



# MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: **212 River Drive, Room 5 Wausau 54403**

**Committee Members:** Jacob Langenhahn - Chair ; Randy Fifrick -Vice-chair; Rick Seefeldt, Allen Drabek, Jim Bove, Sara Guild, Allen Opall, Kelly King - FSA Member, Marilyn Bhend – WI Towns & Villages Association (non-voting member)

**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 2018 - 2022: 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.*

## 1. Call meeting to order

## 2. Public Comment (15 minute limit)

## 3. Approval of September 5, 2019 Committee minutes

## 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. Tim Vreeland on behalf of Perry Peterson – F-P Farmland Preservation to G-A General Agriculture and R-R Rural Residential – Town of McMillan

2. Gary Krueger, Krueger Surveying LLC, on behalf of Roger Ross and Verlyn Ross – G-A General Agriculture to R-E Rural Estate – Town of Rib Falls

3. Reopen Tammy L. Miller (Kiedrowski) G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential – Town of Elderon – pulled from 6-20-19 County Board Agenda

B. Review and Possible Action to the County Board for its consideration (Town Zoning changes pursuant to §60.62(3) Wis. Stats.)

1. David & Julee Jones - Town of Mosinee zone change

2. Florian & Joyce Ahles Town of Mosinee zone change

## 5. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports and Committee Discussion

A. Nonmetallic mining reclamation proposed ordinance update

B. Review of Proposed Policy Revisions to Marathon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan Chapters 100-300

C. County Board Chair letter to DATCP: ATCP 51 Comments Livestock Facilities Licensing

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

PRF

1. Community Survey results

2. October 10 – County Forest Tour

CPZ

1. Wildlife Damage Program update

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

A. Review of proposed language for Land Division Code Ordinance, Chapter 18

B. Legislative and Budget Report: current and future legislative initiatives

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

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

B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

## 8. Adjournment

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Date: 09/26/2019

Time: 1:25 pm

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SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

*Rebecca J. Frisch*  
Presiding Officer or Designee

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m.

By: County Clerk



**Marathon County  
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes  
Thursday, September 5, 2019  
212 River Drive, Wausau WI**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Not present</u></b>
<i>Chair</i>	Jacob Langenhahn.....	X	
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	Randy Fifrick.....	X (arrived at 3:43 p.m.)	
	Rick Seefeldt .....	X	
	Jim Bove .....	X	
	Allen Drabek .....	X	
	Ashley Lange.....	X	
	Sara Guild.....	X	
	Allen Opall .....	X	
	Marilyn Bhend .....		X ( <i>excused</i> )
	Kelly King .....	X	

Also present: Rebecca Frisch, Paul Daigle, Dominique Swangstu, Dave Decker, Lane Loveland, Cindy Kraeger – Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ); Jamie Polley – Park Recreation and Forestry (PRF); Kurt Gibbs – County Board Chair; Brad Karger – County Administrator; Jack Duffy, Brian Bushnell, Betty Bushnell, Dan Barth, Kathy Konle-Barth, Scott Miles, Bruce Chopp, Craig Paul, Rita Pachal, Kurt Mueller, Craig McEwen, Peter Weinschenk, Justin Krzanowski, Kathy Anderson, Joel Lewis, Jim Force, Brian Kowalski, Tee Vang, Ron Alexander.

1. **Call to order** – Called to order by Chair Langenhahn at 3:10 p.m. at 212 River Drive Room 5, Wausau, WI.
2. **Public Comment** – Kathy Anderson Marathon WI – Very pleased to see the manure spreading issue on the agenda and would like it to go forward with a public hearing. Agrees there is a phosphorus problem and nitrate problem. Need to think about how farming is being done. Referenced article in the Record Review about heating in the atmosphere.

Joel Lewis – Wausau, WI – Very happy to see the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act / Climate Solution on the agenda and that Marathon County is considering this.

3. **Approval of August 1, 2019 Environmental Resources Committee (ERC) minutes.**

**Motion /** second by King / Bove to approve of the August 1, 2019 Environmental Resources Committee minutes as distributed. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

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. Tim Vreeland on behalf of Jeff Fraaza – G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential – Town of Plover

Discussion: Swangstu was sworn in, and reviewed the staff report, noting that the decision sheet had been included in the meeting packet. The applicant will be selling the areas to be rezoned to the adjacent lot which will create a compliant parcel in the Rural Residential district which has a 2 acre minimum.

