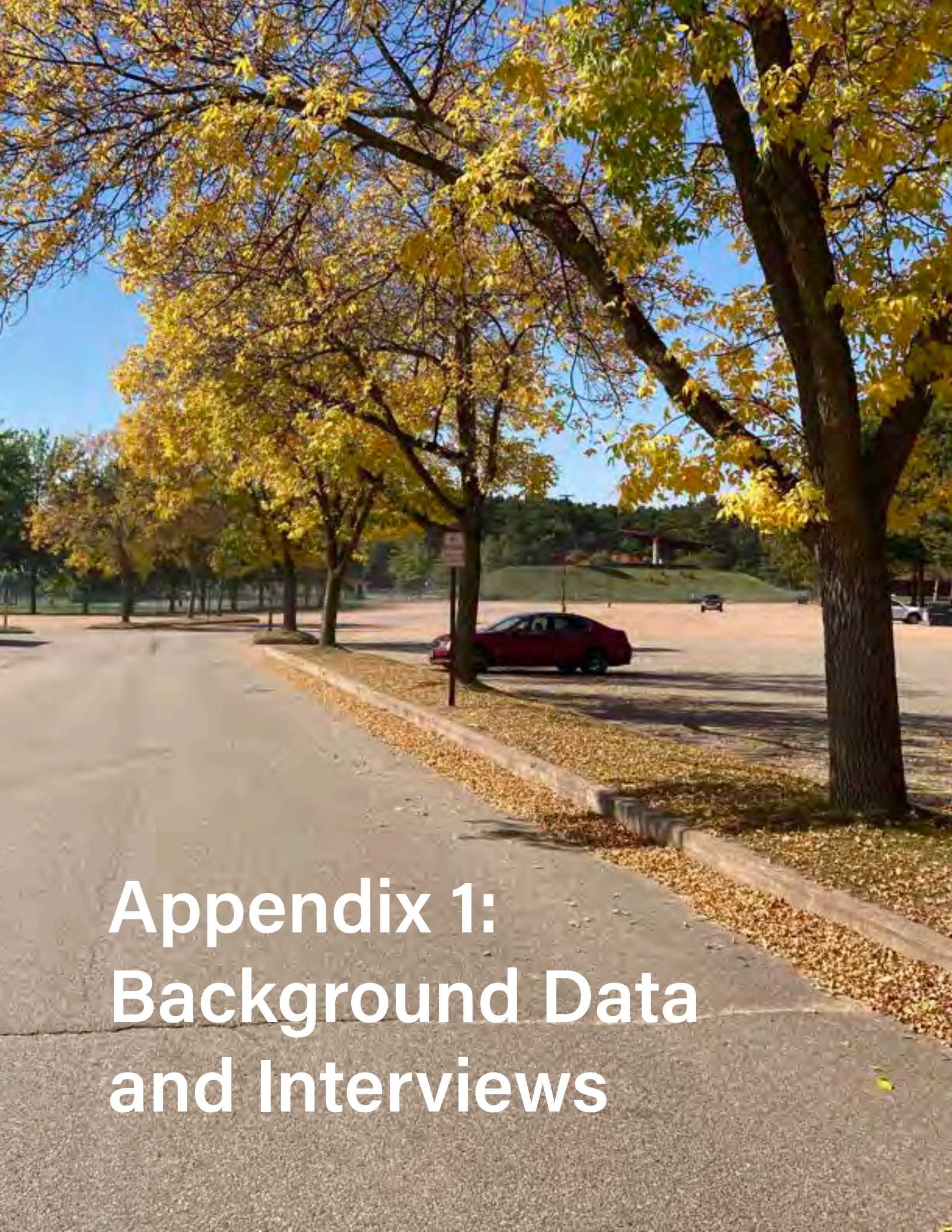
Train Track and Station Expansion

Expanding the train track will become possible after the removal of the parking and roadway infrastructure in the northeast quadrant of the park. A new station and shelter for the train could occur in conjunction with improvements to Marathon Junction or as part of track expansion, depending on site design considerations. Preferred timing for the new track is design in 2033 and construction in 2034.

New Recreation Features in the Forested Area

High ropes course and disc golf amenities could be added to the forested area at the west end of the park at any time. They are proposed for the 2033-2037 timeframe simply because they have not been identified as high-priority projects. If advocates for these amenities come forward earlier these projects could proceed sooner.





Appendix 1: Background Data and Interviews



Appendix 2: Survey Results

Community Survey Results Summary

2,206 Responses from across the City and Region, collected April 2022

Q1 Please indicate approximately how many times you visited Marathon Park in the past 12 months for each of the following activities.

- Only 37% had not been to the Fair
- Only 37% had not used the park for trail walking/running
- Who visits the park more than 20 times per year? Indoor ice users (13%) and trail users (12%)

Q2 If you've used a park amenity in the past few years, please indicate whether that experience was satisfactory or in need of improvement. Please add comments about improvement needs.

- Most satisfactory experiences (among those who used them) – Little Red School House (88%), Grandstand (80%), Pickleball courts (85%)
- Least satisfactory experience (among those who used them) – ADA accessibility (42%), Parking (49%), Restrooms (51%)

Insight from the comments:

- Bathroom complaints include seasonal closure, location/number, and age/cleanliness

Q3 If you've attended a winter ice activity in the Multipurpose Buildings in the past few years, please indicate whether each of the following aspects of that experience was satisfactory or in need of improvement. Please add comments about improvement needs.

- Most satisfactory experiences (among those who use the facility) – Ice quality (67%), Restrooms (60%)
- Least satisfactory experience (among those who use the facility) – Parking (41%), Locker rooms (43%)

Insight from the comments:

- Lots of complaints about the parking lot
- Desires for year-round ice

Q4 If you've attended the Wisconsin Valley Fair in the past few years, please indicate how you travelled to the fair and comment on anything you would change about parking and transportation options for the fair.

- Most people park offsite (55%)

Insight from the comments:

- Lots of complaints about parking, notably a lack of sufficient on-site ADA parking
- Lots of complaints about the price of admission

Community Survey Results Summary (Cont.)

Q7 Have you directly experienced any safety or security concerns in or near Marathon Park? If answering yes to any of these, please add a comment to explain.

- Most people answered "No" (80%)
Insight from the comments:
- 24 responses include reference to homeless people
- Concerns about drug use and sales

Q8 Have you been in and/or used any of the following buildings of the UWSP-Wausau campus in the past three years? If so, which ones, and for what purpose? Please note the purpose(s) in the comment box.

- More than half have been in the Center for Civic Engagement (57%), and exactly 50% in the main academic building
- Only 4% have ever been in Marathon Hall

Q9 Is there anything that you would change or improve on the UWSP-Wausau campus? Insight from the comments:

- Quite a few comments about parking – more, better, different locations
 - "AMERICA NEEDS TUITION FREE COLLAGE"
- Insight from the comments:
- Lots of comments about housing
 - At least 10 comments about indoor pickleball

Demographics of Respondents

- 18% within walking distance, 58% within Wausau, 4% from outside the county
- 94% white
- 55% between ages of 30 and 49

Q10 Marathon Hall is the former dorm on the UWSP-Wausau campus. It has been vacant since the start of COVID-19 and will not be used again as student housing because it is functionally obsolete. The building needs new windows and a new roof, at minimum, and its narrow rooms, narrow corridors, low ceilings, communal bathrooms and cement block construction limit its potential uses.

Which statement best reflects your opinion about the future of this building?

- Most people would defer to professional advice (41%) or would tear it down (29%)
Insight from the comments:
- Housing for the homeless or low-income residents mentioned many times
- Interest in redeveloping with new housing

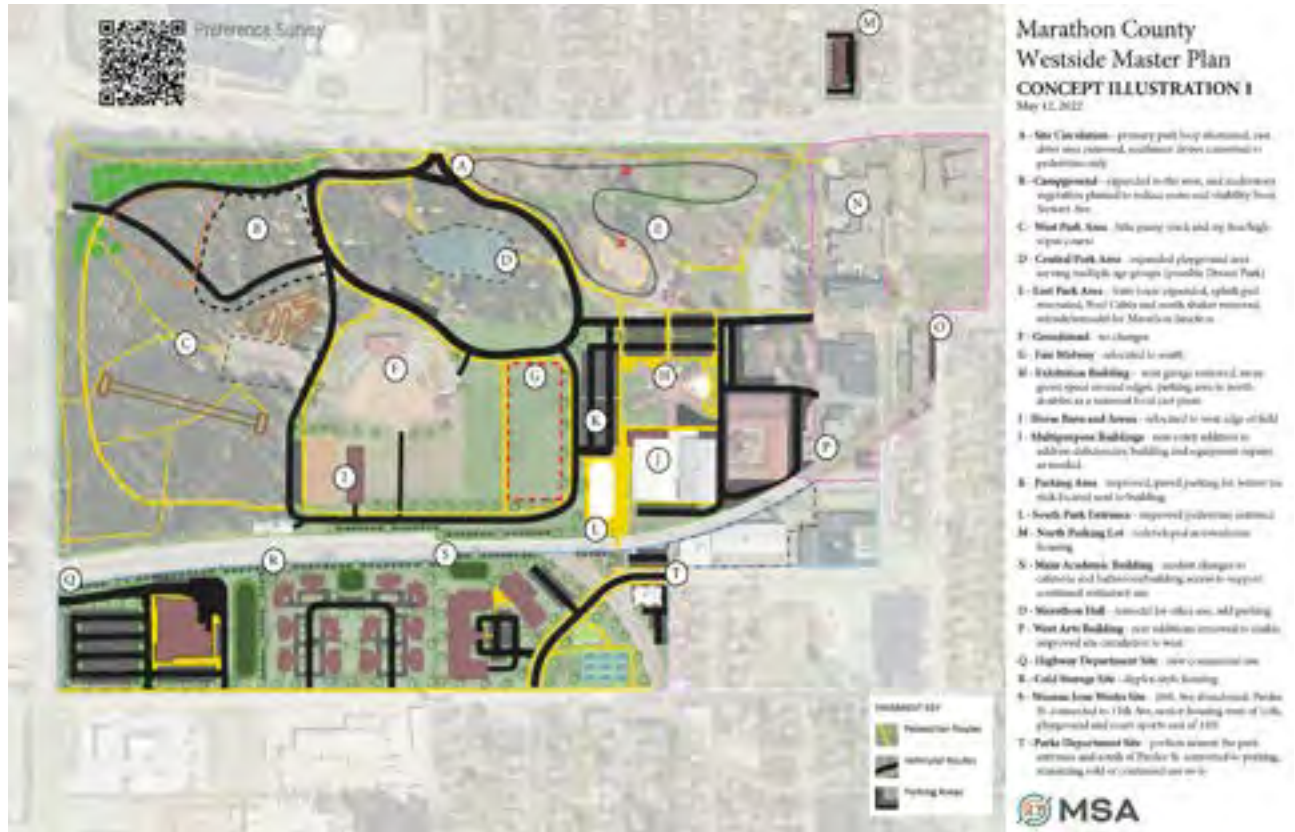
Q11 We are considering new uses south of the park, along West St. and Pardee St. (Area C), because the County plans to consolidate the Highway Department and Parks Department facilities at a new location. Do you have an opinion about the types of uses that should be considered immediately south of Marathon Park? Identify each use that you think is appropriate there.

- Most people prefer recreational uses, either indoor (52%) or outdoor (54%)
Insight from the comments:
- Lots of comments about housing
- At least 10 comments about indoor pickleball

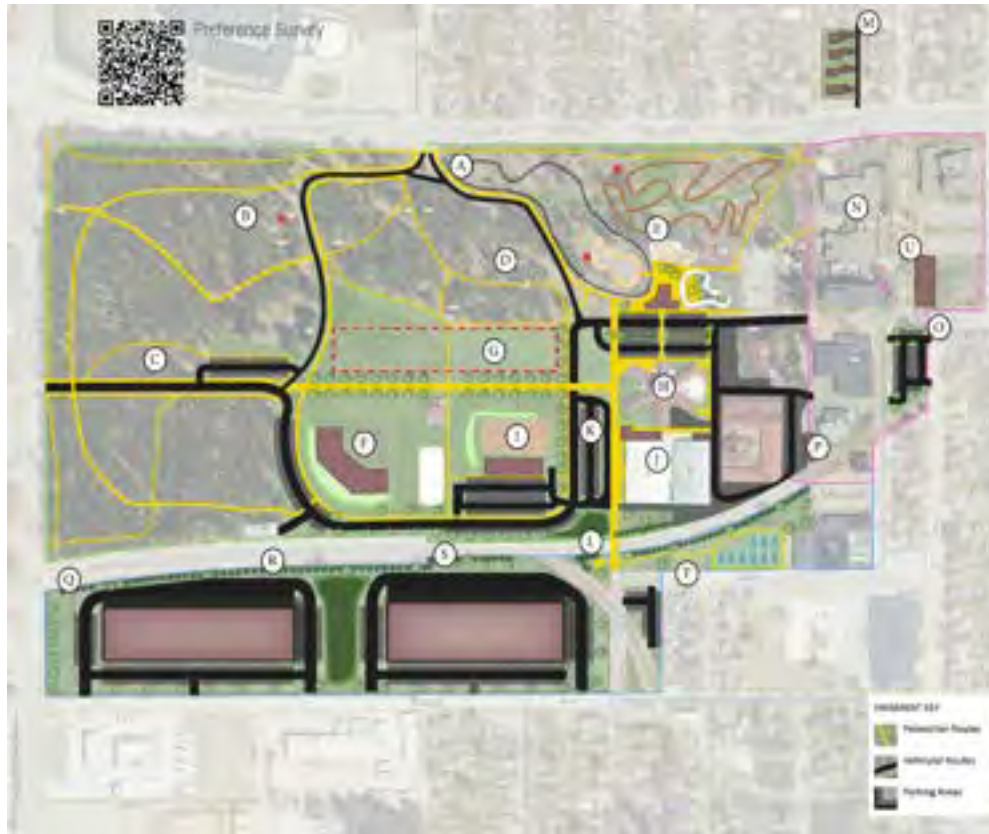
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Westside Plan Concepts



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Marathon County Westside Master Plan CONCEPT ILLUSTRATION 3 May 12, 2022

- A - **Site Circulation** - new primary entrance from 17th St., new ramp trails around north side of field, one way traffic flow from the north entrance, southeast parking and storage, west parking area to provide connection to walking paths
- B - **Campground** - reworked
- C - **West Park Area** - large group picnic/challenge course
- D - **Central Park Area** - no significant changes
- E - **East Park Area** - splash pad improved in current location, more expanded, new playground, north shelter removed, bike challenge course added, engineered "shaded" walking loop. Also other benches, repaired with new concrete, base garden, artesian, water fountain/watering area, updated seating area
- F - **Greenhouse** - relocated to north
- G - **Fair Midway** - same general location, relocated to fair area
- H - **Exhibition Building** - west garage removed, more green space around edge, parking area to north, suitable as a seasonal food court place
- I - **Show Barn and Arena** - have several events, investigated more
- J - **Multipurpose Buildings** - new entry addition to existing buildings, building and equipment repair as needed
- K - **Parking Area** - new paved parking lot
- L - **South Park Entrance** - improved pedestrian entrance, added entrance to edge with walkway through path
- M - **North Parking Lot** - redeveloped as single family housing
- N - **Main Academic Building** - cafeteria and library removed for flexible school and rental use
- O - **Marathon Hall** - west parking if value needed, consider zoning of 7th St. if expanding building for community recreational use
- P - **West Arts Building** - building demolished, replaced with a storage garage, serving path and canopy
- Q/R - **redeveloped area into high ceiling greenhouse/light manufacturing space**
- S - **Parks Department Site** - relocated east side, site south of 17th St. as potential for parking
- T - **Other Campus Opportunities** - new walkway leading to the open green space



