



MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday, November 5th, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: WebEx/Courthouse Assembly Room, B-105, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403

Committee Members: Jacob Langenhahn (Chair); Mike Ritter (Vice-Chair); Rick Seefeldt; Randy DeBroux; Allen Drabek; John Kroll; Jay Schoenborn; Kim Ungerer; Tom Mueller (Representative engaged in agriculture); Marilyn Bhend (Towns & Villages Association Rep)

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. (Last updated 12-20-05).*

Environmental Resources Committee Mission Statement: *Provide leadership for the implementation of the County Strategic Plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing and recommending to the County Board policies related to environmental resource initiatives of Marathon County. (Revised: 04/17/12)*

Strategic Plan Goals 2022 - 2024 Objective 5.2 - Promote sound land use decisions that conserve and preserve natural resources in decisions with economic development and growth.

Objective 6.3 - Protect and enhance the quantity and quality of potable groundwater and potable surface water supplies.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the **telephone conference ten (10) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:**

Phone Number: +1-408-418-9388

Access Code/Meeting Number: 2482 290 3069

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

1. **Call meeting to order.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Public Comment (15-minute limit)** *(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 in writing, 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. The topic must be relevant to the committee's area of jurisdiction.)*
4. **Approval of October 1st and 22nd, 2024, Committee minutes**
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. Zak Rau on behalf of Peggy's LLC-G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential-Town of Holton.
 - B. Review and Possible Recommendations 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 - None
6. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Department Updates: Conservation Planning and Zoning (CPZ), Parks Recreation and Forestry (PRF), Conservation, Planning and Zoning
 1. Brief Update on Groundwater Plan Efforts
7. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
 - A. Big Eau Pleine Next Steps
8. **Next meeting December 3rd, 2024, 3:00 pm Assembly Room and future agenda items:**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.
 - B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

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1. 2025 ERC Dates

9. Adjournment


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EMAILED AND/OR FAXED TO:

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Midwest Radio Group (715-848-3158), Marshfield News (877-943-0443),
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Date: 10/30/2024 _____
Time: 10:30am _____

By: _____
Date/Time/By: N D _____

SIGNED  _____
Presiding Officer or Designee

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE:

Date: _____
Time: _____ a.m. / p.m.

County Clerk _____



**Marathon County
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not present</u>
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....	X	
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Mike Ritter.....	X	
	Randy DeBroux.....	X	
	Al Drabek.....	X	
	John Kroll.....	X	
	Jay Schoenborn.....	X	
	Kim Ungerer.....		X
	Rick Seefeldt.....	X	
	Marilyn Bhend	X	
	Tom Mueller.....		X

Via in person,
Webex
Or phone

MEETING RECORDING

Also present via Webex, phone or in person: Laurie Miskimins, Kirstie Heidenrich, Nicole Delonay, and Garrett Pagel, Kirk Langfoss, and Matt Repking- Conservation Planning and Zoning; Lance Leonhard – Administrator, Chris Holman - Deputy Administrator, Dejan Adzic -Corporation Counsel; Dave Hagenbucher - Solid Waste Department, Jamie Polley – Parks and Recreation, Kurt Gibbs – County Board Chair, John Robinson, Shane Vanderwaal, Lee Turonie, Al Christiansen, Chris Kielman, Jessica Tlusty, Mike Dombek, Diane Wolff, Paula Zynda, Henry Blandl, Mitchell Gumz

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 September 3, 2024, Committee minutes (0:01)

Motion / second by Drabek/Seefeldt to approve of the September 3, 2024, Environmental Resources Committee 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. The petition of Tim Vreeland on behalf of Mitch Gumz - F-P Farmland Preservation to L-D-R Low Density Residential - Town of Hull- (0:06)

Discussion: Pagel 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 Hull has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns or additional comments.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person. The testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:08 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Kroll/Ritter to recommend approval to County Board, of the Gumz 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 and Town comprehensive plans. Adequate facilities are present or will be provided and providing any necessary public facilities will not burden local government. Based on the proposed land



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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. The petition of Tim Vreeland on behalf of Nancy Fenske - G-A General Agriculture to R-E Rural Estate - Town of Elderon (0:09)

Discussion: Pagel 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.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person. The testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:12 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Seefeldt/ DeBroux to recommend approval to County Board, of the Fenske 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 and Town comprehensive plans. 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.

3. ~~The petition of Tim Vreeland on behalf of Heidi Peskie - R-E Rural Estate to R-R Rural Residential - Town of McMillan~~
4. The petition of Kristopher Schumacher on behalf of Leonard and Karen Riehle - F-P Farmland Preservation to R-R Rural Residential - Town of Hull (0:13)

Discussion: Pagel 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 Hull has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns or additional comments.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person. The 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.

Action: **Motion** / second by Drabek/Ritter to recommend approval to County Board, of the Riehle 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 and Town comprehensive plans. 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.

5. The petition of Laurie Miskimins, Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ) Director, to consider



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amending specific areas of the Marathon County Comprehensive Plan 2016 necessary to meeting Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) requirements for incorporating the updated 2024-2033 Marathon County Farmland Preservation Plan. (0:16)

Discussion: Miskimins was sworn in and noted the information provided in the packet. Miskimins additionally reviewed the reasoning behind why Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ) staff are recommending approval of the request.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this request virtually or in person. The testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:21 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request and decision.

Action: **Motion** / second by Ritter/ Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the Marathon County Comprehensive Plan 2024 Amendment with the changes documented in the memo prepared by CPZ and in the draft document available online and circulated throughout the County, noting the reasoning provided by staff.

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

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

6. Marathon County's Request to Zone Town of Ringle Parcel as H-I Heavy Industrial or, in the Alternative as a Special Use Zoning District for processing of Landfill Gas - Town of Ringle (0:20)

Discussion: Harvey was sworn in and noted the staff report that has been included in the packet. Harvey reviewed the rezone request shown on the Plat of Survey that was submitted with the petition. Harvey additionally reviewed the reasoning behind why Conservation Planning and Zoning (CPZ) staff are recommending approval as outlined in Wis. Stat. 59.69 (9) a.

The following individuals were sworn in and provided testimony:

Al Christensen – Town of Ringle

Christopher Gilman – Town of Ringle

Jessica Tlusty – Town of Ringle

Mike Dombeck – Town of Ringle

Lee Turonie – Town of Ringle

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request virtually or in person. The testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:52 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** by Kroll/ no second, to recommend Marathon County's request to zone Town of Ringle Parcel as H-I Heavy industrial to the County Board and request that staff alternatively provide a Special Use Zoning District for processing of Landfill Gas within the Town of Ringle. The motion was not passed.

Action: **Motion** / second by Seefeldt/Kroll to recommend Marathon County's request to zone Town of Ringle Parcel as H-I Heavy industrial to the County Board.

Noting the reasoning provided in the staff report and conclusions of law, the Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County comprehensive plans. Adequate facilities are present or will be provided and providing any necessary public facilities will not burden local government. Based on the existing land uses onsite, and the existing County contract with Vriddi that provides oversight of their use on the parcel, 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 roll call vote: Ritter – Yes, Seefeldt – Yes, Kroll – Yes, Schoenborn – No, Drabek – Yes, DeBroux – Yes, Langenhahn – Yes

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



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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. Approving Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Park Services for City of Wausau Parks (01:22)

Action: Motion/ second by Seefeldt/Ritter to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Park Services for City of Wausau Parks to the County Board.

2. Consideration of Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Maintenance Program Special Assessment Fee (1:25)

Discussion and follow through: Bring back to ERC in mid-2025 for further consideration.

6. Educational Presentations/ Outcome Monitoring Reports and Committee Discussion

A. Department Updates: Conservation Planning and Zoning (CPZ), Parks Recreation and Forestry (PRF), Solid Waste – None.

7. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration

A. Big Eau Pleine Next Steps (1:52)

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

Tuesday, November 5th, 2024, 3:00 p.m. Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room 500 Forest Street Wausau WI

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

C. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

1. 2025 ERC Dates

9. Adjourn – Motion/ second by Seefeldt/Ritter to **adjourn** at 4:56 p.m.

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
Special Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, October 22, 2024
500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Attendance:	<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not present</u>
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....		X (Excused)
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Mike Ritter.....	X	
	Randy DeBroux.....	X	
	Al Drabek.....	X	
	John Kroll.....	X	
	Jay Schoenborn.....		X
	Kim Ungerer.....		X
	Rick Seefeldt.....	X	
	Marilyn Bhend		X (Excused)
	Tom Mueller.....		X (Excused)

Via in person, Webex Or phone

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Also present via Webex, phone or in person: Laurie Miskimins, Kurt Gibbs – County Board Chair, Dejan Adzic – Deputy Corporation Counsel

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Vice-Chair Ritter at 5:39 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)**

1. Resolution supporting amending specific areas of the Marathon County Comprehensive Plan 2016 necessary to meeting Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) requirements for incorporating the updated 2024-2033 Marathon County Farmland Preservation Plan; and replacing the Marathon County Comprehensive Plan 2016 with the Marathon County Comprehensive Plan 2024 Amendment. (0:01)

Action: **Motion** / second by DeBroux/Kroll to pass resolution and recommend approval to the County Board for approval.

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

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

5. **Next meeting date, time & location, and future agenda items:**
Tuesday, November 5th, 2024, 3:00 p.m. Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room 500 Forest Street Wausau WI (see below)

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

6. **Adjourn** – **Motion/** second by Drabek/Seefeldt to **adjourn** at 5:42 p.m.