The Town of Plover has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:23 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion /** second by King / Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the Tim Vreeland on behalf of Jeff Fraaza rezone request. Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans, and is not in the Farmland Preservation Plan. Adequate facilities are present and providing public facilities will not burden local government. The rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

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

2. Jason & Stacy Brusky – R-R Rural Residential to G-A General Agriculture – Town of Holton

Discussion: Swangstu was sworn in, and reviewed the staff report, noting that the decision sheet had been included in the meeting packet. The request to rezone is to clean up the existing split zoning on the parcel and to allow the applicant to possibly construct a large accessory structure in the area being proposed to be rezoned. The Town of Holton has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:31 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Guild / Lange to recommend approval to County Board, of the Jason & Stacy Brusky rezone request. Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans, and is not in the Farmland Preservation Plan. Adequate facilities are present and providing public facilities will not burden local government. The rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

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

3. Justin & Brittini Krzanowski – G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential – Town of Wien

Discussion: Swangstu was sworn in, and reviewed the staff report, noting that the decision sheet had been included in the meeting packet. The requested rezone is to allow the applicant to construct a single family home. The Town of Wien has reviewed the application and recommends approval without any concerns.

There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this rezone request. Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 3:36 p.m. Committee deliberated and applied the standards for this request by reviewing and completing the decision sheet.

Action: **Motion** / second by Guild / Drabek to recommend approval to County Board, of the Justin & Brittini Krzanowski rezone request. Committee determined the rezone is consistent with the Marathon County and Town comprehensive plans, and is not in the Farmland Preservation Plan. Adequate facilities are present and providing public facilities will not burden local government. The rezone should not result in any adverse effect on natural areas. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

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

4. Marathon County General Code of Ordinances Chapter 13 Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance:

Proposed text amendments to clarify regulatory authority for livestock operations greater than 500 animal units, definitions, and address text changes relative to the committee of oversight

Discussion: Frisch was sworn in and clarified the public hearing is to clarify the existing language dealing with licensed facilities permit administration and to update definitions, text changes. The red lined code language in the packet does not include language dealing with high risk manure applications which is covered in the agenda item under policy.

Daigle was sworn in and discussed the summary of the proposed changes which include a number of definitions and to develop language to ensure no lapse of license for facilities over the 1000 animal unit threshold to continue to maintain the Livestock Siting license through the County until a DNR permit is obtained. Language was enhanced to provide clear guidance on compliance monitoring and enforcement action, if needed. An appeal process for enforcement decisions was also added. The proposed revisions are consistent with the Marathon County Comprehensive Plan, Strategic Plan (Objective 5.2 and 6.3) as well as the Land and Water Resource Management Plan.

*Fifrick arrived at 3:45 p.m.*

Committee discussed how this effected current facilities. Chair Langenhahn stated this could be referred to as "housekeeping". Questions on additional staff resources and there will be little or no impact; the staff will be more efficient guiding farmers through the process.

Chair Gibbs was sworn in and is concerned about the possibility of doubling of penalties from CPZ and the Department of Natural Resources if a farm increased the animal units from the number listed on the permit from 700 to 999 and applied for a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) over 999.

Frisch recommended discussion with Corporation Counsel to address the concerns relating to the enforcement and language. There was no additional testimony in favor or opposed to this request.

Testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 4:00 p.m.

Action: **Motion** / second by Guild / Bove to recommend approval to County Board, of the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances Chapter 13 Livestock Facilities Licensing Ordinance: Proposed text amendments to clarify regulatory authority for livestock operations greater than 500 animal units, definitions, and address text changes relative to the committee of oversight. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Follow through: CPZ to follow up with Corporation Counsel regarding the stepped up enforcement process.

## 5. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

### A. Strategic Plan discussion

Discussion: McEwen discussed the progress with the Committee on the objectives 5.2 and 6.3 from the Strategic Plan. Discussion occurred regarding reporting on the progress of these items to County Board in achieving the goals. The Committee regularly discusses the relationship of the Strategic Plan with the items they are discussing at their meetings. Committee members mentioned several actions carried out that are moving the county closer to the plan objectives.