Marathon County Westside Master Plan CONCEPT ILLUSTRATION 4 May 12, 2022

- A - **Site Circulation** - primary path loop shortened, east side area preserved, southeast drives connected to pedestrian-only
- B - **Campground** - access, parking lot to north, improved with picnic for camper use during Fair
- C - **West Park Area** - bike group track and top four high rope course
- D - **Central Park Area** - expanded playground area serving multiple age groups (include Circus Park)
- E - **East Park Area** - splash pad improved in current location, more expanded, new shelter removed, Marathon location replaced with new concrete, base garden, artesian, deck, fountain/watering area, updated seating area
- F - **Greenhouse** - no change
- G - **Fair Midway** - relocated to north
- H - **Exhibition Building** - west garage removed, more green space around edge, parking area to north, suitable as a seasonal food court place
- I - **Show Barn and Arena** - relocated to west edge of field
- J - **Multipurpose Buildings** - replaced with a new facility either open or multi-use (priority to animal control, or grand floor, and equipment storage)
- K - **Parking Area** - improved, paved parking lot added to west located east building
- L - **South Park Entrance** - improved pedestrian entrance
- M - **North Parking Lot** - new residential building
- N - **Main Academic Building** - student changes to cafeteria and bathroom/building access to support continued restaurant use
- O - **Marathon Hall** - relocated to housing - 17th St
- P - **West Arts Building** - no change
- Q - **Highway Dept/Cold Storage Site** - new indoor six and four green facility, including one green round lot and one convertible to other seasonal uses, additional walk-on field area
- R - **Wanna Iron Works Site** - 100,000 sq ft structure, Parks St., connected to 17th St. north bearing west of 17th, playground and event space east of 17th
- S - **Parks Department Site** - new location housing
- T - **Other Campus Opportunities** - Section 7A, Inc.



Westside Plan Design Feedback

157 Responses from Key Stakeholder Groups

Collected May 2022

A- CIRCULATION CHANGES

- Most likes are for removing vehicles from forest (50%) and adding the 17th Ave. entrance (61%).
- Most dislikes are removing roadway from the NE quadrant (30%) and removing from the center of the park (27%)

Notable comments:

- Keep parking close to pickleball
- Maintain park accessibility for handicapped/elderly (woods, near bandstand)
- Concern about congestion on 17th and more cut-through traffic with a new entrance

B- CAMPGROUND

- Most likes for removing it completely (42%)
- Most dislikes for fair-only camping in a parking lot (45%) and expanded camping (43%)

Notable comments:

- Decide based on profit/loss evaluation
- Increase edge plantings with or without camping changes
- Strongly split reactions to the idea of camping in this park

C - WEST PARK AREA

- Lots of likes for both a pump track and a zip line/ropes course, though 19% strongly dislike the high ropes course

Notable comments:

- Concerns about costs, safety
- Don't overdevelop the woods area

D- CENTRAL AREA

- Very strong support for expanded playground area (75% likes), and strong support for expanded train route (55% likes)

Notable Comments:

- The train is a great feature in declining condition
- Dream park idea is too big/out of character for this park

E - EAST PARK AREA

- Most ideas liked here, strongest are New Splashpad (74%), New Marathon Junction with Beer Garden (70%), Improved Meeting/Party space (64%), Skating Ribbon (62%), and Expanded Train Route (61%).
- Most dislikes are for Mountain Bike Challenge Course (25%) and North Shelter Removal (20%).

Notable Comments:

- Multiple negative comments about the beer garden
- One comment about shelter removal suggests that they think we meant the Big Kitchen

F - GRANDSTAND

- A plurality stayed neutral on this topic, but more people prefer keeping it as is (49%) and actively dislike the relocation idea (39%).

Notable Comments:

- Some agreement to the logic of moving it, but mostly negative comments about the cost

G- MIDWAY

- Indifference about location, many likes for grass groundcover (62%)

Notable Comments:

- Maintain court sport parking

Westside Plan Design Feedback (Cont.)

H - EXHIBITION BUILDING

- Many people like the idea of more grass around the building (56%)
- Most people like the idea of a summer food cart plaza (75%)

Notable Comments:

- Food trucks could be there now – don't need to spend to make that happen

I- HORSE BARN AND ARENA

- Most people indifferent

Notable Comments:

- Equal split of comments for and against moving the horse barn

J - MULTIPURPOSE BUILDINGS

- Opinions are split on moving the ice uses. 51% support improving the current facility, and 50% support relocating to a new facility (with a notable plurality of 41% strongly liking a new facility).
- Most people support continuing to use the current buildings for fair and event purposes (61%) and most are indifferent about a new open-air facility.

Notable Comments:

- Many comments in favor of a new ice facility

K - PARKING AREA

- Strong support for improved, paved, marked parking (80%)
- Support for a relocated winter ice rink (55%)

L- SOUTH PARK ENTRANCE

- Strong Support for improved appearance and surfacing (73%)

M- NORTH CAMPUS PARKING LOT

- A plurality strongly dislikes each of the options.
- Townhomes and single family each got 30% support, while duplexes got only 20% support.

Notable Comments:

- Multiple commenters prefer affordable housing.

N - MAIN ACADEMIC BUILDING

- About 52% of respondents liked both remodel options described. There were few dislikes.

Notable Comments:

- Increase public awareness of the restaurant

O - MARATHON HALL

- Pluralities responded with no opinion on each option.
- The most liked option was redevelopment as new housing (34%)

Notable Comments:

- Nine comments, nine unique sentiments

P - WEST ARTS BUILDING

- Most respondents had no opinion on this one. Razing it was least popular (40% dislike) and remodeling with additions removed most popular (35% like).

Q - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SITE

- More dislikes than likes for most of the options, except the indoor ice and field sports facility, which was liked by 76% of respondents.

Notable Comments:

- Many in support of a rec facility.
- Several concerns about putting residential next to the train yard.

R - COLD STORAGE

- More dislikes than likes for most of the options, except the outdoor field space, which was liked by 67% of respondents.

Notable Comments:

- Apparent confusion for some about this site being part of the park?

S - WAUSAU IRON WORKS SITE

- The public use options were supported (59% for park uses, 48% for community center uses). Views on senior housing were about equally split, and there was least support for new warehouse space (50% dislike).

Notable Comments:

- Concern about bringing the small child uses closer to the railroad crossings

T - PARKS DEPARTMENT SITE

- Parking in support of the park was most popular (57% support), while many dislike the housing concept (46% dislike).

Notable Comments:

- Comments for and against moving pickleball
- "Don't need anymore sport crap enough around town already"

U - OTHER CAMPUS CHANGES

- A majority had no opinion on closing 7th Ave., and 29% liked it.
- 46% dislike new housing, while 35% remained neutral on it.

Notable Comments:

- We mislabeled 7th Ave. as 7th St.

RESOLUTION #R-10- 23

APPROVING THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FUND FEES FOR REPAIR & REPLACEMENT OF THE BIG EAU PLEINE AERATORS

WHEREAS, Marathon County is authorized to use environmental impact fees for environmental programs, pursuant to §16.969(4), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County is the recipient of environmental impact fees from the construction of the Arrowhead-Weston Transmission Line; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County has established through the Strategic Plan that Objective 5.2 to: *Promote sound land use decision that conserve and preserve natural resources in decisions with economic development and growth*, and Objective 6.3 to: *Protect and enhance the quantity and quality of potable groundwater and potable surface water supplies*; remain priority objectives of the County Board of Supervisors; and a key strategy in 6.3 is to: *Create new partnerships with agencies and organizations to further efforts to protect surface water and groundwater*; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County has partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company, and the Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization since the 1980s to repair and maintain the aerators, to improve oxygen levels for fish in the winter months, as part of a host of strategies to prevent fish kill events; and

WHEREAS, the aerators on the Big Eau Pleine reservoir have been a part of keeping the water and fish populations healthy for decades, and subsequently creating a natural resource that people want to visit and recreate at/on; and

WHEREAS, the Big Eau Pleine County Park is the most heavily used County Park due to access for fishing, boating, camping, and other outdoor sport opportunities, and is subsequently a primary economic generator for the region; and

WHEREAS, the aerators on the Big Eau Pleine are approaching the end of their useful life cycle; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2023, the Environmental Resources Committee reviewed and approved the use of environmental impact fees for repair and replacement of the Big Eau Pleine Aerators, finding this project to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Environmental Impact Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marathon does hereby approve the use of Environmental Impact Funds for up to \$175,000 for use in repair and replacement of the Big Eau Pleine Aerators.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all appropriate officers and administration of Marathon County are hereby authorized and directed to implement the terms and conditions of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of February, 2023.

Fiscal Note: Approval of this resolution would obligate up to \$175,000 of environmental repair fund dollars to be used to fund repair and replacement of the Big Eau Pleine Aerators.

Environmental Resources Committee

Big Eau Pleine Aerator System (1/31/2023 ERC Meeting)

[Recording from Meeting](#)

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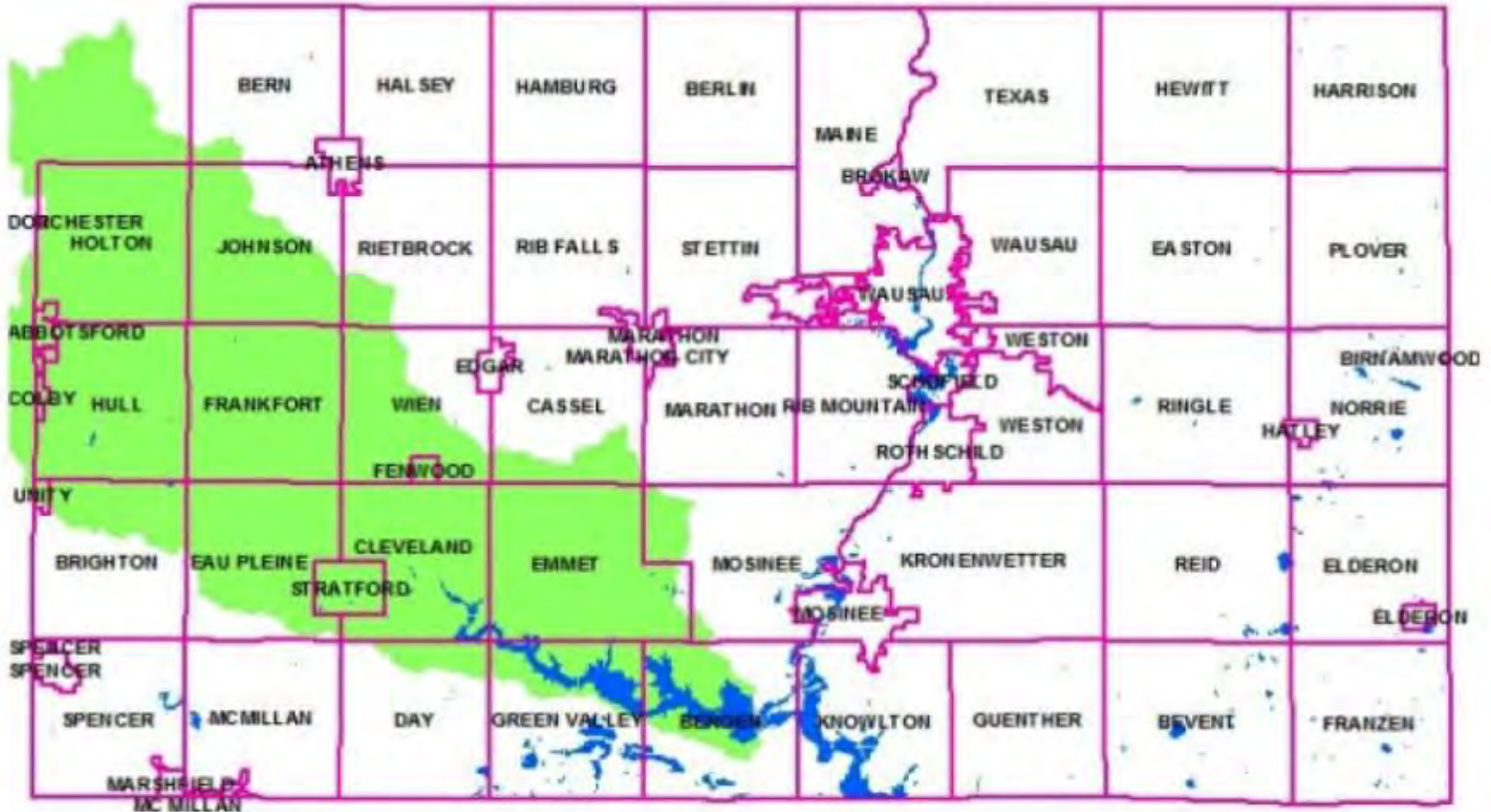
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BIG EAU PLEINE WATERSHED MARATHON COUNTY WI