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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Environmental Resources Committee of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., Marathon County Courthouse Assembly Room B-105 500 Forest Street Wausau 54403, at which time the Committee will consider the following:

1. The petition of Zak Rau on behalf of Peggy's LLC to amend the General Code of ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential, located in part of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ and part of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 29 North, Range 2 East, Town of Holton. Area proposed to be rezoned from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential is described as Lot 1 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #042-2902-363-0993 and #042-2902-363-0994.

All interested persons will be provided the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. Those planning to attend this meeting who need some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500. Please call at least one business day in advance of the meeting.

In the event you are unable to attend the public hearing and wish to provide written testimony prior to the hearing please forward to: Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department, 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403-5449 Jacob Langenhahn – Environmental Resource Committee Chair.

We are encouraging people to attend the meeting by phone. Please call into the telephone conference ten minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:

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PETITION FOR ZONE CHANGE
BEFORE THE MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1. As authorized by §17.91 of the Marathon County Zoning Code (I) (we) *(Name & Address)*:

Zak Rau, N2239 Black River Road, Medford, WI 54451

hereby petition to rezone property owned by *(Name & Address)*:

Peggy's, LLC, 229229 County Road F, Abbotsford, WI 54405

from the classification G-A, General Agriculture to R-R, Rural Residential.

2. The legal description of that part of the property to be rezoned is *(include only the description of the land proposed to be rezoned. You may need to have a surveyor draft this description)*: See Attached

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 042-2902-363-0994/0993

3. The proposed change is to facilitate the use of the land for (be specific-list all proposed uses):

The proposed change is to separate the existing residential home from the agricultural land for proposed property sales.

4. Please address the following criteria as best as you can. These are the "standards for rezoning" which will be addressed at the public hearing. (Use additional sheets if necessary).

A. In detail, explain what public facilities and services serve the proposed development at present, or how they will be provided. The existing home will remain a residential home and the agricultural land around the home will continue to be farmed.

B. Explain how the provision for these facilities will not be an unreasonable burden to local government.

No service needs will change as part of the rezone. All property will continue within its current conditions.

C. What have you done to determine that the land is suitable for the development proposed?

The single family home is already in place, so there will be no questions as to land suitability for the property.

D. Explain 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. _____

The property will continue in its current use and no adverse effects are expected.

E. Explain any potential for conflict with existing land uses in the area. _____

Being there is no change in the current use, no conflicts are expected.

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- F. Demonstrate the need of the proposed development at this location. _____
The existing residential home and the ag land need to be separated in ownership.
- G. What is the availability of alternative locations? Be specific. _____
No alternatives are needed, current uses will continue as is.
- H. If cropland is being consumed by this Zone Change, what is the productivity of the agricultural lands involved?
The existing land is lawn and treed areas. No additional ag land is being used for this change.
- I. If cropland is being consumed by this zone change, explain how the proposed development will be located to minimize the amount of agricultural land converted. _____
No ag land is being converted, it is currently a residence.

5. Include on a separate sheet (no larger than 11 x 17) a drawing of the property to be rezoned, at a scale of 1"=200 ft or larger. Show additional information if required. **(If larger sheets are required to adequately portray the site, include ten (10) copies).**

All property owners within 300 feet of the parent parcel proposed for rezoning are parties in interest, and will be notified by Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department of the public hearing notice via direct mail.

6. If the Environmental Resources Committee, at the public hearing for this zone change request, is unable to make a recommendation based upon the facts presented and/or request additional information, clarification or data from the petitioner, Town Board, or any other source, that information shall be supplied to the Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department 24 hours or more prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting (date and time to be announced at each regular meeting). Twenty four hour notice is required for all agenda items. If the requested information, etc. is not supplied, the zone change petition is denied and will only appear on the agenda as a report. No additional testimony will be accepted. The petitioner (applicant) may re-apply at any time to bring the matter back before the Committee. **No exceptions to this policy will be granted.**

7. Petitioner's Signature *[Signature]* Phone 715-965-2057 Date 8/26/24
 8. Owner's Signature _____ Phone _____ Date _____
(If different)

Date Fee Received: 8/28/24 ND

Fee \$600.00 PAYABLE TO MARATHON COUNTY

Attendance at the Public Hearing before the Marathon County Environmental Resources (ERC) Committee is not mandatory if you have appeared before the Town Planning Commission and/or the Town Board to present your proposal. If there was opposition to your proposal at the town level, attendance at the ERC hearing is recommended.

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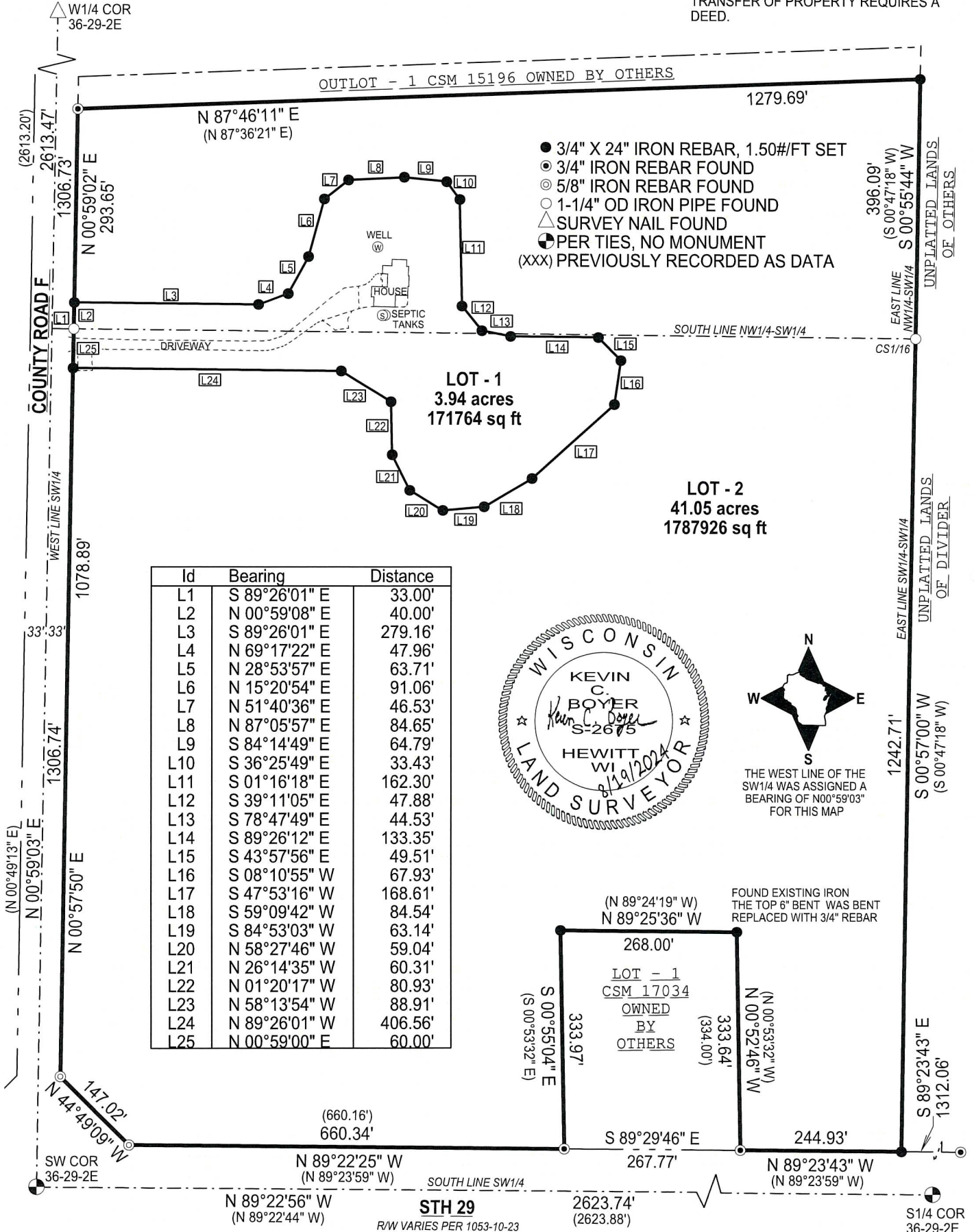
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PRELIMINARY

MARATHON COUNTY CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NO. _____
 LOCATED IN PART OF THE SW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 AND PART OF THE NW1/4 OF
 THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, TOWN OF
 HOLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

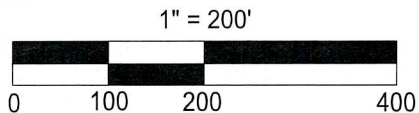
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 DRAWING FILE: 5735 CSM
 REVISION DATE:

PREPARED FOR:
 ZAK RAU
 N2239 BLACK RIVER ROAD
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THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, TOWN OF
HOLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE:

I, KEVIN C. BOYER, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR WITH EMCS, INC., HEREBY CERTIFY:

THAT I HAVE SURVEYED, DIVIDED AND MAPPED THIS PLAT, LOCATED IN PART OF THE SW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 AND PART OF THE NW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, TOWN OF HOLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

THAT I HAVE MADE SUCH SURVEY, LAND DIVISION AND PLAT BY THE DIRECTION OF ZAK RAU, CONTAINING 44.99 ACRES AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SW CORNER OF 36-29-2E;

THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SW1/4 N00°59'03"E, A DISTANCE OF 1306.74 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SW1/4 OF THE SW1/4;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 S89°26'01"E, A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD F AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD F N00°59'08"E, A DISTANCE OF 40.00 FEET;

THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID LINE N00°59'02"E, A DISTANCE OF 293.65 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF OUTLOT 1 OF CSM 15196;

THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF OUTLOT 1 OF CSM 15196 N87°46'11"E, A DISTANCE OF 1279.70 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF OUTLOT 1 OF CSM 15196 AND THE EAST LINE OF THE NW1/4 OF THE SW1/4;

THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 S00°55'44"W, A DISTANCE OF 396.09 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NW1/4 OF THE SW1/4;

THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 S00°57'00"W, A DISTANCE OF 1242.71 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STH 29;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STH 29 N89°23'43"W, A DISTANCE OF 244.93 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF CSM 17034;

THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 OF CSM 17034 N00°52'46"W, A DISTANCE OF 333.64 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF CSM 17034;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1 OF CSM 17034 N89°25'36"W, A DISTANCE OF 268.00 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF CSM 17034;

THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 OF CSM 17034 S00°55'04"E, A DISTANCE OF 333.97 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF CSM 17034 AND THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STH 29;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STH 29 N89°22'25"W, A DISTANCE OF 660.34 FEET;

THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STH 29 N44°49'09"W, A DISTANCE OF 147.02 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD F;

THENCE ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD F N00°57'50"E, A DISTANCE OF 1078.89 FEET;

THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD F N00°59'00"E, A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

SUBJECT TO RIGHT-OF-WAYS, EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RESERVATIONS OF RECORD.

THAT SUCH PLAT IS A CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF ALL OF THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND SURVEYED AND THE SUBDIVISION THEREOF MADE.

THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 236.34 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES, A-E 7 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY OF MARATHON, IN SURVEYING, DIVIDING, AND MAPPING THE SAME TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

DATED THIS 19th DAY OF August, 2024

Kevin C. Boyer

KEVIN C. BOYER
PLS-2675



APPROVED FOR RECORDING

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE MARATHON CO.

LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS.

BY: _____

DATE: _____

MARATHON CO. CONSERVATION, PLANNING AND ZONING DEPT.

CPZ TRACKING #: _____

LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR REZONE SHOWN AS LOT 1 ON THE PRELIMINARY CSM.

BEING PART OF THE SW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 AND PART OF THE NW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, TOWN OF HOLTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT SW CORNER OF 26-26-2E;

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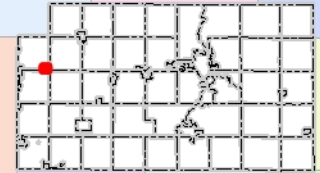
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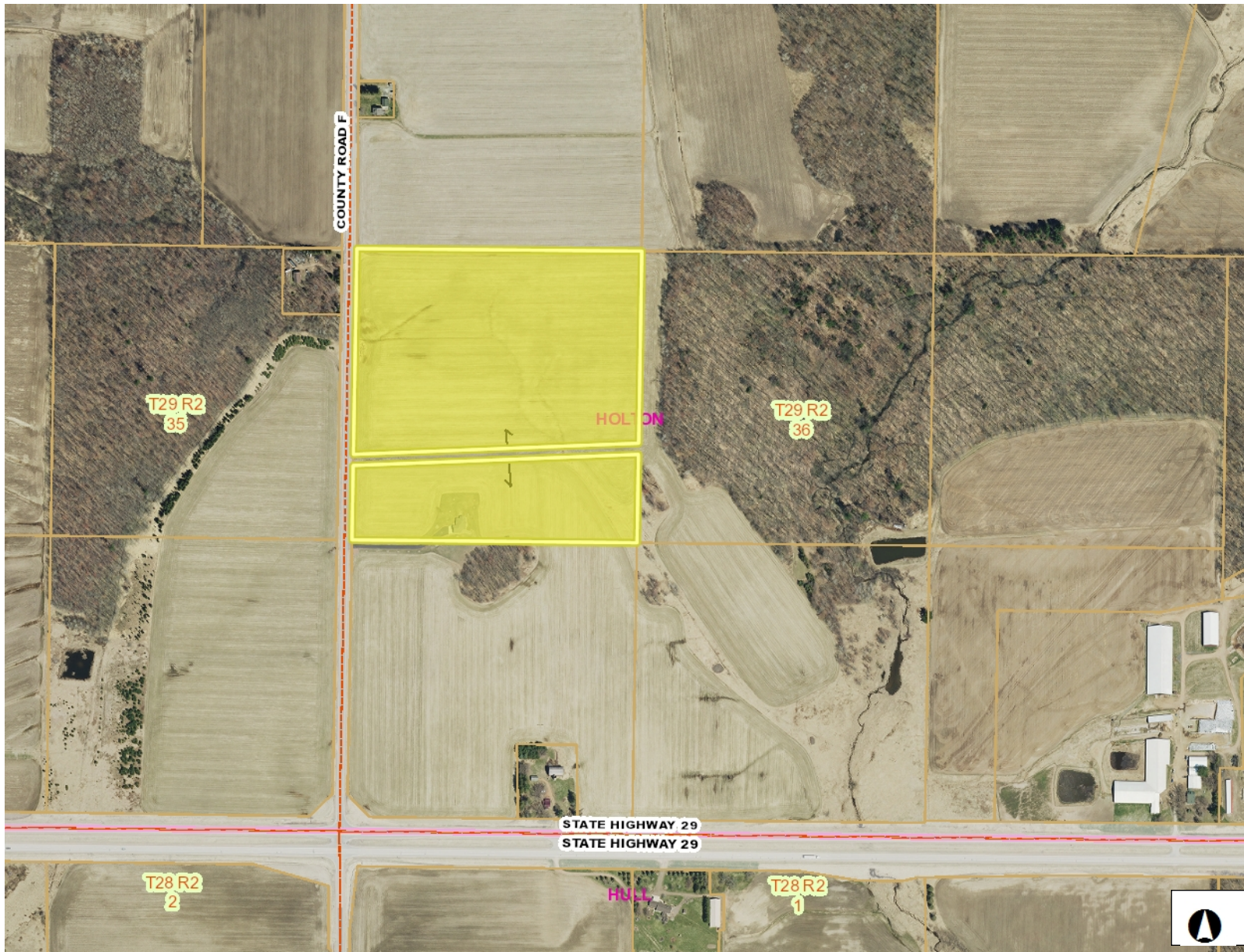
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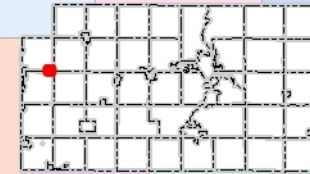