Action: None.

Follow through: Chair Langenhahn will develop a list of items of progress to report to County Board.

B. Review of proposed policy revisions relating to the Land Division Code Ordinance, Chapter 18

Discussion: Decker discussed the memo of the proposed policy revision related to the Land Division Code of Ordinance, Chapter 19 which was included in the meeting packet. Decker and Frisch are in the process of updating and enhancing the Marathon County Land Division Ordinance, Chapter 18. Discussion indicated the support for protecting towns from the issues that evolve when private roads are created through the land division process and for establishing a county wide minimum parcel size.

Action: **None**, for informational purposes only.

Follow through: CPZ staff to continue to draft language, distribute to surveyors and towns for feedback, and to hold a public hearing in the upcoming months.

*Chair Langenhahn called for a 5 minute recess.*

C. Proposed resolution urging Congress to support market-based, bipartisan climate solution (H.R.763)

Discussion: Chair Langenhahn invited 2 individuals whom Supervisor Lange had previously requested to have present information to the Committee. Barth discussed ways to drive down carbon pollution and bring climate change under control. Bushnell discussed the policy and how the fees collected on carbon emissions will be allocated to all Americans. Langenhahn stated this is not a policy item; committee members provided feedback on the pros and cons of the county being involved in the climate change discussion.

Action: **None**, for informational purposes only. Committee may revisit resolution in the future if it wants to take action.

*Lange was dismissed at 5:15 p.m.*

D. Proposed resolution for more local control of Livestock Facility Licensing

Discussion: Resolution was in the packet for information purposes. Supervisor Lange had resolution put on agenda for discussion and education but had to leave the meeting prior to discussion.

Action: None.

Follow through: The committee may revisit this resolution at a future date.

E. Land and Water Resource Management Plan (LWRMP) 2020: Update and proposed timeline for plan development and approval

Discussion: Daigle reviewed the memo that was included in the meeting packet of the action and timeline plan.

Action: **None**, for informational purposes only.

Follow through: CPZ will provide more information in the upcoming months of the new Land and Water Resource Management Plan.

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

PRF

1. Consider completing the on-line County Forest Plan Revision Survey by September 25<sup>th</sup>

Discussion: Polley stated a memo was sent to the County Board Supervisors regarding completing the County Forest Plan survey by September 25, 2019.

Action: **None**, for informational purposes only.

CPZ

1. Memo on grants

Discussion: Frisch discussed the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) soil and water resource management program recently released the 2020 preliminary allocation plan for conservation program grant funding memo which was included in the meeting packet.

Action: **None**, for informational purposes only.

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

A. Should Marathon County develop more restrictive standards for the application of manure during high risk times for farms licensed by the County?

1. Marathon County General Code of Ordinances Chapter 13 Livestock Licensing Ordinance: Proposed language regarding the application of manure during high risk times for farms licensed by the county



Discussion: CPZ staff developed a policy white paper on phosphorus, public participation, considered alternatives, costs and proposed language at previous meetings. Draft language was included in the packets as requested by the ERC. Committee discussed language, possible problems, financial impact to farmers, and other reasons this proposal may not be feasible. Langenhahn has concerns with the bad timing with family farms fading and doesn't agree that this policy follows the definition of Strategic Plan Objective 5.2 promote sound land use decisions that conserve and preserve natural resources in decisions with economic development and growth. Guild stated the concerns with issues with ground water contamination, the effects on businesses, and concerns from constituents. Guild would like more feedback from constituents in which this policy deserves additional consideration. Chair Gibbs was to be included in the discussion. Gibbs questioned the impact to farmers, cost to administer, and suggested an economic analysis should be considered before this language is adopted. Bove believes farm failures are a result of overproduction and tariffs and not the additional costs. Guild would like to get additional voices and have a timeline to implement a public engagement process. Frisch clarified that any facility expansion would be eligible for the cost share program.

Action: **Motion** / second by Guild / Fifrick to have CPZ staff develop an outline for a public engagement process with environmental groups and agriculture producers to pursue, further develop or cease development of the stricter manure standards.

Langenhahn called for a roll call vote to motion.