Big Eau Pleine Fishery









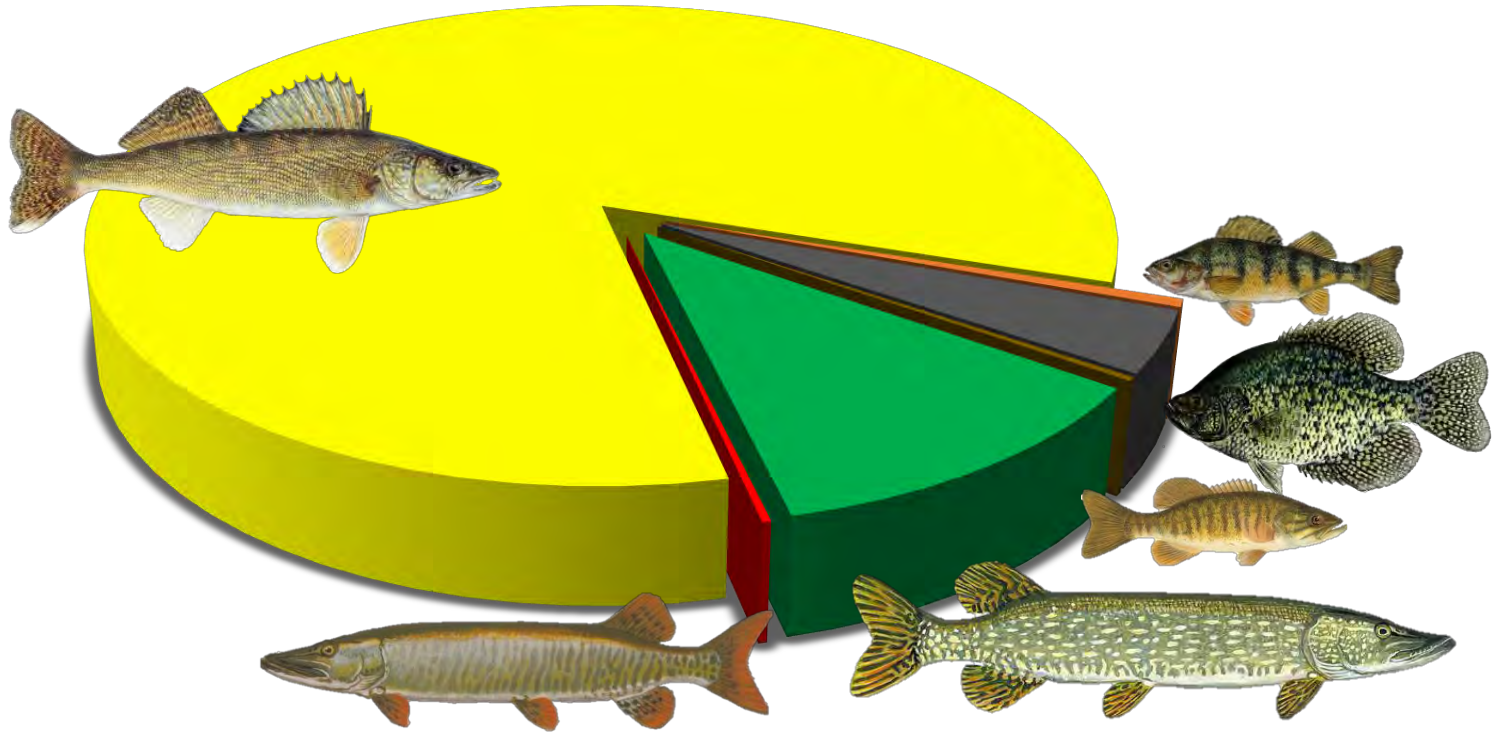




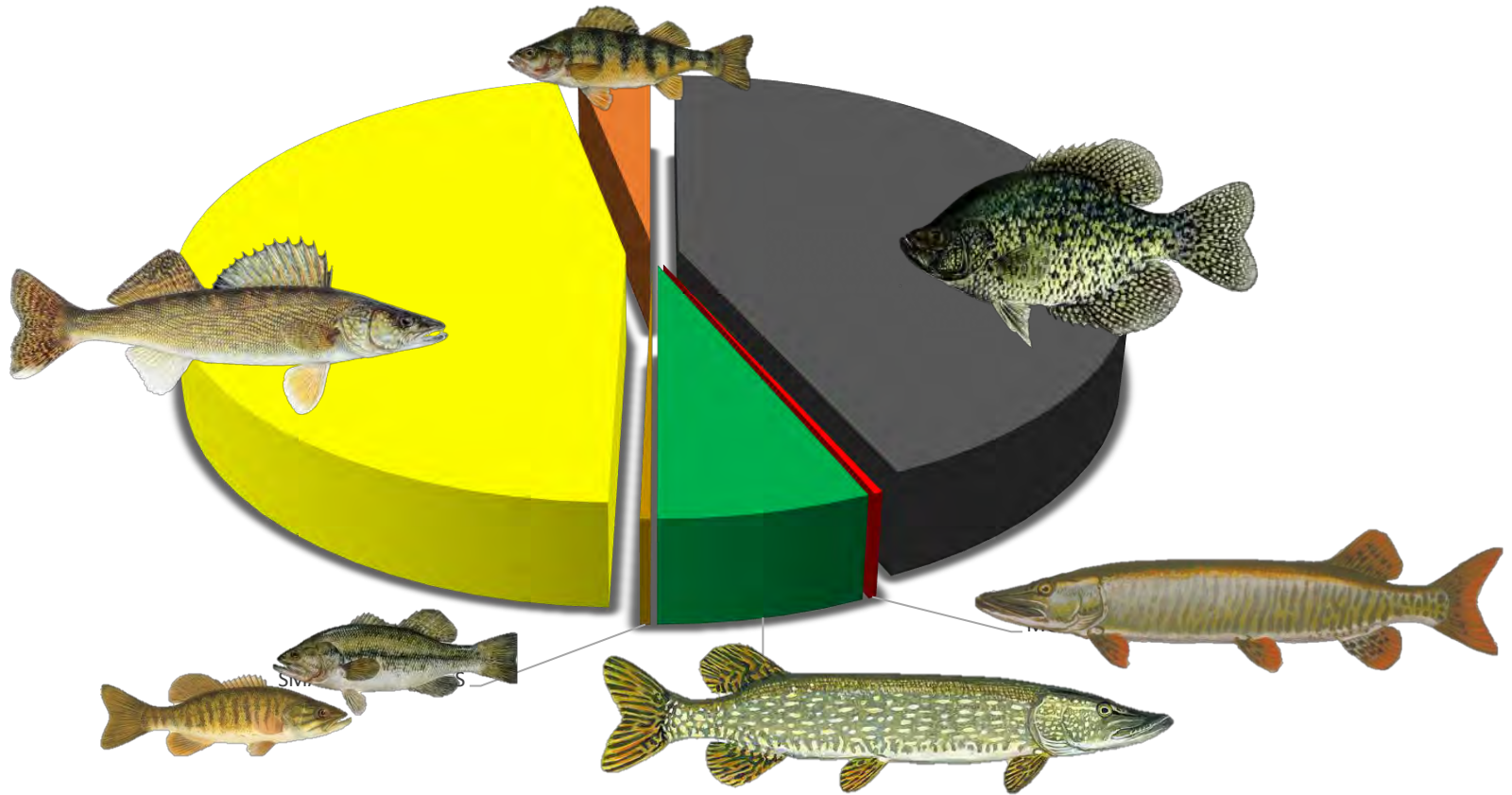




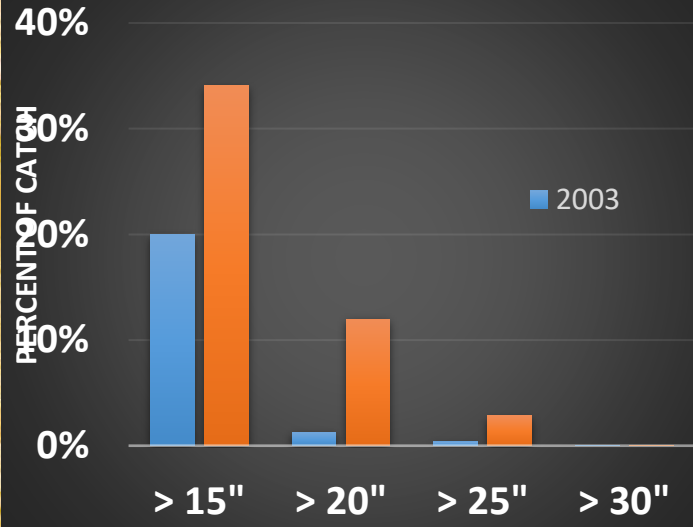
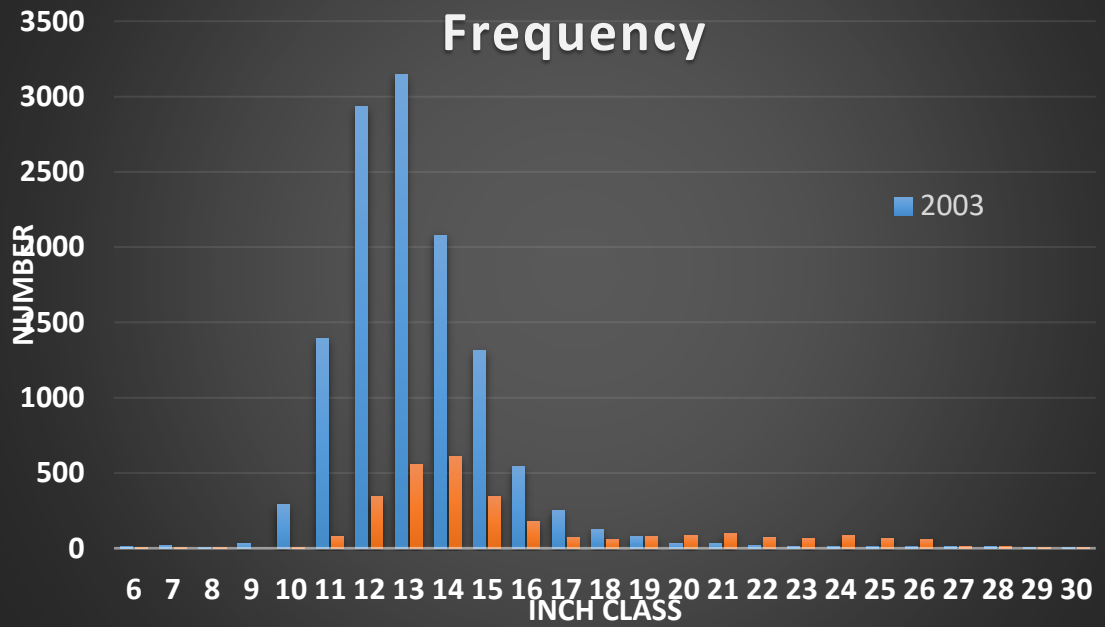
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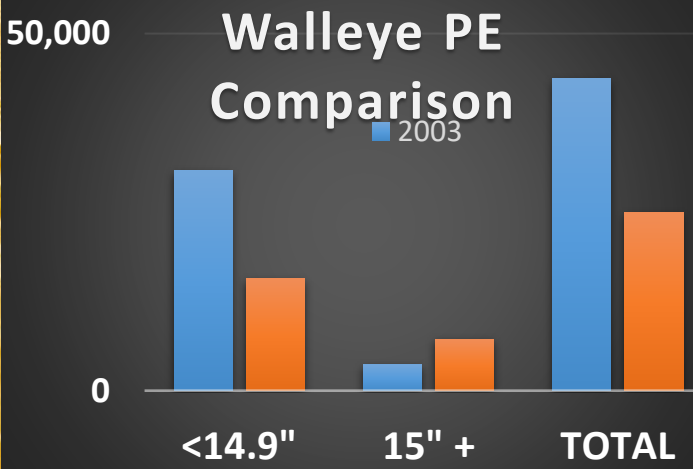
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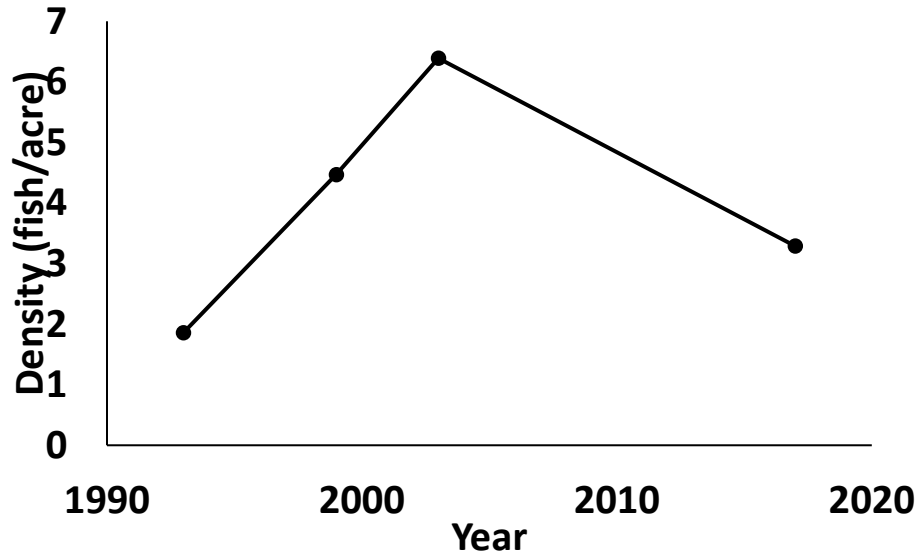
2003 vs 2017 Walleye Length Frequency



Population Estimate (PE) - 24,922

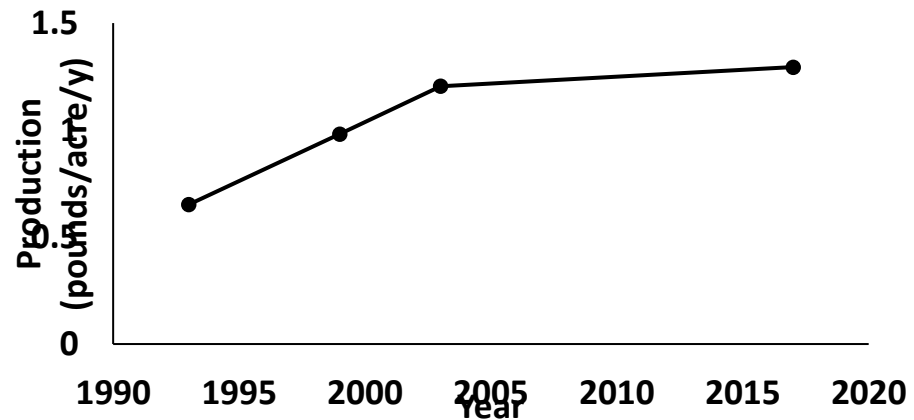
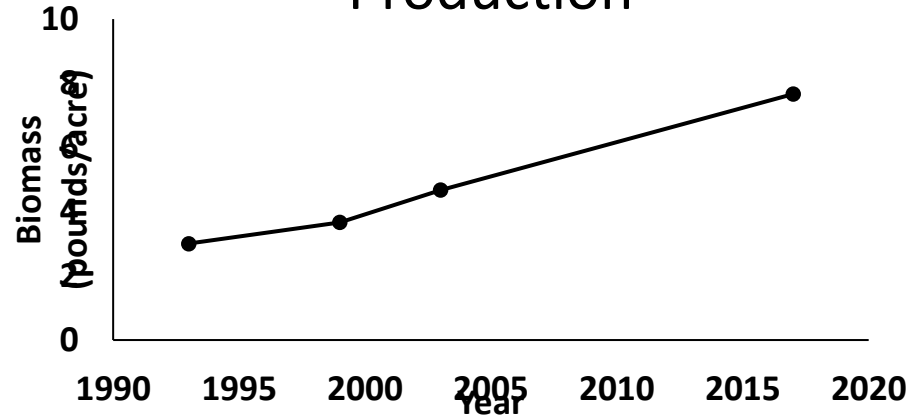