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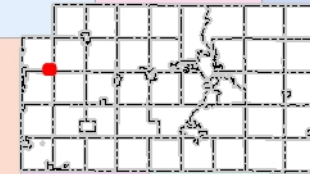
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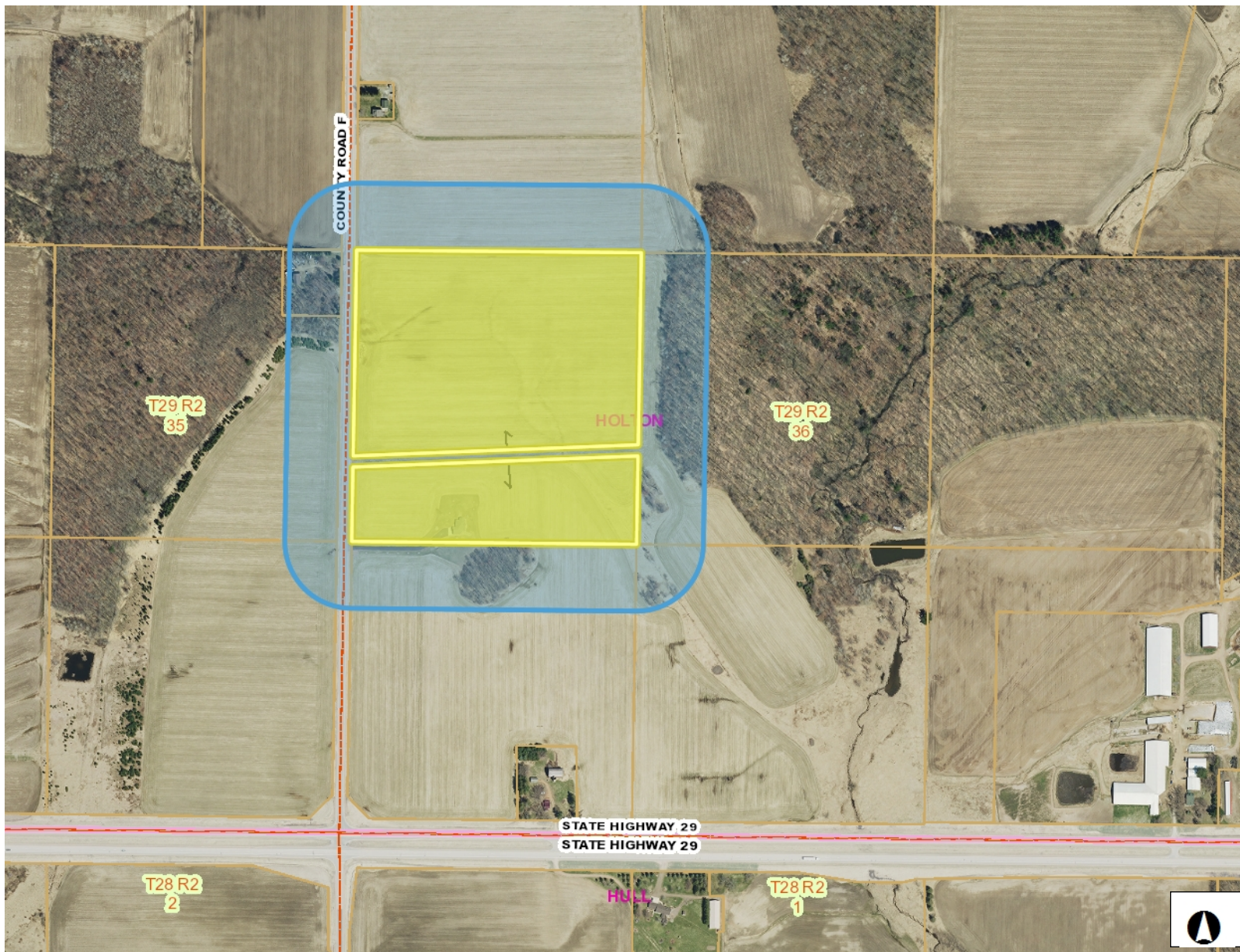
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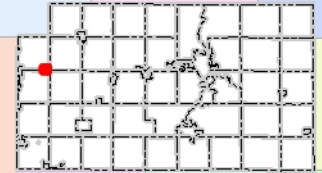
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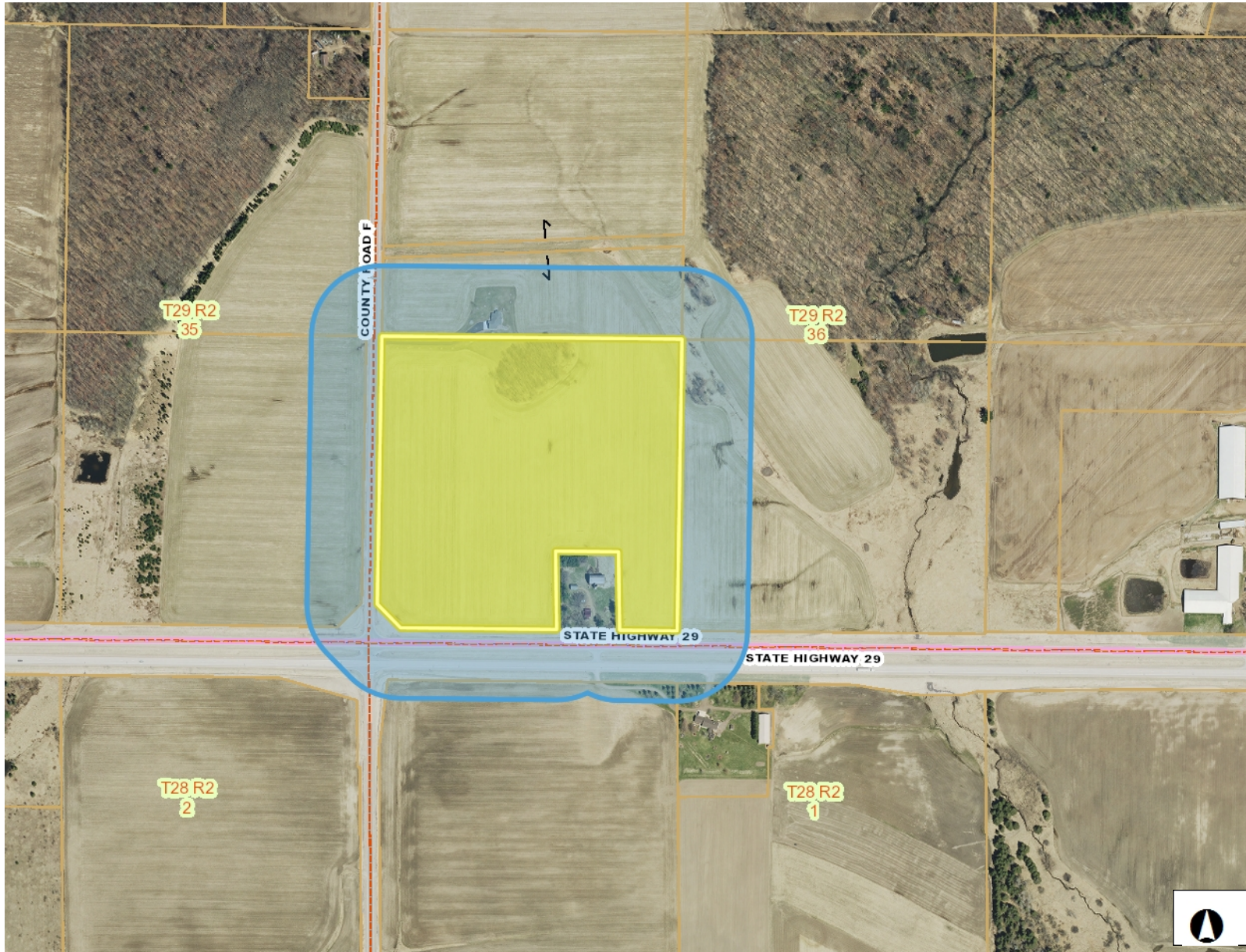
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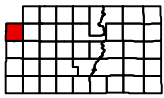


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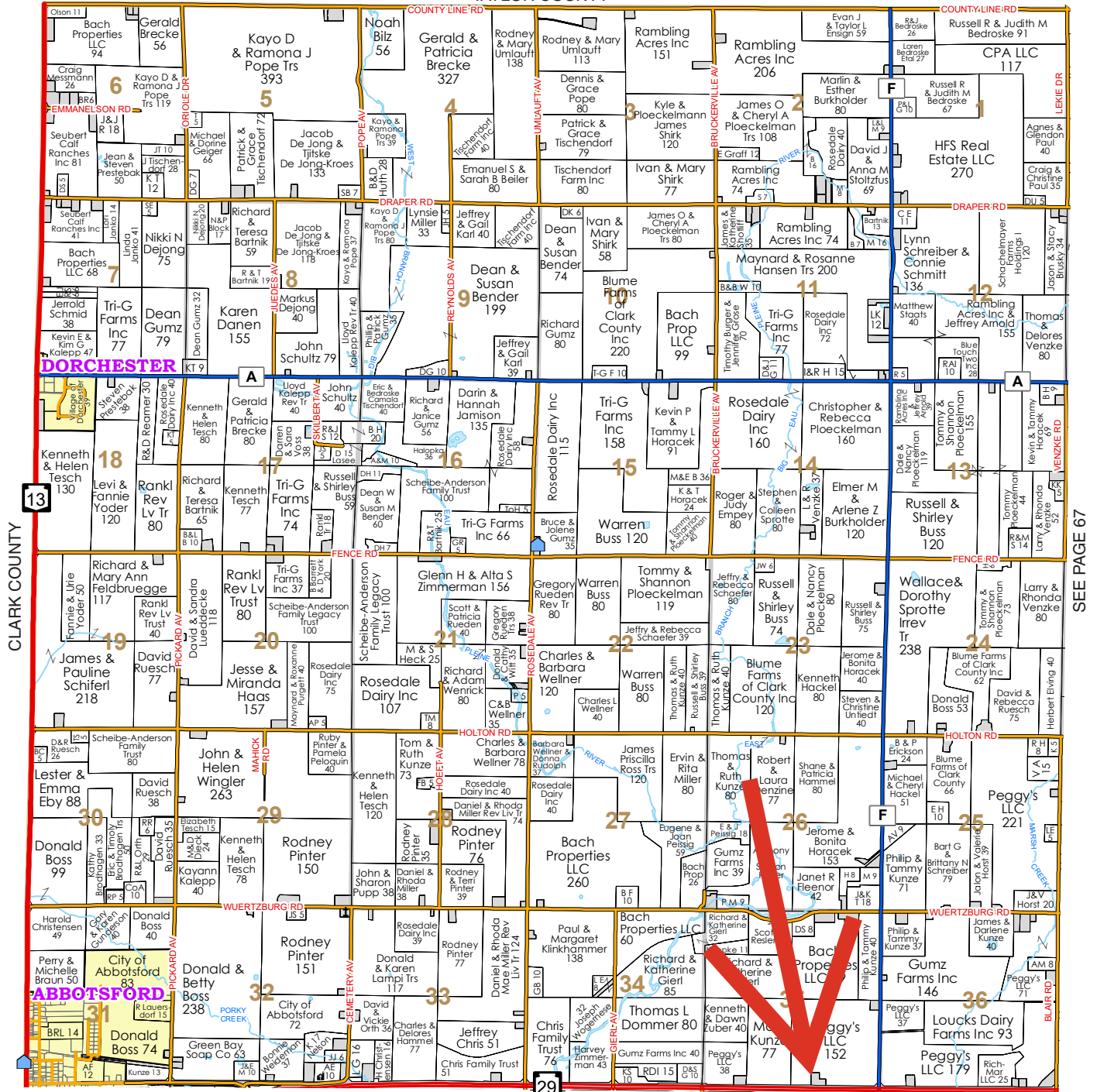


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Township 29N - Range 2E

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**Peggy's LLC
Petition to Rezone Land
Staff Report, November 5th, 2024
Environmental Resources Committee**

PETITIONER:

Zak Rau- N2239 Black River Road, Medford, WI 54451

PROPERTY OWNERS:

Peggy's, LLC-229229 County Road F, Abbotsford, WI 54405

LOCATION OF REZONE REQUEST:

Area proposed to be rezoned is located just North of the intersection of State Highway 29 and County Rd F.