Motion **failed** by roll call vote 3 yes - Guild, Bove, Fifrick; 5 no - King, Langenhahn, Drabek, Seefeldt, Opall.

Action: **Motion** / second by King / Seefeldt to amend the motion to not move forward with the proposed language regarding the application of manure during high risk times for farms licensed by the county.

Action: **Vote** on the motion to amend the motion not to move forward with the proposed language regarding the application of manure during high risk times for farms licensed by the county.

Motion **carried** by roll call vote 5 yes - King, Langenhahn, Drabek, Seefeldt, Opall; 3 no - Guild, Bove, Fifrick.

Follow through: None.

B. Legislative and Budget Report: current and future legislative initiatives, DATCP public hearings

Discussion: Loveland distributed the legislative report. CPZ will monitor the federal budget and update the Committee of any impacts. Committee members were briefed on the opportunity to provide public comment on ATCP 51 proposed rule changes. Committee came to the consensus that a special meeting between Chair Gibbs, Chair Langenhahn and Vice Chair McEwan be called to provide county comments on proposed state ATCP 51 rule changes. This action is authorized by county board rules.

Action: **None**, for informational purposes only.

Follow through: CPZ will continue to monitor legislative actions.

7. **Next meeting date, time & location and Agenda items:**

Thursday, October 3, 2019 3:00 p.m. 212 River Drive, Room 5 Wausau WI

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

- PRF survey results

B. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

8. **Adjourn – Motion** / second by Opall / Bove to **adjourn** at 6:10 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Rebecca Frisch, CPZ Director

For Jacob Langenhahn, Chair

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

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Environmental Resources Committee of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m., 212 River Drive, Room 5, Wausau WI 54403, at which time the Committee will consider the following:

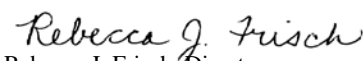
1. The petition of Tim Vreeland on behalf of Perry Peterson to amend the Marathon County Zoning Ordinance from FP- Farmland Preservation to G-A General Agriculture and R-R Rural Residential described as Outlot 1 of Certified Survey Map 18252-89-110, located in the S ½ SE ¼ of Section 13, Township 26 North, Range 3 East, Town of McMillan. Proposed area to be rezoned to G-A General Agriculture is approximately 18.211 acres described as Lot 1; and proposed area to be rezoned to R-R Rural Residential is approximately 4.106 acres described as Lot 2 on Preliminary Certified Survey Map submitted by Tim Vreeland. Part of parent parcel PIN# 056-2603-134-0990.
2. The petition of Gary Krueger, Krueger Surveying, on behalf of Roger Ross and Verlyn Ross to amend the Marathon County Zoning Ordinance from G-A General Agriculture to R-E Rural Estate described as part of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ and part of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 05 East, Town of Rib Falls. Proposed area to be rezoned (approximately 5.076 acres) of the Preliminary Certified Survey Map submitted by Krueger Surveying LLC. Part of parent parcels PIN # 066-2905-204-0995 and PIN # 066-2905-204-0997

Written testimony may be forwarded prior to the hearing to: Jacob Langenhahn – Environmental Resource Committee Chair, Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department, 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403-5449. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. 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 715-261-1500 or e-mail [infomarathon@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:infomarathon@co.marathon.wi.us) one business day before the meeting.

Jacob Langenhahn



Jacob Langenhahn, Chairman  
Environmental Resources Committee



Rebecca J. Frisch, Director  
Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department

**Publish: September 18 and September 25, 2019**

E-mailed to: Wausau Daily Herald ([WDH-Legals@wdhmedia.com](mailto:WDH-Legals@wdhmedia.com)) on September 13, 2019 at 8:15 a.m.

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MARATHON CO. CONSERVATION,  
PLANNING & ZONING DEPT.