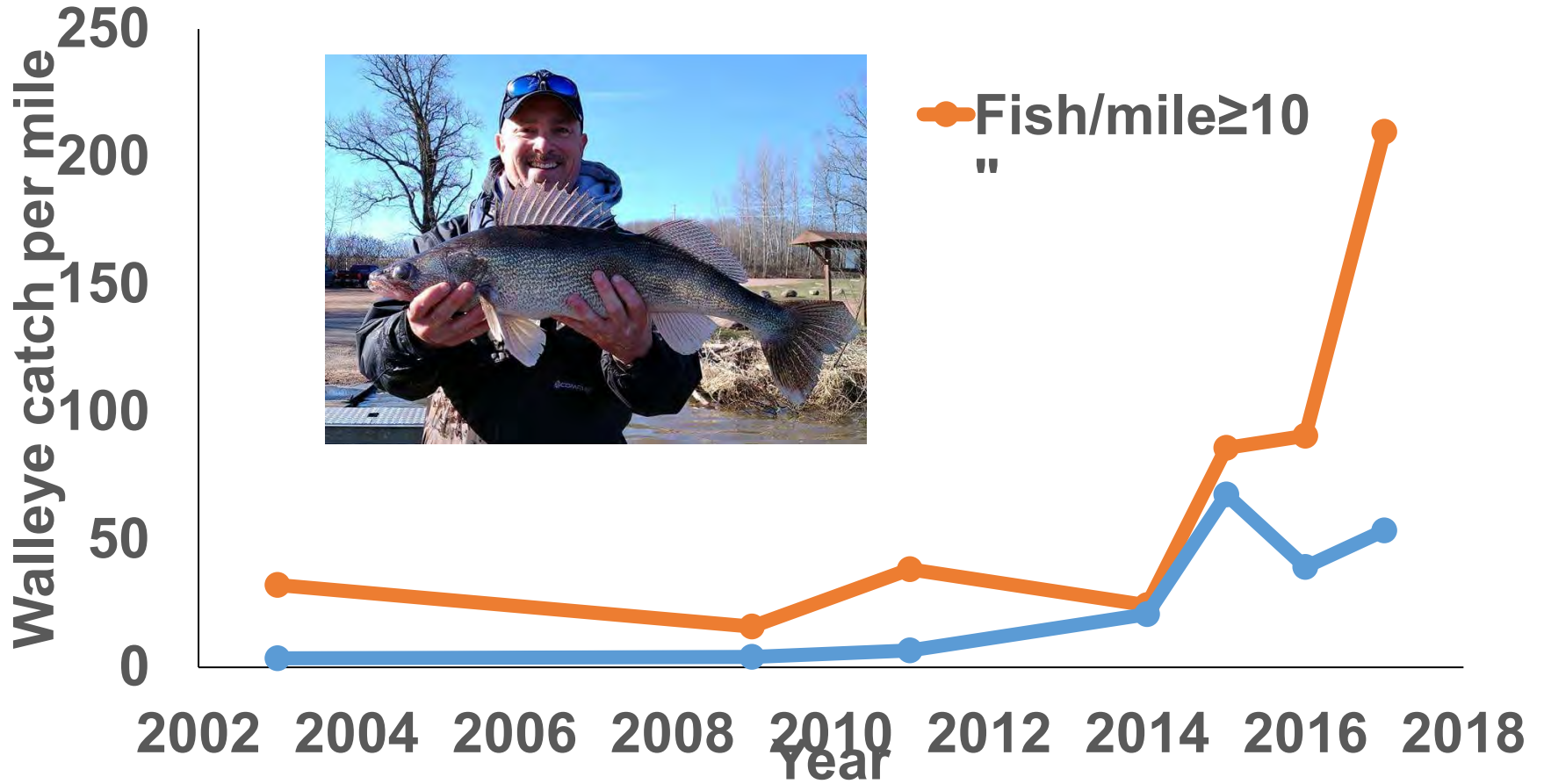
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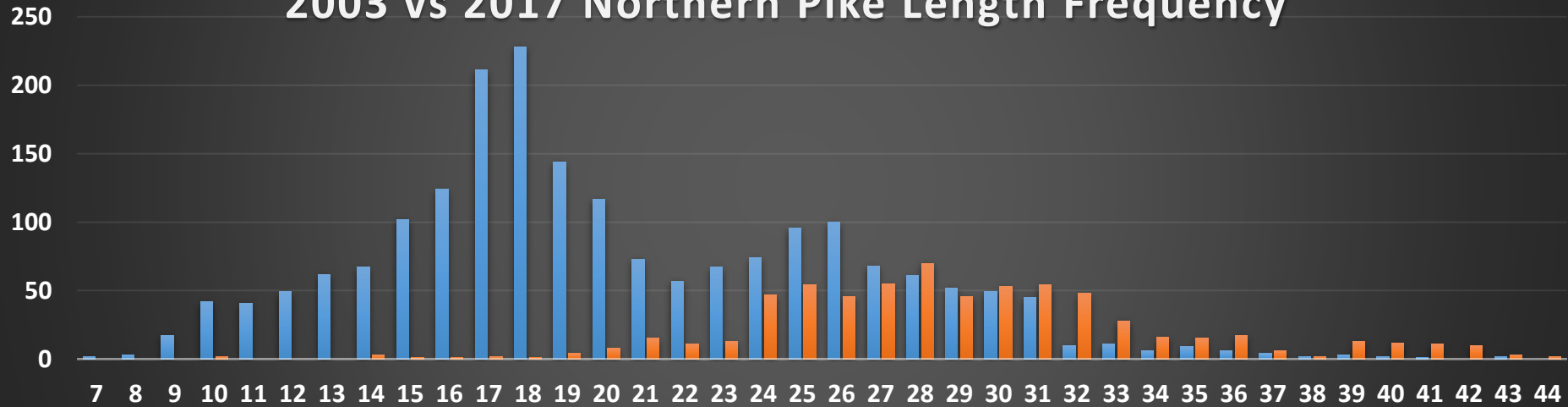
Lower 2017 abundance may seem worrisome, but... →

Trends in Walleye Biomass & Production

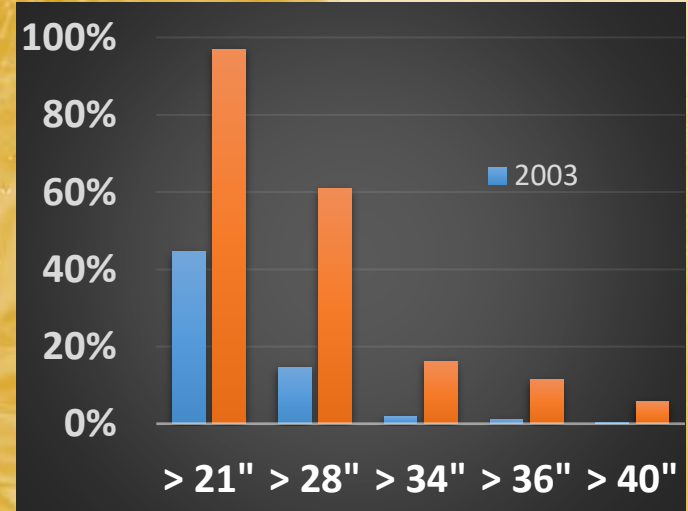




2003 vs 2017 Northern Pike Length Frequency



Population estimate- 2,413



Big Eau Pleine Recreation

Eau Pleine Reservoir	Site	Open Water Season Total	Open Water Season Peak Weekend (Average)
Dam Recreation Area	# 1	2,610	23
Cty O Landing	# 2	1,090	6
Paradise Dr. Landing	# 3	316	9
Park West Unit Landing	# 4	22,711	246
Park South Unit Landing	#5	3,068	42
Fishermans Cove Access	#6	141	2
Oxbo Landing	#7	124	5
Maryel Landing	#8	3,161	57
Sandy Shore Landing	#9	939	5
Pine Point Access	#11	69	0
Pickerel Bay Access	#12	445	3
Fishing Point Access	#13	1,024	5
Freeman Point Access	#15	127	0
Picnic Point Access	#16	265	1
Elm Tree Landing	#18	64	0
Cleveland Landing (Bar)	#19	127	0
Lisa's Landing	#20	9,714	110
Eau Pleine Dr. Access	#22	152	5
Georges Landing	#23	4,218	39
Dam Rd. Access	#202	12	1
TOTALS		50,364	1676

Open Water Season (Summer Use) May 1-Oct 31 (184 days)

WVIC Data 2021

9 peak use days included in open water rec season
 48 weekend days included in open water rec season
 127 weekdays days in open water rec season



Big Eau Pleine County Park

- Most heavily used County Park due to access to the reservoir, camping, biking, horseback riding, and disc golf.
- Brings in most revenue
 - 2022 revenue: **\$166,917**



Aerator & Partnership History

- A partnership has been in place with WVIC, DNR, BEPCO, and Marathon County (Parks, Rec & Forestry and CPZ) Since 1980.
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 - **2006** – Five-year lease signed between DNR and Wausau/Marathon County Parks Rec and Forestry Dept. Discussions begin regarding replacement of aeration system.

Aerator & Partnership History

- **2008** – Wausau/Marathon County Parks Rec and Forestry Dept. terminates lease agreement with DNR. Marathon County will no longer be operating the system due to budget cuts and WVIC will no longer pay electrical costs unless system is modified. Marathon County deeds the aeration system to the WDNR for operation & WVIC agrees to pay the electric costs
- **2009** – Eau Pleine task force organized & The “Big Eau Pleine Short Term Aeration Plan (2009-2011)” was developed and implemented. Aerator system re-designed to improve performance over the original system.
- **2010** -Funding for the estimated \$55,930 came from:
 - \$2,025 – WVIC (plus \$4,500 for electric annually for 2 yrs and \$32,500 in-kind)
 - \$27,965 – Marathon County Grant
 - \$23,915 – BEPCO
 - \$5,125 – DNR (plus in-kind for annual operation)
- **2017**-MOA between WVIC, WDNR, BEPCO, and Marathon County was signed clearly defining each party’s roles for the next 5 years of aerator operation.

2009 Big Eau Pleine Fish Kill

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Large fish kill in Big Eau Pleine Reservoir

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By **PIONEER PRESS** | news@pioneerpress.com

PUBLISHED: March 30, 2009 at 9:33 a.m. | UPDATED: November 13, 2015 at 1:56 a.m.

WAUSAU, Wis.—The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources says up to 80 percent of the fish in the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir have died from a lack of oxygen over the winter.

The DNR says low water levels, agricultural runoff and a failing aeration system have reduced oxygen in the river.

The dead fish at the popular recreational reservoir between Wausau and Stevens Point include walleyes, muskies, bullheads and carp. Hundreds of fish carc ...



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Big Fish Kill on Big Eau Pleine

By Paul A. Smith of the Journal Sentinel

Published on: 4/2/2009

As the ice recedes from Wisconsin waters, the annual assessment of winter fish kills begins. One of the biggest of the season is being reported on Big Eau Pleine Reservoir near Wausau.

According to Tom Meronek, DNR fisheries biologist in Wausau, as many as 70 to 80 percent of the fish in the lower section of Big Eau Pleine may have died.

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"That's about as low as it's ever been," said Paul. "Some fish got stranded in pools and died. Others got hit by the low oxygen level and couldn't survive."

Rafts of dead fish are washing up on shorelines in the 6,830-acre impoundment on the Big Eau Pleine River. The reservoir connects to Lake DuBay and the Wisconsin River system. The dead fish include walleye, northern pike, crappie, musky and rough fish.



2009 Big Eau Pleine Fish Kill

<https://www.pbs.org/video/in-wisconsin-fish-kill-part-1/>

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Fish Kill Part 1

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Thirty years ago winter fish kills were common on the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir near Mosinee. Ice cover on the six thousand acre lake cut off oxygen suffocating the walleye and other game fish in one of the area's most popular fishing spots. An aeration system installed in 1980 solved the problem until recent years. But agricultural runoff and five years of drought overwhelmed the aerators.

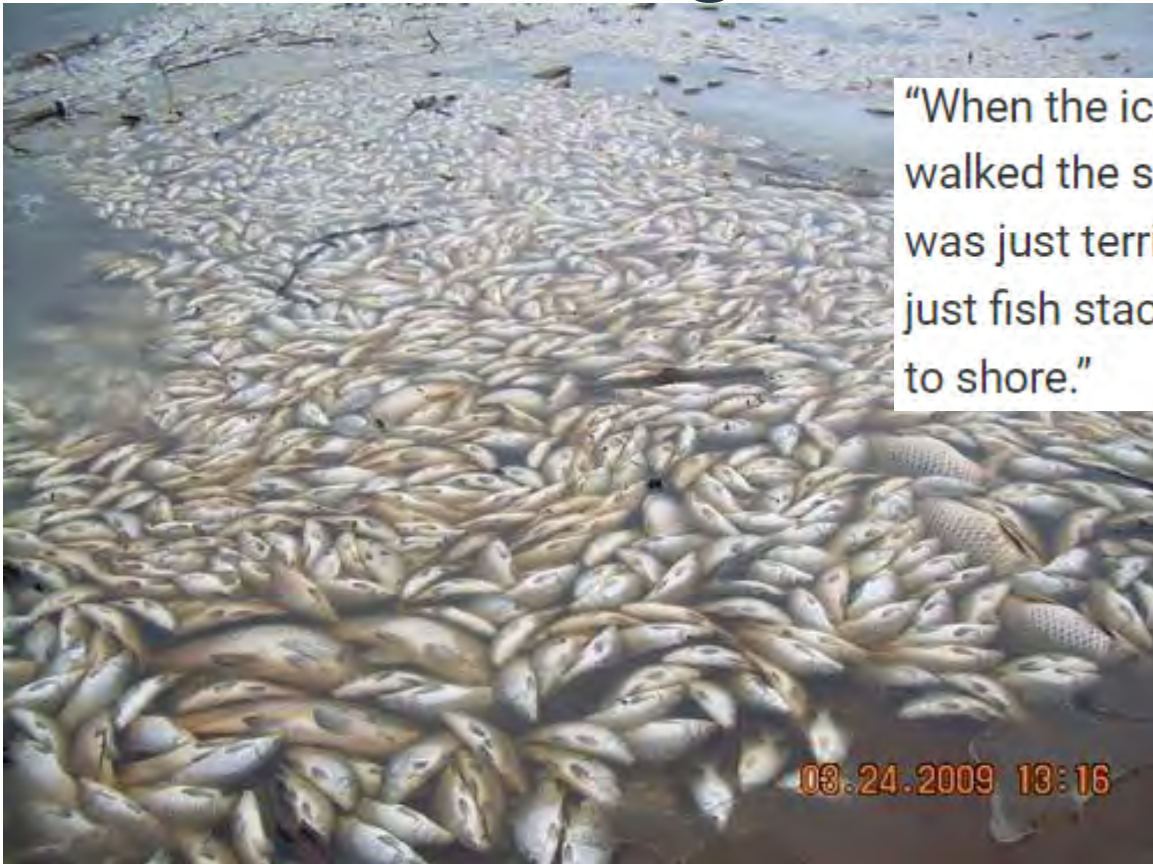
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"When the ice went out, I went and looked and walked the shore and took some pictures, and it was just terrible," Kennedy remembered. "It was just fish stacked up, thousands of fish washed up to shore."