REQUEST:

The petition of Zak Rau on behalf of Peggy's LLC to amend the General Code of ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential, located in part of the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ and part of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 36, Township 29 North, Range 2 East, Town of Holton. Area proposed to be rezoned from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential is described as Lot 1 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #042-2902-363-0993 and #042-2902-363-0994.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

- Town of Holton Town Board Meeting (September 11th, 2024)
- Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee Meeting (November 5th, 2024, at 3:00pm)

Legal Notification:

A legal advertisement was published in the *Wausau Daily Herald*. Notice of the zoning change request was also sent by regular mail to adjacent property owners within 300 feet of the subject property.

EXISTING ZONING DISTRICT:

G-A General Agricultural. The purpose of the G-A district is designed to foster the preservation and use of agricultural land related uses and to provide for limited residential uses in a rural environment but not the division of land as classified in 18.07(2) and (3) into five or more tracts, parcels or lots within a five-year period. This district provides for limited residential development with modest densities that require relatively large land areas that are compatible with the surrounding rural land use activities. The district is intended to provide towns with multiple options to guide growth and development in concert with the comprehensive planning efforts.

Existing Generalized Land Use Map – Town of Holton (Comprehensive Plan 2006) The area proposed to be rezoned is shown as Crop Land in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan Existing Land Use Map (2000). Adjacent land uses are comprised of Other Agriculture, Crop Land, Woodlands, and Single Family Residential.

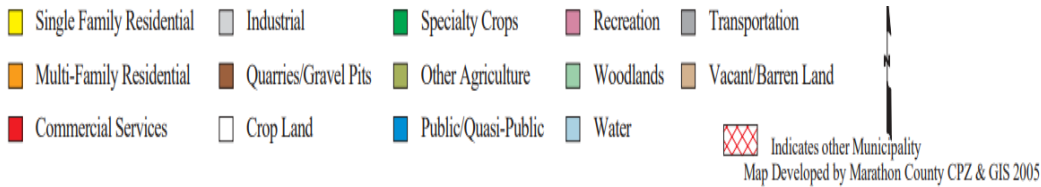
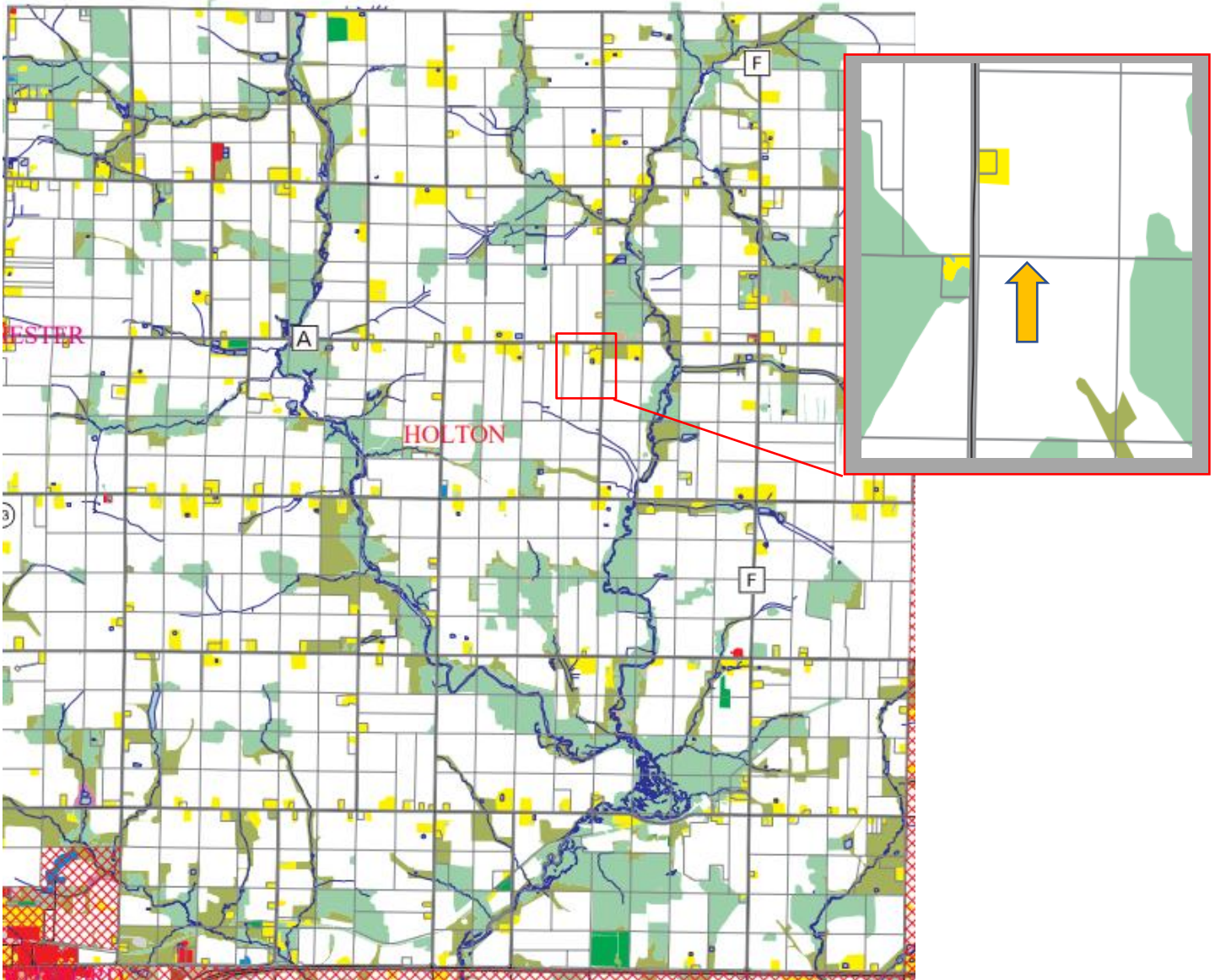
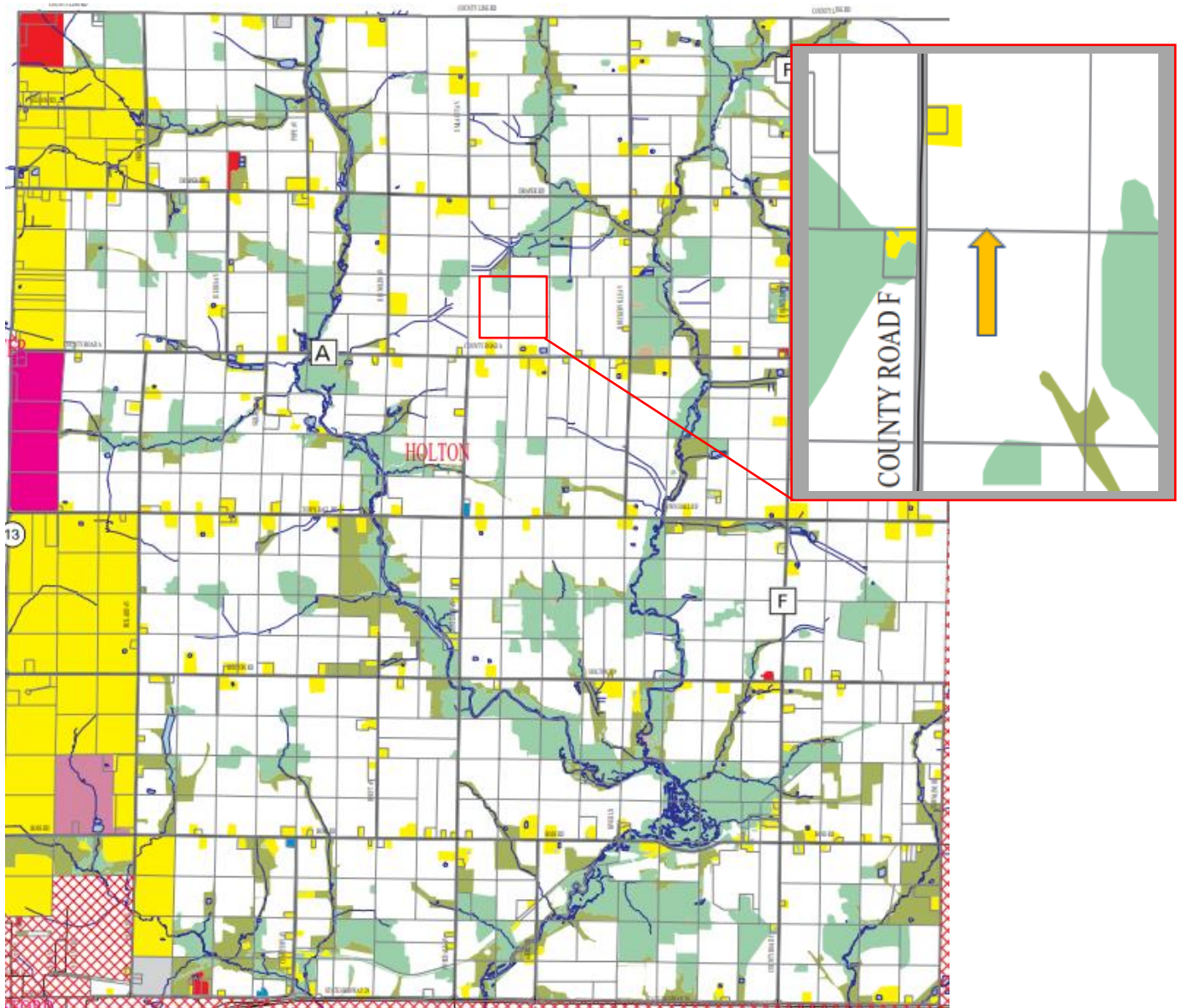


Figure 4-1
2000 Landuse/Landcover
HOLTON

PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT:

R-R Rural Residential District. The purpose of the R-R district is to accommodate single-family residential use along existing streets, to preserve the rural character while promoting open space single-family residential development (involving the extension of new streets), and to separate agricultural uses from other more extensive community development within the county. Limited agricultural activities are permitted in this district. These areas may or may not be serviced by municipal water and sanitary sewer.

TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP (2006 Plan): The area proposed to be rezoned is shown as Crop Land in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (2006). Adjacent land uses are comprised of Other Agriculture, Crop Land, Forest Land, and Single Family Residential.



- Single Family Residential
- Commercial
- Commercial/Industrial
- Industrial
- Barren
- Crop Land
- Other Agriculture
- Forest Land
- Public/Quasi-Public
- Recreational
- Transportation
- Water

Indicates other Municipality
Map Developed by Marathon County CPZ & GIS 2005

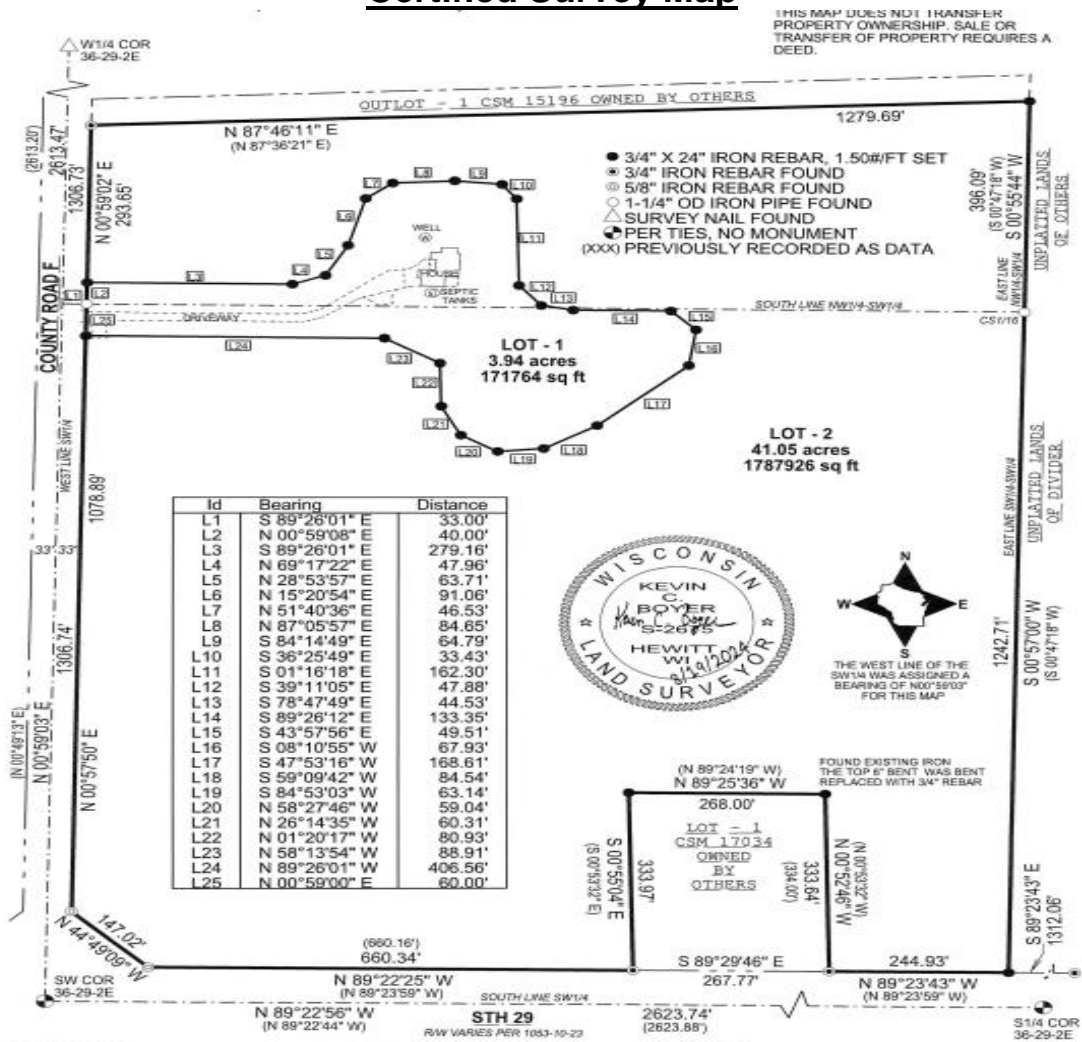
Figure 3-1
Future Land Use
HOLTON

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN: The Town of Holton does not participate in Farmland Preservation.

Aerial Photo



Certified Survey Map



TOWN RECOMMENDATION:

On September 11th, 2024, the **Town of Holton** Town Board Recommended **Approval** to Marathon County's Environmental Resources Committee.

Staff Comments regarding ERC Conclusions of Law:

1. The rezoning is substantially consistent with the following plans. (*note how the proposed relates to the future land use plan and the vision, goals, objectives, and policies of the plan*)

- a. [Marathon County](#) Comprehensive Plan
- b. [Town](#) Comprehensive Plan and,
- c. Marathon County [Farmland Preservation Plan](#).

The Marathon County Comprehensive Plan relies on the Town Comprehensive Plan regarding specific land uses and zoning districts for individual parcels. The area proposed to be rezoned is shown to be designated as Crop Land in the Town's future land use map, CPZ staff rely on the towns to make these recommendations given the town board members and residents know their town and the true purpose and intent of the plan. The Town of Holton does not participate in Farmland Preservation. As indicated by the town's future land use map and resolution/recommendation it appears the rezone is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Comprehensive Plan.

2. The location of the proposed development minimizes the amount of agricultural land converted and will not substantially impair or limit current or future agricultural use of other protected farmland.

No farmland will be consumed.

3. The applicant has demonstrated that...

- a. There is a need for the proposed development,
- b. Adequate public facilities are present or will be provided (*note impacts on roads, water, sewage, drainage, schools, emergency services, etc.*), and
- c. Providing public facilities will not be an unreasonable burden to the local government.

a. The need is for a proposed land division.

b. All necessary public facilities are anticipated to be provided (if not already provided) given any proposed development would rely of private systems such as a private well and sanitary system (if applicable).

c. No anticipated burden on local government, all applicable building, construction, and use standards will be applied during the zoning and building permit review process.

4. The rezoning will not cause unreasonable air and water pollution, soil erosion, or adverse effects on rare or irreplaceable natural areas.

All Federal, State, and Local permits and approvals are required for any applicable development onsite. Additionally, the proposed rezone will likely not result in any unreasonable air and water pollution as all pertinent regulations apply and will need to be adhered to. Any disturbance greater than one acre would need a DNR Stormwater Management Permit.

5. The Town has approved the proposed rezone of the property.

The Town of Holton Town Board has recommended approval of this rezone petition.

6. All concerns from other agencies on the proposed rezone have been addressed? (*DNR, Highway, DOT*) What are the concerns?

The county was not made aware of any concerns from other agencies.

STAFF (CPZ) RECOMMENDATION(S):

The rezone meets all the zoning district standards as it relates to size, frontage, access, and dimension. The rezone also appears to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Town's Comprehensive Plan and as indicated by the town resolution. Based on the information provided above, findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the town's recommendation, it appears the rezone request meets all the rezone criteria and standards for rezoning. Therefore, CPZ staff recommend that the Environmental Resources Committee recommend **Approval** to the Marathon County Board of Supervisors. Should the rezone be approved by Marathon County Board of Supervisors, CPZ staff recommend that the town update its comprehensive plan to reflect the zoning change if applicable.



Case: #1
Environmental Resources Committee
Decision Form

Conclusions of Law

Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) must consider all of the following standards in their decision. Please review and explain how the request does or does not meet each of these standards.

To approve a rezone, ERC must answer 'agree' to each of these standards. If the ERC recommends approval, but answers 'disagree' to any of these questions, a plan/ordinance changes, and/or additional information is required to satisfy the criteria.

1. The rezoning is substantially consistent with the following plans. *(note how the proposed relates to the future land use plan and the vision, goals, objectives, and policies of the plan)*
- a. [Marathon County](#) Comprehensive Plan
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Agree disagree insufficient information

2. The location of the proposed development minimizes the amount of agricultural land converted and will not substantially impair or limit current or future agricultural use of other protected farmland.

Agree disagree insufficient information

3. The applicant has demonstrated that...

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Agree disagree insufficient information

5. The Town has approved the proposed rezone of the property.

Agree disagree insufficient information

6. All concerns from other agencies on the proposed rezone have been addressed? *(DNR, Highway, DOT)* What are the concerns?