PETITION FOR ZONE CHANGE  
FROM FARMLAND PRESERVATION ZONING  
BEFORE THE MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1. As authorized by §17.91 of the Marathon County Zoning Ordinance I (we): (Name and mailing address) Tim Vreeland  
6103 Dawn St. Weston WI 54476

hereby petition to rezone property owned by: (Name and mailing address) Perry Peterson  
2014 Galun Ave Marshfield WI 54449

from the classification FP Farmland Preservation to GA + RR

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 CSM

Parcel Identification Number / PIN (can be found on tax bill): 056-2603-13A-0990

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

4. Total acres in parcel (outside of right-of-way): 22.317 acres

5. Total acres zoned Farmland Preservation: FP 22.317 acres A-4(-M) \_\_\_\_\_ acres

6. Total acres in farm: 22.317 acres

7. How many acres/square feet are you requesting be changed? 22.317 acres / square feet

8. Are there improvements (structures) on this parcel in question?  Yes  No

What is the current use of the structure(s)? Farm land

9. A. What is your reason for requesting this rezone? (Please check and fill in the blanks)

- Develop land for non-agricultural residential use
- Develop land for industrial use
- Develop land for commercial use
- Develop land for recreational use
- Pre-existing use, substandard or nonconforming parcel
- Other: 4 Ac. to RR 18 Ac to GA

B. How far is the land from a city or village boundary? 3 miles / feet

C. How far is the land from an existing area of similar use? 66 ~~miles~~ / feet

D. Is the land served by public sewer?  Yes  No

E. Is the land served by public water?  Yes  No

F. Is the land within a sanitary district?  Yes  No

G. If more than one lot was developed: # of Lots: 2 Average lot size: 4 + 18 Ac

10. 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 serve the proposed development at present, or how they will be provided.  
Property is on a public Road served by general utilities

B. Explain how the provision of these facilities will not be an unreasonable burden to local government.  
will have 1 resident on a public road. No unreasonable burden.

C. What have you done to determine that the land is suitable for the proposed development?  
No mapped wetlands or flood plain on 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.  
No unreasonable adverse effects will occur.

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# CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

MARATHON COUNTY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ VOL. \_\_\_\_\_ PAGE \_\_\_\_\_

ALL OF OUTLOT 1 OF CSM 18119-88-98, LOCATED IN THE SOUTH  
1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH,  
RANGE 3 EAST, TOWN OF MCMILLAN, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

SHEET 2 OF 2 SHEETS

## SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

I, TIMOTHY G. VREELAND, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT THE DIRECTION OF PERRY PETERSON, I SURVEYED AND MAPPED ALL OF OUTLOT 1 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 18252, RECORDED IN VOLUME 89 OF SURVEYS ON PAGE 110, LOCATED IN THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, TOWN OF MCMILLAN, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN. 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 AND MAPPING THE LANDS, CHAPTER A-E 7 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND THE LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MCMILLAN, ALL TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IN SURVEYING, DIVIDING AND MAPPING THE SAME.



DATED THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019  
SURVEY PERFORMED APRIL 12TH, 2019

TIMOTHY G. VREELAND P.L.S. 2291

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR  
RECORDING BY THE TOWN OF  
MCMILLAN.