Marathon Co Parks Boat revenue:

2007: \$6,213

2009: \$765

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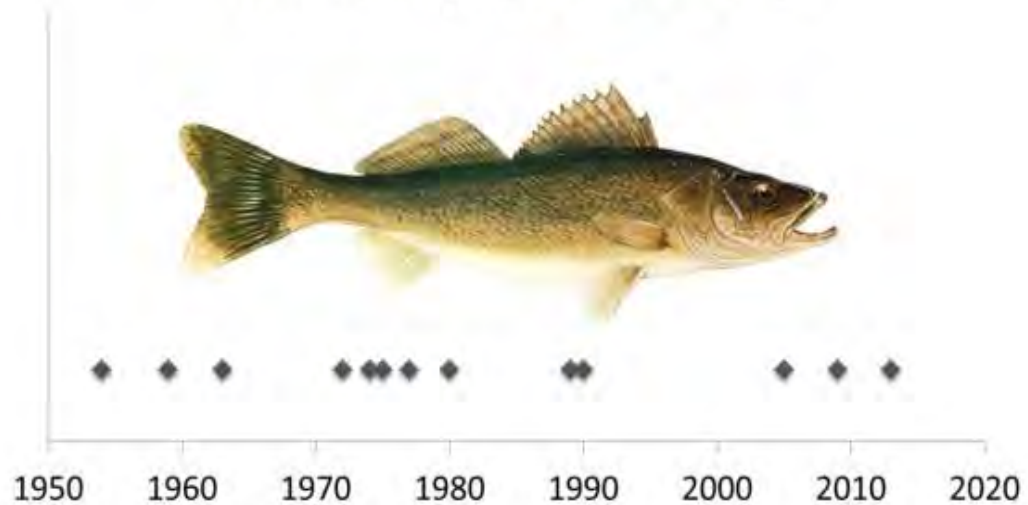
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Big Eau Pleine Fish Kill History

- Pre-1960 fish kills were considered to be related to sewage and cheese waste
- Minor fish kills: 1972, 1974, 1975, 1989, 1990, 2005
- Major fish kills: 1977, 1980, 2009, 2013
 - *1977 was thought to be the most severe, with records of 2-3,000 dead walleye

Years with reported winter fish kills.



Note: The fish kills in 1989, 1990, and 2005 were considered small.

Aerators at work



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Key Partnerships at Work

- WVIC and DNR test the water and handle the maintenance, record keeping, and seasonal start ups and shut downs. WVIC covers electrical costs. DNR installs safety fencing & is securing permanent road access.

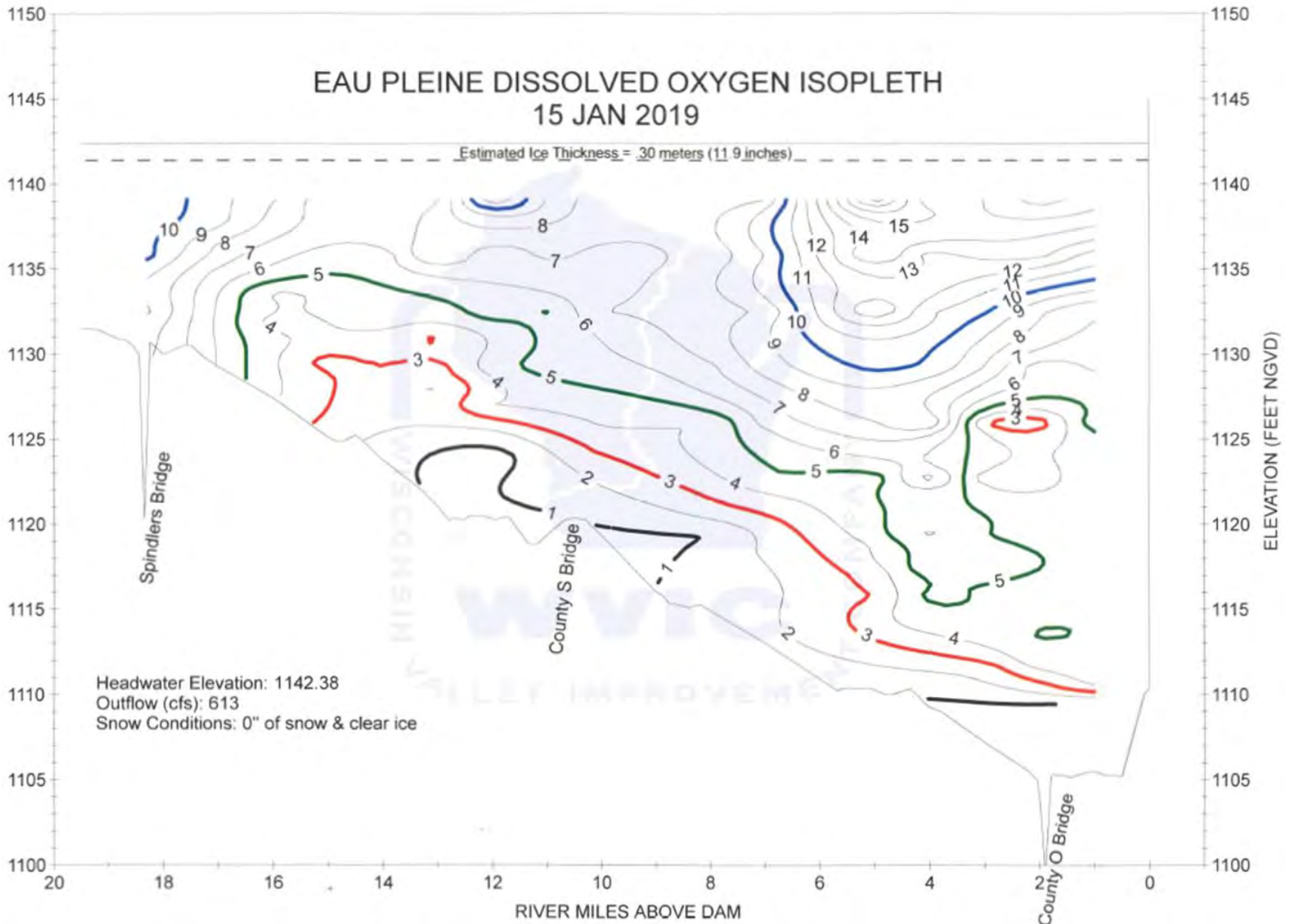


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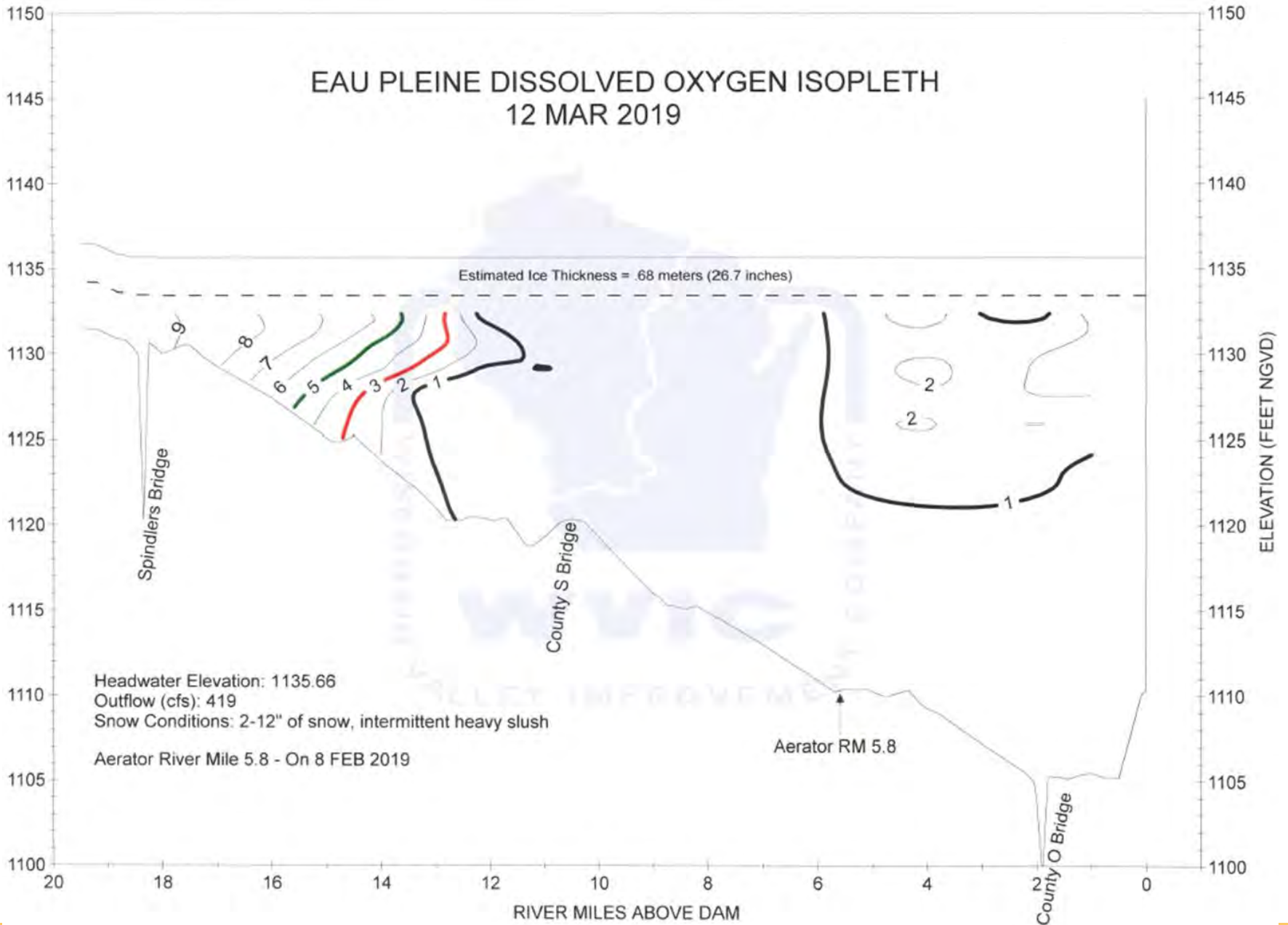
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EAU PLEINE DISSOLVED OXYGEN ISOPLETH 15 JAN 2019

Estimated Ice Thickness = 30 meters (11.9 inches)



EAU PLEINE DISSOLVED OXYGEN ISOPLETH 12 MAR 2019



Key Partnerships at Work

- Marathon County has potential to distribute the capital for aerators, and all other partners bring maintenance and many in-kind hours.
- Once machines are up and running, it's really our partners that keep things going!



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“Strategies for Reducing Fish Kills in the BEP Reservoir” (2017)

Goal 3:

“Develop, engage, and sustain partnerships necessary to implement this plan for reducing fish kills in the BEP.”

Strategies:

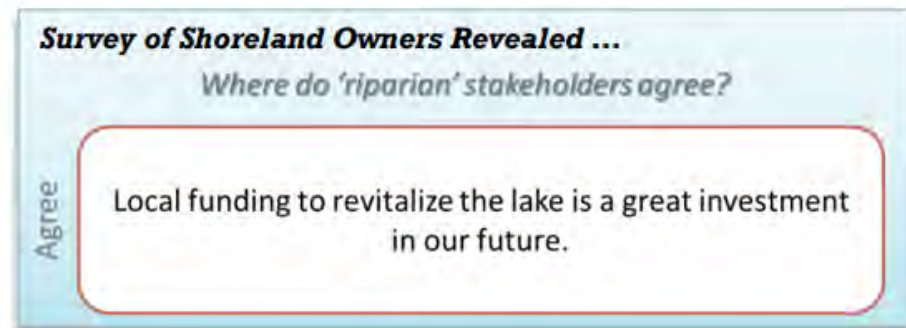
- Understand the economic impacts of the BEP to the economy in central WI and the extent of negative impacts of fish kills.
- Reduce the negative impacts to the economy from fish kills in the BEP.

“Strategies for Reducing Fish Kills in the BEP Reservoir” (2017)

2017 UWSP Survey to Shoreland Owners

“During the planning process, participants expressed concerns about reduced property values, loss of revenue to local businesses, and diminished willingness to invest in new businesses such as bait shops, boat rental facilities, fishing tours, restaurants and taverns.

In addition, the reputation of the BEP fishery is perceived to be damaged when fish kills occur, with the bad reputation lingering for years.”



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The average respondent reported:

- Participation in 3-4 different activities out of the 7, with the highest participation rates for motor boating, fishing (springfall), and wildlife viewing.
- An average annual expenditure of \$1,850 per household for all recreational activities. Total recreational expenditures for these 7 recreational activities exceeded \$225,000 per year based on reports from 123 survey respondents.

Marathon County Strategic Plan

Healthiest County:

- **NATURAL RESOURCES GOAL:** The natural resources of Marathon County are managed in a balanced way so they are protected and preserved for current and future generations' health, enjoyment, and benefit.
- **WATER RESOURCES GOAL:** The water resources in Marathon County are of the highest quality for the safety of residents and the health of aquatic ecosystems and are protected from damaging behaviors like overuse and pollution.

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Thank You!

Questions?

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RESOLUTION #R-10- 23

APPROVING THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FUND FEES FOR REPAIR & REPLACEMENT OF THE BIG EAU PLEINE AERATORS

WHEREAS, Marathon County is authorized to use environmental impact fees for environmental programs, pursuant to §16.969(4), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County is the recipient of environmental impact fees from the construction of the Arrowhead-Weston Transmission Line; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County has established through the Strategic Plan that Objective 5.2 to: *Promote sound land use decision that conserve and preserve natural resources in decisions with economic development and growth*, and Objective 6.3 to: *Protect and enhance the quantity and quality of potable groundwater and potable surface water supplies*; remain priority objectives of the County Board of Supervisors; and a key strategy in 6.3 is to: *Create new partnerships with agencies and organizations to further efforts to protect surface water and groundwater*; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County has partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company, and the Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization since the 1980s to repair and maintain the aerators, to improve oxygen levels for fish in the winter months, as part of a host of strategies to prevent fish kill events; and

WHEREAS, the aerators on the Big Eau Pleine reservoir have been a part of keeping the water and fish populations healthy for decades, and subsequently creating a natural resource that people want to visit and recreate at/on; and

WHEREAS, the Big Eau Pleine County Park is the most heavily used County Park due to access for fishing, boating, camping, and other outdoor sport opportunities, and is subsequently a primary economic generator for the region; and

WHEREAS, the aerators on the Big Eau Pleine are approaching the end of their useful life cycle; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2023, the Environmental Resources Committee reviewed and approved the use of environmental impact fees for repair and replacement of the Big Eau Pleine Aerators, finding this project to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Environmental Impact Fund; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2023, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee reviewed and approved the use of environmental impact fees for repair and replacement of the Big Eau Pleine Aerators, finding this project to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Environmental Impact Fund, contingent on a Memorandum of Understanding or other agreement being executed amongst all partnering entities to address ownership, long-term use, insurance, maintenance, and other items relevant to the procurement, transfer, and/or maintenance of these aerators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marathon does hereby approve the use of Environmental Impact Funds for up to \$175,000 for use in repair and replacement of the Big Eau Pleine Aerators.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all appropriate officers and administration of Marathon County are hereby authorized and directed to implement the terms and conditions of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of February, 2023.

Fiscal Note: Approval of this resolution would obligate up to \$175,000 of environmental repair fund dollars to be used to fund repair and replacement of the Big Eau Pleine Aerators.

Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee

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Big Eau Pleine Aerator System

HR Finance 2/8/23 Meeting Video: (Starts at 8:19)

<https://www.youtube.com/live/xJrKwJq9RDs?feature=share>

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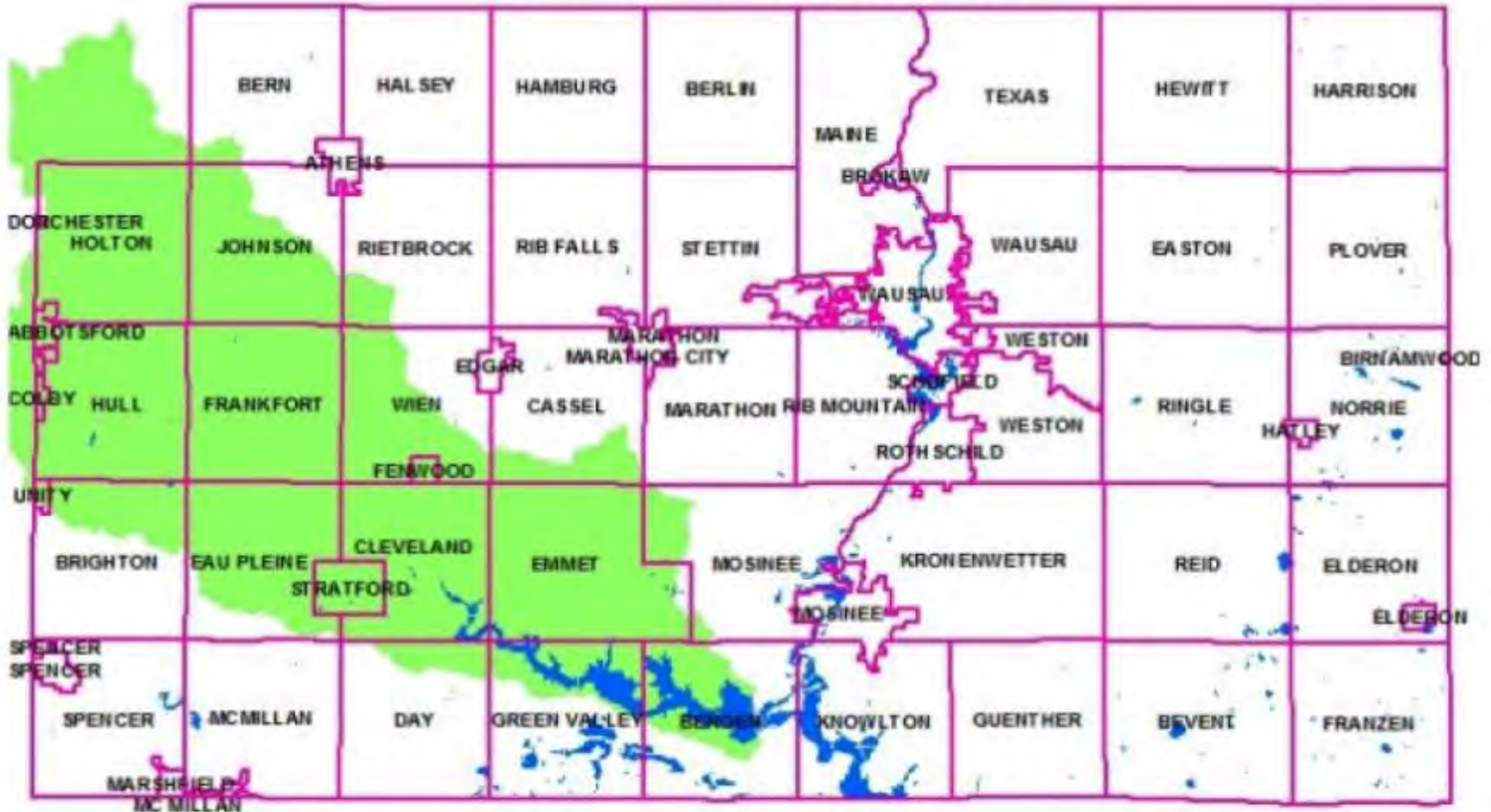
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Big Eau Pleine Watershed Challenges

- It represents the most extensive agricultural area in Marathon County with seventy-seven percent (77%) of the watershed (183,260 acres) in agricultural land use with dairy the dominant activity. The fine textured soils, extensive man-made field drainage system, and loss of wetlands create a “flashy” hydrology where runoff from snowmelt and rain carry soil and manure loads to streams.
- It is estimated that 165,000 pounds of phosphorus enters the Big Eau Pleine each year.
- It is estimated that nearly 50% of the Upper BEP watershed was wetland when development began for agricultural.

The Big Eau Pleine: A Special Place

- According to BEPCO estimates, nearly \$2 million of economic activity is generated annually from fishing opportunities in the watershed
- Approximately 250 Shoreland Landowners
- Home to our most heavily used County Park due to access to the reservoir, camping, biking, horseback riding, and disc golf.
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Key Partnerships at Work: WVIC

2012-2022 WVIC Maintenance & Operation

- Staff Time = **\$165,000** (Aerator Start-up/Shut-down, Weekly monitoring and maintenance, dissolved oxygen/WQ sampling, coordination with WDNR, public education, etc.)
- Electric Costs = **\$57,726** (just operating costs, varies annually based on days of operation, does not include ongoing year-round monthly cost to have electricity available at the site)
- Water Quality Laboratory Tests = **\$48,100** (Weekly or Biweekly monitoring of Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD), turbidity, conductivity, phosphorus etc. used to determine start-up need timing, etc.)
- Electrical & Mechanical Parts/Diagnosis = **\$8,558**. Electric fixes from mice issues, normal wear and tear, vibration analysis, oil, spare parts etc.

Total = \$279,384



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WVIC Environmental Specialist Scott Blado tests water for dissolved oxygen near Lisa's Landing on the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir.

Key Partnerships at Work: WI DNR

Routine Annual Costs: **\$21,040**

- Staff Time: 340 hours at a cost of \$17,840
- Supply Costs: \$3200
- DNR FTE and LTE staff time and fringe benefit to facilitate operation of aerator, deployment and takedown of aeration barrier fences, and other misc. annual maintenance costs
- Plowing & Access Maintenance Costs (Thousands \$/Year)
- In addition to routine annual costs, there is a large road access project that is being planned for fall of 2023. Scope of road project will be dependent on DNR securing an easement.
 - Project Cost for Easement and Road Access Improvement: **\$60,000**
 - Project Cost with no Easement and Development of New Road Access: **\$195,800**
- *(These estimates do not include DNR staff time for planning which are substantial.)*



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Key Partnerships at Work: BEPCO

- BEPCO has committed to \$700 annual contribution for electrical costs
- 2010 Original Marathon County BEP Task force
- 2010 Aerator revamp: BEPCO fundraised \$23,915 and BEPCO volunteers provided hundreds of hours of labor:
 - From cutting tubing and dragging it up the ice to welding lengths of rebar together, BEPCO facilitated this project.
 - Arranged purchase and delivery of rebar to project site
 - Hired a chain trencher to cut the ice
- Annual volunteers for Aerator line hookup
- Ongoing CLMN secchi disk water clarity monitoring
- 2014 BEP Lake Mgmt \$25,000 DNR grant = “Strategies for reducing Fish Kills in BEP”
- 2017: BEPCO donated the small 1/2HP standby “bubbler” to take the place of an oversized 5HP large tank compressor



Key Partnerships at Work: Marathon County

- **Staff Time: Parks, Rec & Forestry and Conservation, Planning, and Zoning**
 - Staff time on Aerators is minimal
 - Marathon County originally owned the aerators from the 1980s until 2008.
- **Aerator Funding:**
 - 1980: \$8,144
 - 2010 Upgrades: \$27,965
- **\$500 Annual Contribution to Electric Costs**
- **Leadership in/Facilitation of Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation (EPPIC)**



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Aerator Outlook & Future Needs

- Timeline Cont.:

- Early 2023: Hire an engineer to evaluate aerator repair and replacement plan
- Summer 2023: Have contracts signed with various contractors for each component, place orders, some work *may* begin
- Fall 2023: Apply for DNR Lake Grant to supplement further costs and maintenance/support staff
 - (Acceptance is not guaranteed)
- Winter 2023-2024+: Work is continued & completed in 2024 (anticipated)

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Aerator Use in Big Eau Pleine Reservoir

Introduction

The Big Eau Pleine Reservoir is 6,677 acres in size at full capacity. It represents a major recreational resource for Marathon County residents, but has experienced several fish kills since its construction in 1937. The reservoir is operated by the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company (WVIC), which operates 21 water storage reservoirs to regulate a uniform flow in the Wisconsin River. WVIC's reservoir operations are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC License No. P-2113).

In 1981 WVIC, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and Marathon County Parks Department joined in a cooperative effort to help mitigate the effects of dissolved oxygen (D.O.) depletion in the Eau Pleine Reservoir during the winter period. The project involved the installation and operation of a diffuser aeration system in the reservoir near the Big Eau Pleine County Park.

The purpose for the aeration system was to help minimize the occurrence of winter fish kills by creating 30-60 acres of open water for natural surface aeration and to an extent, promote oxygen transfer to the water column. Aerator operation helps create a limited refuge for fish. The system helps mitigate low D.O. conditions that occur from the decomposition of organic material carried into the reservoir as well as organic material generated within the reservoir from extensive blue-green algal blooms.

Brief History

1979 – WDNR and WVIC designed the aeration system and Becher Hoppe designed the blowers and accessories and put together the design summary for bids. System estimated to cost \$50,000 with annual operating expenses estimate at \$3,000. WVIC offers to pay \$5,000 toward estimated cost and annual operating expenses for 5 years.

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1981 – Trial period began.

1984 – County Conservation fund grant \$930 applied to electricity costs.

1985 – Five-year trial period over.

1986 – One-year extension for WVIC paying electrical costs. WVIC voluntarily pays the electrical costs for the next 27 years.

1989 – In addition to operating the original aerator, WVIC began operation of Aerator II (two AIRE-O₂ 7.5 hp aerators 3-phase 230v). Equipment was leased the first winter with the option to buy and powered using WVIC's portable generator. It was located just upstream of the current Lisa's Landing. Marathon County Parks Dept installed barrier. Aerators (\$6,500 each) and phase converter purchased later in the year for

\$1,370. Each aerator provides approximately 2 lbs O₂/hp/hr. Aerator II was run in conjunction with Aerator I when needed for the next 6 years.

- 1990** – Besides the primary aerator, operated Aerator II for 62 days, installed and operated Aerator III at dam with 3 units leased by WVIC for \$3,000 (AIRE-O₂ 3hp aerators) for 26 days, and Aerator IV (diffuser system at Spindler's Bridge) installed by Aquatic Biologists with electric installation and costs paid by WVIC.
- 1991** – Installed a permanent 200 amp service for \$2500 for Aerator IV, never used.
- 1992** – Aerator II operated for 38 days. Marathon County Park Dept sends notice to WVIC that they may be “eliminating winter services to the Eau Pleine area”. Reconsidered and continued with the cooperative effort for 16 more years.
- 2000** – A five-year lease initiated between Stora Enso and Wausau/Marathon County Parks Rec and Forestry Dept. East 40 hp motor was rebuilt for \$1800 and paid for by WVIC.
- 2002** – West 40 hp motor was rebuilt for \$1800 and paid for by WVIC.
- 2005** – Service for Aerator IV removed during Spindler’s Bridge replacement.
- 2006** – Five-year lease signed between DNR and Wausau/Marathon County Parks Rec and Forestry Dept. Discussions begin regarding replacement of aeration system.
- 2007** – Aerator building panel & breaker replacement (paid by WVIC \$800).
- 2008** – Wausau/Marathon County Parks Recreation and Forestry Dept. terminates lease agreement with DNR. Aeration system will not operate unless repairs are made and an operator is found, Marathon County will no longer be operating the system due to budget cuts and WVIC will no longer pay electrical costs unless system is modified. Marathon County deeds the aeration system to the WDNR. WDNR agrees to operate the aeration system for one winter and WVIC agrees to pay the electric costs. The plan is to operate one manifold with 7 lines (14 ports).
- 2009** – Eau Pleine task force organized with one of its goals to develop and implement an immediate aeration system upgrade plan. The “Big Eau Pleine Short Term Aeration Plan (2009-2011)” was developed and implemented. Aerator system re-designed to improve performance over the original system. Army Corps of Engineers consultation was made possible by the WDNR, regarding the upgraded design specifications and evaluation of various operating/engineering scenarios. WVIC’s Board of Directors requests a mechanism be put in place for sharing the costs of aeration as a condition of WVIC participation.
- 2010** – New re-designed aeration system was installed and operated in accordance with the “Big Eau Pleine Reservoir Short Term Aeration Plan 2009-2011” written by the Big Eau Pleine Task Force. Funding for the estimated \$55,930 came from:
 \$2,025 – WVIC (plus \$4,500 for electric annually for 2 yrs and \$32,500 in-kind)
 \$27,965 – Marathon County Grant
 \$23,915 – BEPCO
 \$5,125 – DNR (plus in-kind for annual operation)
- 2012** – MOA between WVIC, WDNR, BEPCO, and Marathon County was signed clearly defining each party’s roles for the next 5 years of aerator operation.

2013 – Seals and gaskets replaced on both blowers. Small compressor switch replaced. All costs paid by WVIC.

2015 – BEPCO purchased a new compressor (\$624) for the bubbler aerator used to keep the area where the lines enter the water ice-free. WVIC maintenance crew removed the old compressor and installed the new one.

2017 – 2012 MOA expired in December 2017. Meetings were January 13, March 10, June 5, 2017, and revisions were made to the MOA based on meeting discussions. MOA never officially signed by all parties, presumably due to the reluctance of WDNR legal to enter into MOAs.

2018 – Pressure relief valves replaced.

2019 – Vibration analysis performed by IVC Technologies in an attempt to diagnose cause of continual oil leakage on east blower. Balancing of system performed as an attempted remedy. WVIC incurred costs for vibration analysis and balancing.

2020 – Additional vibration test performed by IVC Technologies as initial balancing did not solve oil leakage on east blower. Oil leakage persists.

2022 – Parties revisit attempts to come to an updated MOA with capital expenditures and repairs of the aerator likely in the near future.

RESOLUTION #R-11-23

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR BEAD GRANT

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission is developing a Five-Year Action Plan for broadband and a State Digital Equity Plan under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act’s Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) and Digital Equity programs; and

WHEREAS, Five-Year action plans require collaboration with local and regional entities. Accordingly, the Public Service Commission recently approved \$1.5 million in formula funding to Wisconsin counties and federally recognized Tribes under the BEAD Local Planning Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds, available to interested counties based upon a formula, will be available to support county efforts to define the need, vision, and strategy for deployment of broadband; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for BEAD Local Planning Grant Program funding, counties must opt in to the BEAD Local Planning Grant Program by March 7, 2023, at 1:30 pm. Counties may participate individually or work collaboratively through a Regional Economic Development Organization; and

WHEREAS, BEAD Local Planning Grant Program funding will be distributed equally to all participating counties and Tribes, with those collaborating in groups receiving an additional 10 percent of the base allocation; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2023, the Executive Committee recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize appropriate County officials to apply for BEAD Local Planning Grant Program funding.