Agree disagree insufficient information

Environmental Resources Committee Decision

On the basis of the above findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the record in this matter, the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee finds that the rezoning is:

- Approved Motion/ Second
- Denied, for the following reasons
- Tabled for further consideration

Specify reasons for denial, or additional information requested:

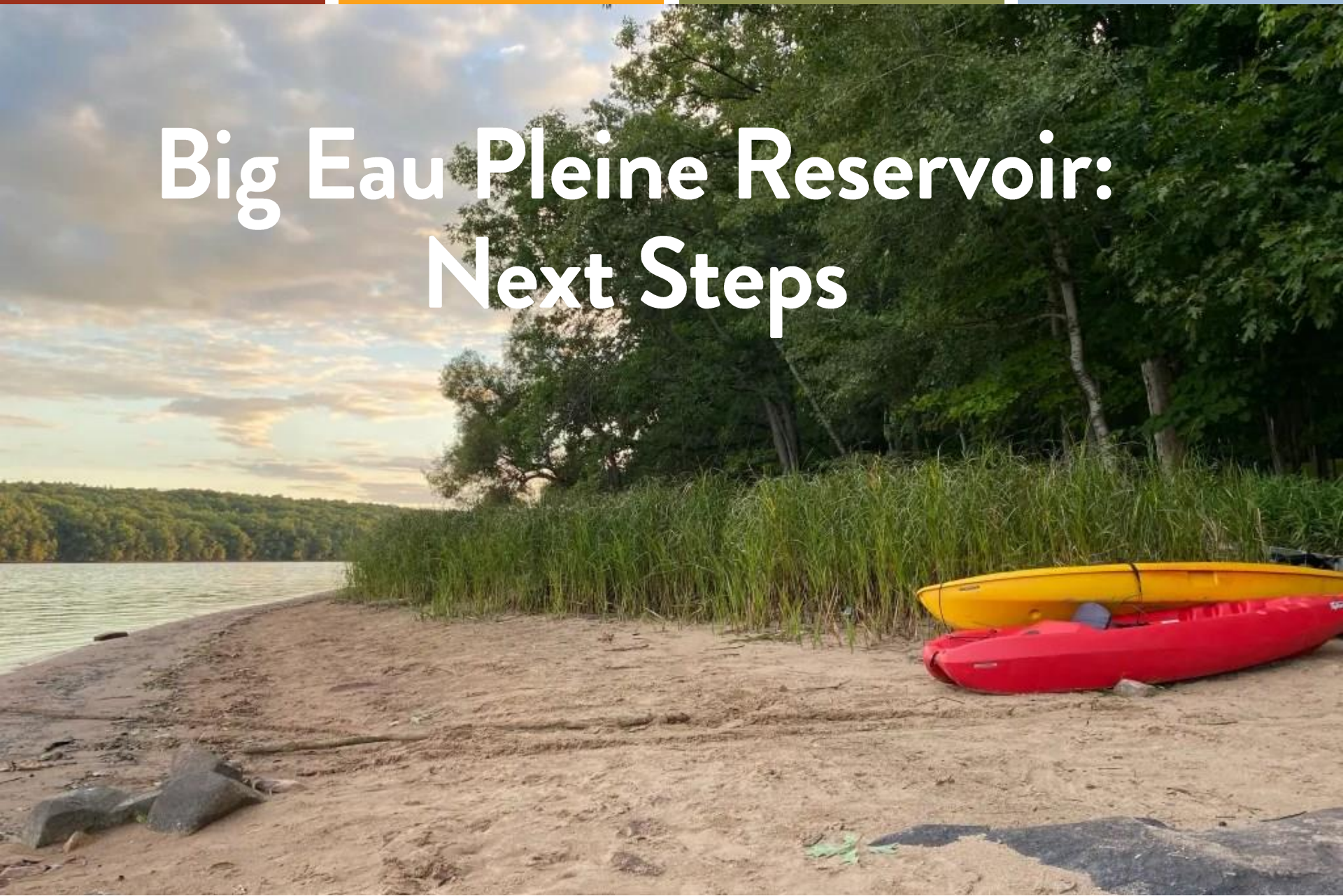
- An amendment to the county comprehensive plan is needed to approve this petition.
- An amendment to the county farmland preservation plan is needed to approve this petition.

Describe recommended amendments:

Signature:

Chairman: _____

Big Eau Pleine Reservoir: Next Steps



Recap & Good News!

EPPIC's 2025 Incentive Program will focus on Responsible Manure Management Practices.



Recap & Good News!

This cost-sharing program will be available to all farmers in the Big Eau Pleine watershed.

Farmers may receive \$50/acre for various manure management practices, including no winter spreading (for the first time).



Collecting Data through Total Phosphorus Stream Sampling

- Conservation staff collects Total P samples in three spots within Fenwood Creek, and one spot near the headwaters of the Big Eau Pleine River.
- Results have shown Total P levels are consistently 3-4 times the State Standard (of 0.075mg/L) for P in streams/rivers, with two samples in summer 2023 being 55 times higher (4.13 mg/L)

Requesting Input from 9/3/2024 ERC Meeting

- Recap of potential options from last month are included in this month's slides
- Staff are looking for suggestions on developing draft policies.
- Focus of discussion from September meeting was on perimeters surrounding the winter spreading of liquid manure.













What Are other WI Counties Doing?

Dane County:

- Requires all farms that propose to spread manure (solid or liquid) in frozen or snow-covered conditions (regardless of size) to obtain a winter spreading permit.
- The permit conditions follow the NRCS 590 winter spreading standards. Permits are good for four years and then have to be renewed.
- Staff conducts spot checks on 25% of the permits each year in February for compliance with implementation of the winter spreading permit. They have about 200+ permits issued at this time.
- They have had winter spreading requirements since 2006.
 - <https://lwr.danecounty.gov/What-We-Do/agriculture/Winter-Spreading-Permit>
- Yahara Pride Farms (farmer led group) pays farmers to winter headland stack manure rather than spread it during the winter. <https://www.yaharapridefarms.org/what-we-do/cost-share-program/>

What Are other WI Counties Doing?

Kewaunee County:

- County Ordinance mandates no manure application from January 1st -April 15th on less than 20' to bedrock.

What Are other WI Counties Doing?

Door County:

- County Ordinance mandates Silurian Bedrock Performance Standards:
 - *(c) Manure may not be mechanically applied on areas of cropland or pastures that have 24 inches or less of separation between the ground surface and apparent water table.*
 - *(g) Mechanical application of manure and headland stacking of manure is prohibited on soils with 5 feet or less to Silurian bedrock when soils are frozen or snow covered.*

What Are other WI Counties Doing?

Manitowoc County:

- Spreading requirements based on seasons, manure, and slope.

Spreading Requirements Based on
Season of the Year, Consistency of the Manure and Slope of the Field

Season	Consistency of Manure to be Spread	Field Slope	Action Needed	Exceptions
Winter (Dec. 1 – April 15)	Liquid	6% +	Incorporate within 48 hours	None
Winter (Dec. 1 – April 15)	Solid	6 to 12%	Incorporate within 48 hours	Contour strips, hay, or 40% crop residue
Winter (Dec. 1 – April 15)	Solid	12% +	Incorporate within 48 hours	None
Spring, Summer, and Fall	Both Liquid and Solid	6 to 12%	Incorporate within 48 hours	Contour strips, hay or 40% crop residue
Spring, Summer, and Fall	Both Liquid and Solid	12% +	Incorporate within 48 hours	None

Developed by Manitowoc County UW-Extension and Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department. May, 2006. First Revision: October, 2008. Second Revision: July, 2016. Updated: 2022



Points to Reiterate:

- Spreading restrictions don't stop runoff events; people do.
- More outreach is needed, as understanding key factors for runoff is going to be our best way to reduce it!
- It will take all landowners from many backgrounds to work together to improve our surface water quality.