DATE: April 8, 2019  
[Signature]  
TOWN OF MCMILLAN

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

BY \_\_\_\_\_

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

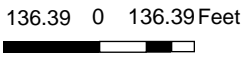




# Land Information Mapping System



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  - Municipalities
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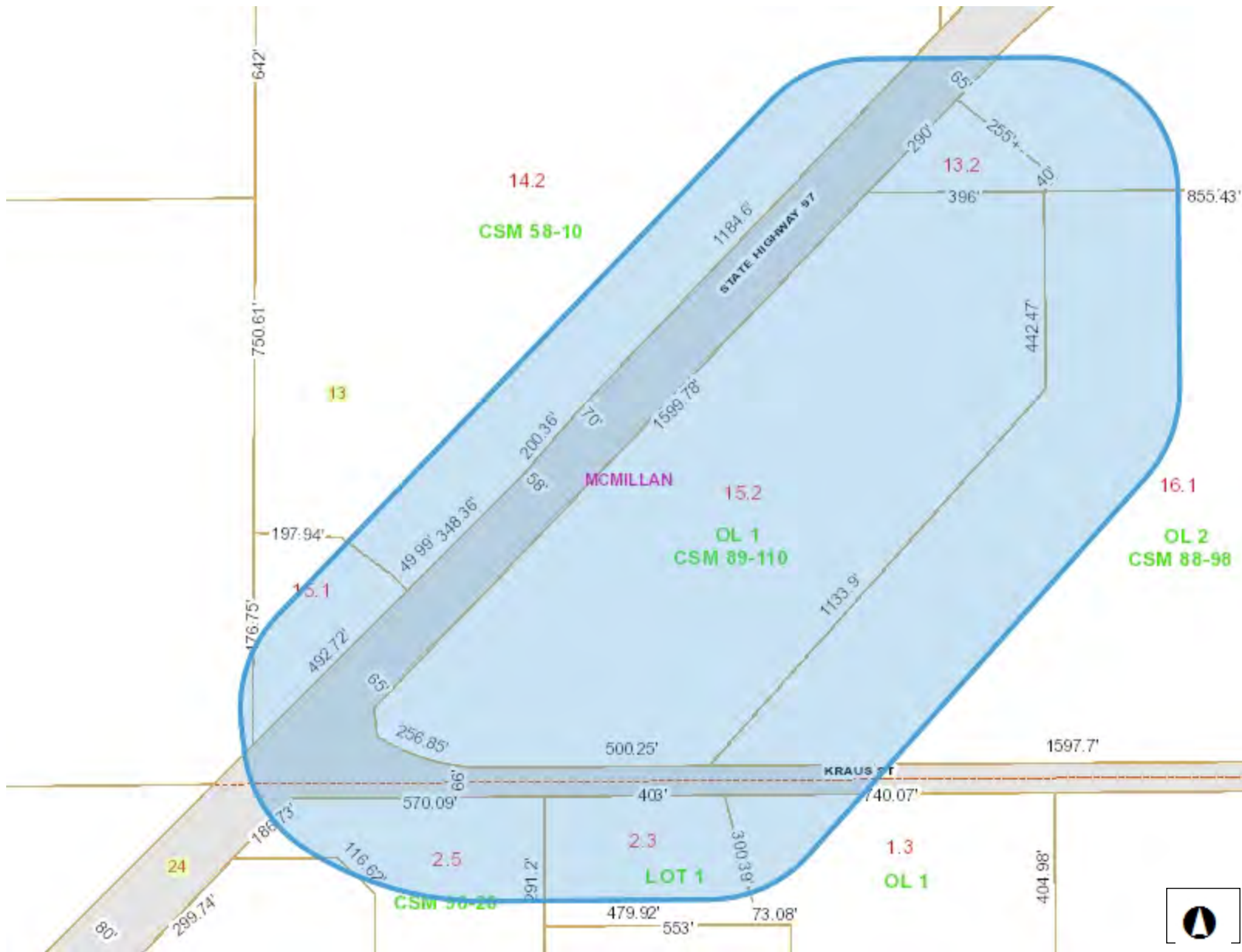
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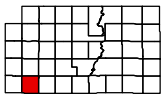
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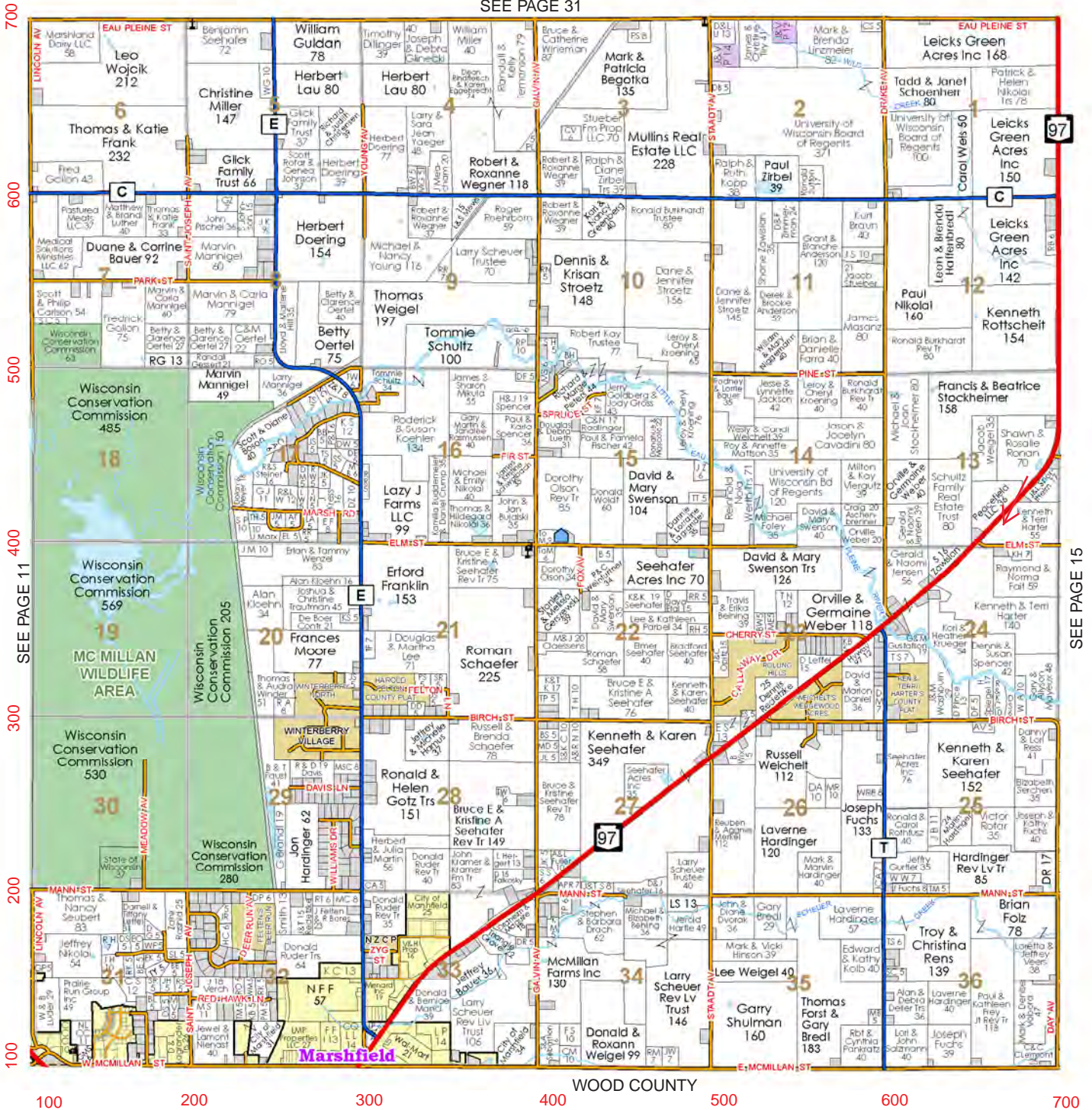
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STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
MARATHON COUNTY )  
TOWN OF MCMILLAN )