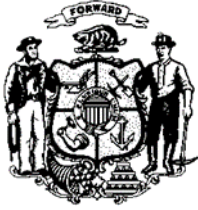
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby authorize appropriate County officials to apply for BEAD Local Planning Grant Program funding, including the completion of all necessary application materials to ensure receipt of funds.

Dated the 21st day of February, 2023.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Fiscal Impact: The passage of this resolution will allow Marathon County to opt in to receive BEAD grant funding. The amount of funding to be received from the Public Service Commission will be dependent on the number of applying counties and Tribes.



Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

Rebecca Cameron Valcq, Chairperson
Ellen Nowak, Commissioner
Tyler Huebner, Commissioner

4822 Madison Yards Way
P.O. Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707-7854

February 7, 2023

Dear County Executives, Administrators, and Administrative Coordinators:

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is committed to making high-speed internet accessible and affordable for all Wisconsinites. Throughout 2023, the Commission's Broadband Office will be engaging with a wide range of stakeholders to develop a Five-Year Action Plan for broadband and State Digital Equity Plan under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) and Digital Equity programs. These statewide plans will serve as Wisconsin's roadmap to the implementation of high-speed internet for all.

It is a federal requirement that 5-year action plans must be informed by collaboration with local and regional entities. Local governments will be key partners in the planning process. Successful broadband deployment requires inclusive and comprehensive engagement, and local leaders have knowledge, passion, and vision that are essential to Wisconsin's planning. The Commission is committed to supporting local planning and [recently approved](#) \$1.5 million in formula funding to Wisconsin counties and federally recognized Tribes under the BEAD Local Planning Grant Program in docket [5-BP-2023](#). These resources are being made available to support efforts to define the need, vision, and strategy for deployment of broadband in your communities. In addition to formula grants, the Commission is working collaboratively with the University of Wisconsin-Extension and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to provide technical assistance and coordination which could support your planning efforts.

To be eligible for this funding, Counties have the opportunity to opt into the BEAD Local Planning Grant Program by submitting the attached letter of intent by March 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. Counties may elect to participate individually, or work collaboratively through a [Regional Economic Development Organization \(REDO\)](#) and receive a 10 percent increase to the county allocation. A county planning to partner with a REDO may choose to engage with the local organization early to ensure coordination throughout the application process.

Following March 7th, the Commission will contact counties and relevant REDO partners that opt into the program with further guidance on receipt of funding. In the coming weeks, the Commission's Broadband office plans to make available additional information regarding BEAD Local Planning Grants, including details on program requirements, planning activities, project timelines, and eligible expenditures. Further information is also available as part of [UW-Extension's webinar series](#) on BEAD Planning for Wisconsin Counties and Tribes. For

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continued updates on the BEAD Local Planning Grant Program process, please subscribe to this [email list](#).

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of the Commission's Broadband Office. Please contact us at PSCStateBroadbandOffice@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Fontaine", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joe Fontaine

Administrator

Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs

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cc: County Board Chairs; County Board Supervisors; County Clerks; Regional Economic Development Organization Directors; County Economic Development Directors; County Land Information Officers.

Section I: Overview

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Local Planning Grants are available in the form of formula funding of \$1.5 million under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to Wisconsin counties and federally recognized Tribes to generate locally informed analysis of broadband needs and develop each community's vision for broadband development. The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) approved the allocation of this formula funding in docket 5-BP-2023 on February 1, 2023. Local planning activities may include a needs assessment, outreach and stakeholder engagement, and a strategy for broadband deployment. County and Tribal planning activities will inform Wisconsin's Five-Year Broadband Action Plan and future grant funding for broadband infrastructure projects across the state.

BEAD Local Planning Grants are not competitive grants but rather formula funding that will be allocated to each applicant that elects to participate in the program. Counties that elect to participate in the program may opt to (1) collaborate regionally through their respective [Regional Development organization \(REDO\)](#) or (2) participate independently. Tribes that elect to participate may opt to (1) collaborate regionally with a REDO, (2) collaborate with the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, or (3) participate independently.

Funding will be distributed equally to all participating counties and Tribes, with those collaborating in groups receiving an additional 10 percent of the base allocation. Participation is not required, and the total grant allocation amount for each participating entity will be formulated following the submission deadline of this participation form. If a REDO or the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council coordinates on behalf of multiple counties or Tribes, it will receive and administer funding directly.

By completing this form, counties and Tribes are certifying their intent to participate in the program, including complying with related grant requirements. A subsequent grant agreement will delineate eligible costs for use of funding, applicable federal grant compliance requirements, and project deliverables. Each entity that opts in will be responsible to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state requirements related to this funding.

Following the Commission's Wisconsin Broadband Office's announcement of formula grant awards, those counties and Tribes that elected to participate individually and participating collaboratives will complete a brief application in the Commission's Online Grants System that describes planned activities and the intended use of funding among cost categories. Further details on completing the online application will be made available in forthcoming grant instructions available on the Commission website. The Wisconsin Broadband Office will inform participating REDOs, Tribes, and individual counties when the formula allocation has been processed and that the application is open in the online grants system, likely by March 13, 2023.

This BEAD Local Planning Grant Program Participation Form must be uploaded to the Commission's [Electronic Records Filing System \(ERF\)](#) by March 7, 2023, 1:30 P.M. For help uploading documents to ERF, see the [ERF user manual](#) or contact PSCStateBroadbandOffice@wisconsin.gov for assistance.

BEAD Local Planning Grant Program – Letter of Intent

Election to participate and receive formula funds



Section II: Election to Participate

Please select whether your county or Tribe elects to:

Participate in the BEAD Local Planning Grant Program collaboratively with a Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO)	
Specify REDO: _____	
Participate in the BEAD Local Planning Grant Program collaboratively with the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council	
Participate in the BEAD Local Planning Grant Program independently	
Not participate in the BEAD Local Planning Grant Program	

Section III: Primary Point of Contact

The primary point of contact will be the recipient of further communication from the Wisconsin Broadband Office regarding the BEAD Local Planning Program and need not be the authorized representative signing below.

1. Name	2. Position
3. Email	4. Phone

Section IV: Certification from Authorized Representative

Please sign below to declare your county or Tribe’s intent to participate in the BEAD Local Planning Program. The authorized representative could be a local elected official or executive of Tribal or county government and must be authorized under applicable laws to act on behalf of the entity related to receipt and administration of federal funding. By signing below, you are affirming and certifying that you are an authorized representative of your county or Tribe and are authorized to act on behalf of the county or Tribe related to this funding. If you have questions regarding whether as an authorized representative, you are authorized to act on behalf of the county or Tribe, please consult your legal counsel.

Signature below does not constitute an obligation of a county, Tribe, or its collaborating partners to comply with any terms or conditions of the grant program. For entities submitting this letter of intent, a grant agreement will be provided for review and signature.

1. Name	2. Position
3. Email	4. Phone
5. Signature	6. Date



DRAFT MINUTES
OF
STANDING COMMITTEES



**Marathon County
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Attendance:	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not present</u>	
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....	X		} Via in person, Webex Or phone
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Allen Drabek.....	X		
	Rick Seefeldt.....	X		
	Dave Oberbeck		X	
	Andrew Venzke.....	X		
	Tony Sherfinski.....		X	
	Kim Ungerer	X		
	Mike Ritter.....	X		
	Marilyn Bhend.....	X		
	Rodney Roskopf.....		X	

Also present via Webex, phone or in person: Laurie Miskimins (CPZ), David Hagenbucher (Solid Waste), Michael Puerner – Corporation Counsel, Lance Leonhard – County Administrator, Kurt Gibbs County Board of Supervisors Chair

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Chair Langenhahn at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**
 - A. **Public Hearings, Review, Possible Actions, and Possible Recommendations to the County Board for its Consideration (County Zoning changes)** – None.
 - B. **Review and Possible Recommendation to County Board for its Consideration (Town Zoning changes pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats.)** – None.
 - C. **Review and Possible Recommendations to County Board for its Consideration** –
 1. Negotiated Agreement with the Town of Ringle for siting of Phases 6-8 of Bluebird Ridge Hagenbucher provide an overview of the updated siting agreement between the County and the Town of Ringle related to the continued expansion of the landfill. The Wisconsin Waste Facility Siting Board helped negotiate the agreement. Both parties agreed to the terms of agreement with three key items: 1) an increase in host fees for the Town of Ringle; 2) the establishment of a committee made up of Solid Waste staff and Ringle citizens to increase transparency about operations at the landfill; and 3) agreeing to signage on the roadways to discourage waste haulers from using certain Town roads.

Discussion: Supervisor Langenhahn and Bhend asked clarifying questions related to road weight limit regulations and payments.

Action: Motion/ second by Seefeldt/Drabek to move the siting agreement resolution forward to the County Board for approval. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Forward to County Board for action on their next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - D. **Review and Possible Action** - None.
5. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports and Committee Discussion** – None.
6. **Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration** – None.

7. Next meeting date, time & location, and future agenda items:

**Tuesday, January 31, 2023 3:00 p.m. Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room 500
Forest Street Wausau WI**

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
- B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

9. Adjourn – Motion/ second by Ritter/Venzke to **adjourn** at 6:38 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Laurie Miskimins, CPZ Director

For Jacob Langenhahn, Chair

cc: (via email/web site) ERC members; County Administrator; Corporation Counsel; County Clerk

LM/nd



**Marathon County
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 31, 2023
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Attendance:	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not present</u>
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....	X	X(excused) } Via in person, Webex Or phone
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Allen Drabek.....	X	
	Rick Seefeldt	X	
	Dave Oberbeck	X	
	Andrew Venzke.....		
	Tony Sherfinski.....	X	
	Kim Ungerer	X	
	Mike Ritter.....	X	
	Marilyn Bhend.....	X	
	Rodney Roskopf.....	X	

Also present via Webex, phone or in person: Laurie Miskimins, Nicole DeLonay, Shad Harvey, Garrett Pagel, Kirstie Heidenreich, Jeff Pritchard– Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ); Chris Holman – Deputy County Administrator, Mike Puerner – Corporation Counsel, Jamie Polley – Parks & Forestry; Kevin Lang – Highways, Kurt Gibbs, Raeann Brandt, Norman Kurtz, John Kennedy, Al Niebur, Ben Niffenegger, Scott Blado, Lucas Koenig, Dorothy Olson, Bruce Wineman

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Chair Langenhahn at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Public Comment** – None.
4. **Approval of January 3, 6 & 24, 2023, Committee minutes**
Motion / second by Drabek/ Oberbeck to approve of the January 3, 6 & 24, 2023, Environmental Resources Committee minutes. Chair Langenhahn noted Supervisor Morache was present for the January 3rd ERC meeting and to add her to the “others present” section of the Jan. 3rd minutes.
 Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.
5. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**
 - A. **Public Hearings, Review, Possible Actions, and Possible Recommendations to the County Board for its Consideration (County Zoning changes)**
 1. Laurie A Bootz Trustee, on behalf of Magdalen Conrad Trust - G-A General Agriculture to R-E Rural Estate - Town of Elderon

Discussion: Pagel was sworn in and noted the staff report and decision sheet had been included in the packet. Pagel reviewed the rezone request shown on the Preliminary Certified Survey Map (CSM) that was submitted with the petition. Pagel additionally reviewed the reasoning behind why Conservation Planning and Zoning (CPZ) staff are recommending approval of the rezone request, citing the rezone standards, requirements, and pertinent site characteristics. The Town of Elderon has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns or additional comments. Seefeldt questioned if there is an easement allowing access to the barn to the north, which will be sold separately.

Raeann Brandt was sworn in and indicated she believes there is an easement for the lot to the north.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:16 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

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Action: **Motion** / second by Seefeldt/Sherfinski to recommend approval to County Board, of the Magdalen Conrad Trust rezone request. Noting the reasoning provided in the staff report and conclusions of law, the Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County Zoning District. Adequate facilities are present or will be provided and providing any necessary public facilities will not burden local government. Based on the proposed land division and existing land uses onsite the rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. The committee made their recommendation of approval based on the information, findings of fact, and conclusions of law as described in the CPZ staff report included in the ERC packet.

Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Forward to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

2. Jordan Weaver - RE Rural Estate to RR Rural Residential and from RE Rural Estate to NC Neighborhood Commercial - Town of Hull

Discussion: Pagel noted the staff report and decision sheet had been included in the packet. Pagel reviewed the rezone request described as lot 1 preliminary CSM. Pagel additionally reviewed the reasoning behind why CPZ staff are recommending approval of the rezone request, citing the rezone standards, requirements, and pertinent site characteristics. Pagel noted, The Town of Hull has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns. Oberbeck questioned the town's future land use map and the staff report, that the map is very different from the rezone request. Shad Harvey was sworn in and stated that the county relies on the town's response to the rezone request. If they say the rezone is in alignment with their future land use, then we accept their opinion on it. Drabek questioned the use of the property.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:28 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Typically, there should be a statement in the staff report indicating a town should update their comprehensive plan and future land use map to reflect the rezone, and the ERC directed staff to update the staff report to this effect. The packet has been amended to reflect that the staff report indicated that the town should update their comprehensive plan to reflect the rezone request to ensure consistency. Future staff reports will also include this.

Mike Puerner from Corporation Counsel indicated the ERC Committee is responsible for the approval/ decline the rezones using the conclusions of law to determine if the standards are met, including that the rezone is substantially consistent with the plans and in relation to the Marathon County Comprehensive Plan, Town Comprehensive Plan, and the Farmland Preservation Plan. In the findings of fact they can state rezone is consistent with the Town Comprehensive Plan because the town indicated it is consistent.

Action: **Motion** / second by Drabek/ Sherfinski to recommend approval to County Board, of the Jordan Weaver rezone request. The ERC Committee recommends noting the town update their comprehensive plan to reflect this rezone. Noting the reasoning provided in the staff report and conclusions of law, the Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans and is not located in the Farmland Preservation Zoning District. Adequate facilities are present or will be provided and providing any necessary public facilities will not burden local government. Based on the proposed land division and existing land uses onsite the rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. The committee made their recommendation of approval based on the information, findings of fact, and conclusions of law as described in the CPZ staff report included in the ERC packet.
Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

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Follow through: Forward to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

3. Shad Harvey, Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ) – Text amendment changes to the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapters 15, 17 and 18

Discussion: Harvey was sworn in and discussed the changes related to the annual text amendments to Chapter 15, 17 and 18 Codes. CPZ held an open house on January 19, 2023. Harvey shared the proposed revisions with the ERC committee.

Harvey noted that the special events update is for temporary events and is only for County Zoned Towns. Mike Puerner indicated that Marathon County has a special events ordinance within the County's General Code of Ordinances that is countywide, but it is not enforceable at this time. There is a county task force being put together to update this ordinance. Kurt Gibbs was sworn in and stated once the task force is created it will involve many departments countywide. Any changes to the countywide ordinance would need to be checked against Chapter 17 to ensure consistency and make it clear which ordinance is used in which circumstances.