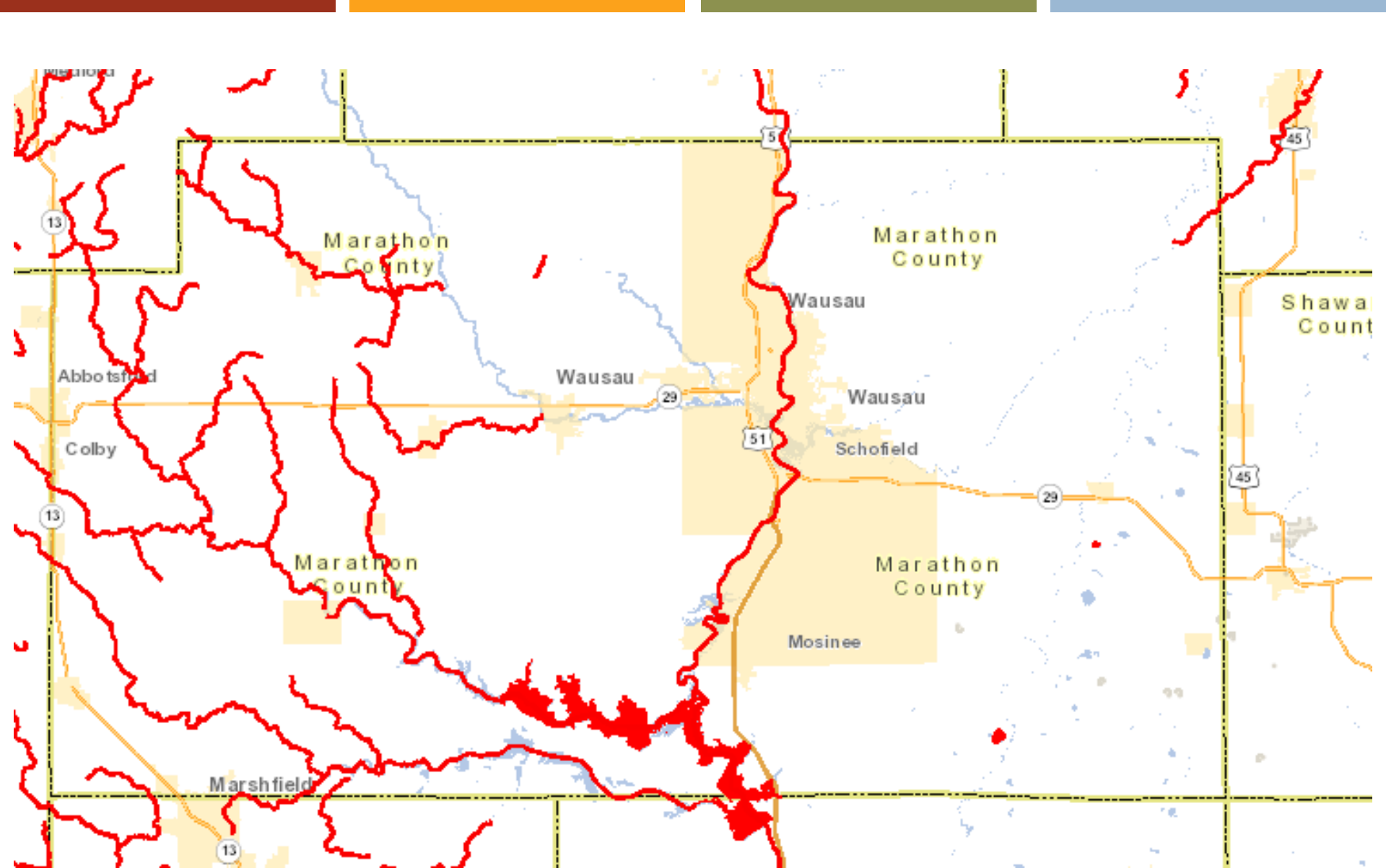
What We Are Working Towards



OBJECTIVE 6.3: Protect and enhance the quantity and quality of potable groundwater and potable surface water supplies.

Healthiest County:

- **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.
- **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.



“Strategic Plan for the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir” (2011)

a. **Marathon County will:**

- i. Adopt and implement state agricultural performance standards in local ordinance to address chronic and significant discharges.
- ii. Minimize or eliminate winter land surface spreading activities of wastes.
- iii. Promote technologies to treat and distribute livestock waste.
- iv. Provide Best Management Practice education and training to landowners.
- v. Administer the Non-metallic Mining Ordinance.
- vi. Eliminate direct surface discharges of sanitary wastes.
- vii. Develop a reservoir recreation management plan.
- viii. Provide financial support of annual operational costs of the aerator.
- ix. Develop and implement a Fenwood Creek pilot project (see description below).

“Strategic Plan for the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir” (2011)

Marathon County will:

“Minimize or eliminate winter land surface spreading activities of wastes.”

“Strategic Plan for the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir” (2011)

Suggestion: Incrementally (over the course of years) work with farms to stop the spreading of liquid manure on frozen soils in phosphorus impaired watersheds.

Step 1: Livestock License Farms

Step 2: Farms with 300-999 animal units

“Strategic Plan for the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir” (2011)

Animal Sector	Size Thresholds (number of animals)		
	Large CAFOs	Medium CAFOs ¹	Small CAFOs ²
cattle or cow/calf pairs	1,000 or more	300 - 999	less than 300
mature dairy cattle	700 or more	200 - 699	less than 200

Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
https://www3.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/sector_table.pdf

“Strategic Plan for the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir” (2011)

County Assistance Ideas:

- Funding to assist with manure storage rental instead of winter liquid manure applications.
- Work with farmers to locate available manure storages with them.
- Offer free nutrient management planning for farmers who don't have plans (up to 5,000 acres/year).

“Strategic Plan for the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir” (2011)

Marathon County will:

“Promote technologies to treat and distribute livestock waste”

“Promote technologies”

Suggestion: Reach out to local custom manure applicators and see if farmers are requesting the use of a low-disturbance manure toolbar. Possibly incentivize the use of this type of manure management (by applying for grant funding and making incentive payments to farmers).

Low-disturbance manure application is an ecologically-friendly way to add nutrients to soil

Gloria Hafemeister Correspondent

Published 5:01 a.m. CT Aug. 29, 2024 | Updated 5:01 a.m. CT Aug. 29, 2024



Dave Eisentraut of Eisentraut Ag Service in Waldo, Wisconsin, demonstrated his low-disturbance manure application system at the Oechsner Farm near Brownsville earlier this month during a Dodge County Field Day. The practice creates small, shallow slits in a recently harvested wheat field where manure from the pit at the Oechsner Dairy Farm is injected using a hose system. *Gloria Hafemeister/Special To Wisconsin State Farmer*

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“Promote technologies”

Suggestion: County develops a competitive grant program to help fund manure flow meters for dragline injectors – only available to farmers or custom applicators that apply in Marathon County.

What other technology could we provide funding for to assist manure applicators?

“Promote technologies”

Suggestion: Cover crop funding for CAFOs to try on limited acres (same costshare rate as DATCP) as a trial to see if it would work for their operation (less than 100 acres).

“Promote technologies”

Suggestion: Contract with farmers that have no-till corn planters and are available for hire to no-till on fields that other farmers may be interested in trying but don't have the equipment or knowledge. Possibly provide a subsidy that would help with the costs of the custom planting.

“Promote technologies”

Suggestion: Do a mini pay-for-performance on a per-field basis. One field per farm and the field needs to have a Phosphorus Index above 3.5 (State Standard is 6) to qualify. A five-year contract up to 50 acres.

“Marathon County Land and Water Resource Management Plan” (2021)

Page 77:

- Conservation staff shall be directed to develop voluntary and regulatory options for county consideration with the intended outcome to greatly reduce the risk of runoff from manure during the high risk times of the year and through management changes which manure applications to move them to low risk times of the year. By managing the amount of manure spread during high risk times, Marathon County can put in place a critical strategy to reduce phosphorus...”

“Marathon County Land and Water Resource Management Plan” (2021)

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- “The immediate goals of the Strategic Plan identifies the protection of surface and ground water as high priorities. Specifically, Strategy B, the implementation of watershed plans, we can achieve improved water supplies that are not only safe for drinking but also for recreation, especially for fishable and swimmable waters with minimal cost. If implemented, this new safeguard is estimated to reduce phosphorus runoff into the waters of Marathon County by up to 250-360% from farms that change their spreading practices each year.”

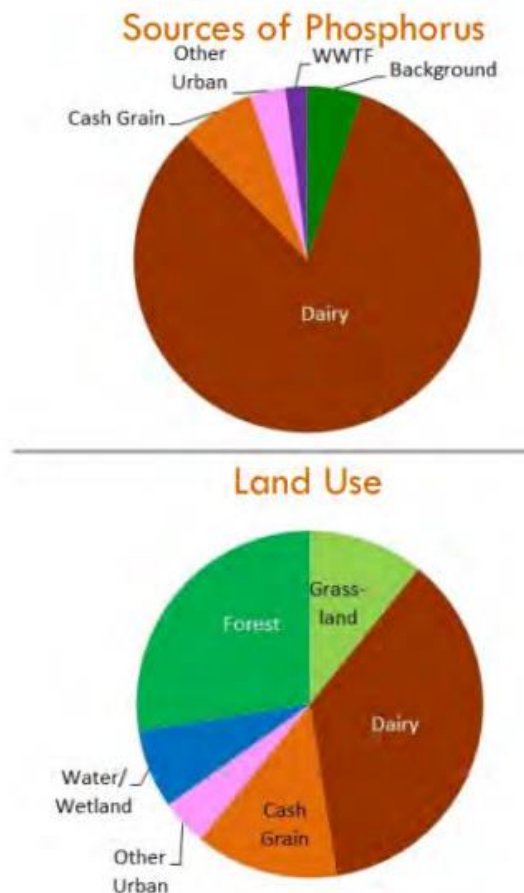


FIGURE 2-27
phosphorus contributions in the Big Eau Pleine watershed

Public Input Wanted

Suggestion: Host a public listening session and invite a wide variety of groups across the County, including CAFO farms and lake groups.

Suggestion: Have conservation staff reach out to Marathon County Farm Bureau and Wisconsin Farmers Union to receive input.

Thank You!

We look forward to working with ERC on upholding our Water Resources and Natural Resources Goals listed in the Marathon County Strategic Plan.



Big Eau Pleine Reservoir

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2025 MEETING DATES

ERC Public Hearing Date	Application deadline (Complete)
1/7/25	11/18/24
2/4/25	12/16/24
3/4/25	1/13/25
4/1/25	2/10/25
4/29/25	3/10/25
6/3/25	4/14/25
7/1/25	5/12/25
8/5/25	6/16/25
9/2/25	7/14/25
9/30/25	8/11/25
11/4/25	9/15/25
12/2/25	10/13/25