Langenhahn asked how many town comments were received. Harvey noted the Town of Guenther was in contact regarding the open house. Harvey also stated CPZ received less than 10 comments from the towns.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to the text amendment changes to the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapters 15, 17 and 18 Code virtually or in person. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 4:06 p.m. Committee deliberated.

Action: **Motion** / second by Ritter/ Seefeldt to approve the text amendment revisions to the Marathon County Chapter 15, 17 and 18 Codes.

Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Forward to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

- B. Review and Possible Recommendation to County Board for its Consideration (Town Zoning changes pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats.) – None.

- C. Review and Possible Recommendations to County Board for its Consideration

1. Resolution for use of Environmental Impact Funds (EIF) to fund repair and replacement of aerators at the Big Eau Pleine

Discussion: Lucas Koenig, WDNR Fisheries Biologist, was present and shared a presentation on the renowned fishery in the Big Eau Pleine reservoir, most notably before and after the 2009 fish kill. Ben Niffenegger, Vice President of Environmental Affairs, WVIC, discussed what they do to manage and operate the aerators at the Big Eau Pleine in the winter months to provide oxygen for the fish. Niffenegger explained the history of the aerators, a timeline of the partnership that exists to coordinate the aerators, and how the aerators function at the Big Eau Pleine reservoir. A PBS video from 2009 was shown that went into more detail regarding the detrimental 2009 fish kill and how the aerators are in place to prevent that from happening again. Heidenreich explained how the partnerships between DNR, WVIC, BEPCO, and Marathon County keep the aerators up and running. Heidenreich also stated that the partnership has been contacting multiple contractors to get quotes and cost estimates for the replacement and repair of the key components of the aerators, as they are at the end of their life span (originally from the 1960s). Heidenreich continued regarding how the EIF funding will be used and how the other partners are also contributing large sums of money to the aerator costs via annual maintenance. The ask before the ERC is up to \$175,000 to replace the existing aerators.

The committee discussed and asked additional clarifying questions.

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Motion / second by Ritter/ Oberbeck for approval of use of the Environmental Impact Funds for the replacement of the aerators at the Big Eau Pleine.

Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Forward to HR Finance Committee for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

2. Recommendation of Adoption of the Westside Master Plan

Discussion: Jamie Polley briefly reviewed the Westside Master Plan including feedback received from partners and County Board Supervisors following the presentation to the County Board. She reviewed the goal of the masterplan. The plan is a long-term concept plan or vision of the County Board and is subject to changes over time. Polley discussed a few comments that were brought forward by a couple of County Board Supervisors.

The committee discussed and asked a few clarifying questions.

Motion / second by Sherfinski/ Seefeldt to approve the Adoption of the Westside Master plan.

Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: Forward to County Board for action at their next regularly scheduled meeting

D. Review and Possible Action - None.

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports and Committee Discussion

A. Department Updates: Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ), Parks Recreation and Forestry (PRF), Solid Waste

1. Brief Update on Proposed State Legislation related to Salt Pollution Prevention, De-Icer Applicator Certification, and Liability Protection

Discussion: Miskimins mentioned the members of the state legislator are looking for co-sponsors to bring a bill forward that would offer limited liability to deicing applicators. This would be a voluntary action. This effort would align with our strategic plan, 6.3 Strategy D. If this goes to the floor, the ERC may want to consider a letter of support or a resolution in favor of the bill.

2. **Motion** / second by Seefeldt/ Drabek to go into closed session (roll call vote suggested) pursuant to § 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, with updates relative to cost estimates for Marathon Park water project.

Motion **carried** by roll call vote, no dissent.

3. Motion to Return to Open Session (roll call vote not required)

Motion/ Second Drabek/ Ritter to Return to Open Session (roll call vote not required)

Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

4. Announcements and/or Action Regarding Closed Session Discussion - None

7. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration – None.

8. Next meeting date, time & location, and future agenda items:

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 3:00 p.m. Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room 500 Forest Street Wausau WI

A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion

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B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

1. Miskimins announced there are a few Conservation program events coming up in March and April and she will email the ERC further information. These events will be opportunities to interact with farmers and grazers, and learn about conservation efforts in the county

9. **Adjourn** – **Motion**/ second by Drabek/Ritter to **adjourn** at 6:09 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Laurie Miskimins, CPZ Director

For Jacob Langenhahn, Chair

cc: (via email/web site) ERC members; County Administrator; Corporation Counsel; County Clerk

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MARATHON COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 3:00pm**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

John Robinson	Present
Alyson Leahy	WebEx
Kurt Gibbs	Present
Gayle Marshall	WebEx
Kody Hart	Present
Ann Lemmer	Present
Yee Leng Xiong	WebEx (3:10)

Staff Present: Lance Leonhard, Mike Puerner, Kim Trueblood, Kristi Palmer, Chris Holman, Connie Beyersdorff, Steve Cherek

Others Present: Supervisor Maszk

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Approval of the January 11, 2023, Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Lemmer, Second by Hart to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
 - A. **Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC**
 - B. **Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC to Forward to County Board for Consideration**
 1. Resolution Requesting the State to Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula – Chair Robinson talked briefly about the reason for the resolution. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Gibbs, Second by Lemmer to approve the resolution as updated to include the 2023 proposed budget surplus number.
 2. ARPA Allocation Process – Chair Robinson stated the need to clarify the process for parties to submit ARPA requests. In addition to the treasury requirements, there are additional thresholds that need to be met in order to award funds. Administrator Leonhard stated that the website has been updated to state that applications are not being accepted at this time due to the changes in parameters. Presentations will be provided in the near future. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered.
 3. Energy Task Force Charter – Supervisor Lemmer introduced this item relative to the lack of its inclusion in the strategic plan. The Executive Committee and then the County Board would ultimately need to approve the formation of a task force to look at this issue. Documentation provided will be added to the packet. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Action will be delayed until the February 8 meeting. If there is agreement then, a charter will be advanced to the Executive Committee for potential action in February. Additional thoughts and suggestions are welcome.
 4. 2023 Budget Process – Chair Robinson introduced the process that St. Croix County uses to put together their budget as an example of what can be done for next year’s budget. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting in an attempt to solidify a process for the upcoming budget.
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Update on Tax Deed Process – Discussion related to what the next steps are. Chair Robinson stated that the law change in the last session does affect how we do tax deeds. He stated that the county could look at moving from tax deed to in rem foreclosure. Chair Gibbs stated that he would like tasks assigned to specific parties to ensure moving forward to addressing the backlog of current properties. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered.
 - B. Update on Potential Change to State Funding for Municipalities – Chair Gibbs outlined how state funding has worked in the past and how things have changed over the years. The restrictive levy limits are not sustainable. Discussion is being had at the state level with WCA and the legislature. Discussion was had and

questions were asked and answered. The County Ambassadors will be meeting with stakeholders in Madison tomorrow.

C. ERP Implementation Update – Deputy Administrator Chris Holman gave an update on the implementation of Workday. Questions were asked and answered.

8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**

A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.

B. Next meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 3:00pm

9. **Adjournment** – Motion by Gibbs, Second by Lemmer to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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MARATHON COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 3:00pm**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

John Robinson	Present
Alyson Leahy	Present
Kurt Gibbs	WebEx
Gayle Marshall	Present
Kody Hart	Present
Ann Lemmer	Present
Yee Leng Xiong	WebEx

Staff Present: Lance Leonhard, Mike Puerner, Kim Trueblood, Kristi Palmer, Mary Jo Maly, Jamie Polley, Kevin Lang, Kirstie Heidenreich, Chris Holman

Others Present: Partner staff present for the Big Eau Pleine presentation portion of the meeting

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment - None**
4. **Approval of the January 24, 2023 Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Leahy, Second by Gibbs to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination - None**
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC
 1. Approval of Claims and Questioned Costs – Finance Director Kristi Palmer explained that the Workday report for this item was just created this morning, and therefore will need to be postponed until next month. Motion by Gibbs, Second by Lemmer to postpone until the February 21 meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 2. Claim Disallowance – Risk Manager Mary Jo Maly presented the below claims that were recommended by WMMIC for disallowance. Details can be found in the packet.
 - a. Tyler Swan – Motion by Gibbs, Second by Leahy to deny the claim. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 - b. Sandy Pike – Motion by Gibbs, Second by Lemmer to deny the claim. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action by HRFC to Forward to County Board for Consideration
 1. Recommend Adoption of the Westside Master Plan – Park Director Jamie Polley followed up on the feedback she had received based on previous presentations, both to the full County Board and other committees. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion by Leahy, Second by Hart to adopt the Westside Master Plan and forward to the full board for consideration. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 2. Review and Acceptance of Marathon County's Equitable Sharing Agreement & Certification (ESAC) – Finance Director Kristi Palmer explained this is a Sheriff's Department Federal Grant that needs to be acted on, but all the relative information is not available at this time. Motion by Leahy, Second by Marshall to postpone until the February 21 meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 3. Resolution for Use of Environmental Impact Funds to Fund Repair and Replacement of Aerators at the Big Eau Pleine – Kirstie Heidenrich from CPZ, Jamie Polley from the Parks Department, and Ben Niffenegger from WVIC presented the request. Detailed presentation is in the packet. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Al Niebur from the Wisconsin DNR and John Kennedy from BEPCO also contributed to the discussion. Motion by Gibbs, Second by Leahy to approve the use of the funds for the aeration system with the release of funds contingent on an MOU being agreed upon as to the long term use, insurance, long term maintenance, and other issues that need to be spelled out. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
 4. Budget Transfer from Highway Reserves for CTH "KK" Box Culvert – Kevin Lang from the Highway Department presented the request. Details are in the packet. Chair Robinson stated that this request also requires an amendment of the CIP. Motion by Hart, Second by Leahy to approve the

resolution and amend the 2023 CIP to complete the budget transfer. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.

5. Energy Task Force Charter – Supervisor Lemmer and Deputy Administrator Holman presented the request for this task force. Detailed presentation is in the packet. Motion by Leahy, Second by Hart to approve the charter and forward it to the Executive Committee for consideration. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously.
6. 2023 Budget Process – Supervisor Hart presented the St. Croix County model of preparing for the budget process. Administrator Leonhard presented a potential budget timeline based on feedback from this year's budget process. Discussion was had and questions were asked and answered.
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion** - None
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 3:00 pm
9. **Adjournment** – Motion by Leahy, Second by Xiong to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

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MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 9:00am**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

Craig McEwen	Present
Chris Dickinson	Present
Gary Gisselman	Present
Joel Straub	Present
John Robinson	Present
Tom Seubert	Present
Jasper Hartinger	Absent

Staff Present: Dave Mack, Lance Mueller, Jim Griesbach, Kevin Lang, Gerry Klein, Michael Puerner, David Holcomb

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair McEwen called the meeting to order at 9:00am
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment** - None
4. **Approval of the December 1, 2022, Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes**
Motion by Supervisor Robinson, Second by Supervisor Straub to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
 - A. Budget transfer from highway reserves for CTH “KK” box culvert
Highway Commissioner Jim Griesbach and Deputy Commissioner Kevin Lang presented this budget transfer request as a need for the replacement of the current culvert located on CTH “KK”. Discussion was had, questions were asked and answered. Motion by Supervisor Dickinson, Second by Supervisor Straub to support this request and forward it to Human Resources Finance and Property Committee. Motion carried on voice vote unanimously.
 - B. Seasonal weight limit request for CTH “U” from CTH H-Pheasant Falls Road
 - C. Appoint Weed Commissioner for Marathon County under Wis Statute 66.0517
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy** - None
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Highway Commissioners Report: Griesbach
Commissioner Griesbach provided the committee with operational update, including implementation of Workday, and other Financial and Time keeping software’s. Discussion was had, questions were asked and answered.
 - B. Update on Information Technology projects: Klein
CCIT Director Gerry Klein provided the committee with an update on current CCIT projects along with delays to some projects due to supply chain issues.
 - C. Workday project update: Klein
Director Klein provided an overview and update to the Workday project as it is currently. Discussion was had, questions were asked and answered.
 - D. Broadband update: Robinson
Supervisor Robinson provided the committee with an update from the Taskforce. Discussion was had, questions were asked and answered.
 - E. CTH “K” Bid Opening: Lang
Deputy Commissioner Lang provided information the CTH “K” bid
 - F. Relocation of Highway Facility update: Griesbach
Commissioner Griesbach provided a quick update on the status of relocating the highway facility.
 - G. County Highway “J” STH 153-STH 29 BIA update
Commissioner Griesbach provided an update on the STH 153-STH project along with funding from the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs)
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.

1. Update of the February 1 quarterly Highway Safety Meeting
 2. Effects of wild parsnip
- B. Announcements
1. STH 153 bid letting is February 14th, 2023, project scheduled for summer 2023
- C. Next meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 1:00pm
9. **Adjournment**
Motioned by Name, Second by Name to adjourn. Motion Carried on voice vote, unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 10:13am

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MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 1:30pm**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403**

Matt Bootz	Present
Jean Maszk	WebEx
Bruce Lamont	WebEx
Stacey Morache	Present
Allen Opall	WebEx
Tim Sondelski	Absent
Jason Wilhelm	Present

Staff Present: Kelly Schremp, Chad Billeb, William Millhausen, Debra Gleason, Michael Puerner, Theresa Wetzsteon, Ruth Heinzl, Lance Leonhard, Chris Holman, David Holcomb

Others Present: Gregory Strasser, Ronald Westgate, Diane Sennholz, Jane Graham Jennings, Ashley Peterson Morris, Kimberly Pufahl

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Bootz called the meeting to order at 1:30pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment - None**
4. **Approval of the January 10, 2023, Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**
Motion by Morache, Second by Wilhelm to approve the minutes. Motion carried on voice vote, unanimously.
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination - None**
6. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution, or Policy - None**
7. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Presentations from non-profit's pursuant to contract
 1. North Central Community Action Program (NCCAP)
Executive Director Diane Sennholz provided a brief overview of what a *Community Action Program* is, as well as the different services they provide to their clients. Director Sennholz also provided an overview of the services they provide for the county under their contract. Questions were asked and answered.
 2. Judicare Mediation
Director Ronald Westgate and Judge Gregory Strasser provided a brief background of what Judicare Mediation is and what services they provide to both their clients and the small claims judicial system that are contracted and not contracted.
 3. The Women's Community
Executive Director Jane Graham Jennings along with Ashley Peterson Morris and Kimberly Pufahl provide an overview of what services the Women's Community provided to both the county and their clients that are both contracted and not contracted.
 - B. Sheriff's Office Update
 1. Jail Food Service
Chief Deputy Millhausen provided an update due to recent changes after a meeting with North Central Healthcare (NCHC). They will continue to look at other options for a long term food service solution. Questions were asked and answered.
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time, Announcements and Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 1. EMS Services in the western part of the county
 2. Update on the youth detention center
 - B. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 1:30pm
9. **Adjournment**
Motioned by Maszk, Second by Morache to adjourn. Motion Carried on voice vote, unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm

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