**RESOLUTION ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

TO THE MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

I, Tanya Holcomb, Clerk of the Town of McMillan, 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 McMillan Town Board at a meeting held on the 27th day of August, 2019.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 59.69(5)(e)3m., 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 McMillan Town Board considered on the 27th day of August, 2019, petition of Tim Vreeland on behalf of Perry Peterson to amend the Marathon County Zoning Ordinance from FP- Farmland Preservation to G-A General Agriculture and R-R Rural Residential described as Outlot 1 of Certified Survey Map 18252-89-110, located in the S 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 13, Township 26 North, Range 3 East, Town of McMillan. Proposed area to be rezoned to G-A General Agriculture is approximately 18.211 acres described as Lot 1; and proposed area to be rezoned to R-R Rural Residential is approximately 4.106 acres described as Lot 2 and on Preliminary Certified Survey Map submitted by Tim Vreeland. Part of parent parcel PIN# 056-2603-134-0990.

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

OR  **Requests an Extension\*** for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk Patti Lehn  
 Town Board Debra Wasyuk  
Greg L. Finary  
Russell Werscheff

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 August 16, 2019 to:

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



**Perry Peterson  
Petition to Rezone Land  
Staff Report  
Environmental Resources Committee**

**Findings of Fact**

**REQUEST:**

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**EXISTING ZONING DISTRICT:**

**F-P: Farmland Preservation Zoning.** The intent of this district is to maintain highly productive agricultural lands in food and fiber production by effectively limiting encroachment of non-agricultural development and minimizing land use conflicts among incompatible uses. This district is not intended to accommodate non-agricultural growth.

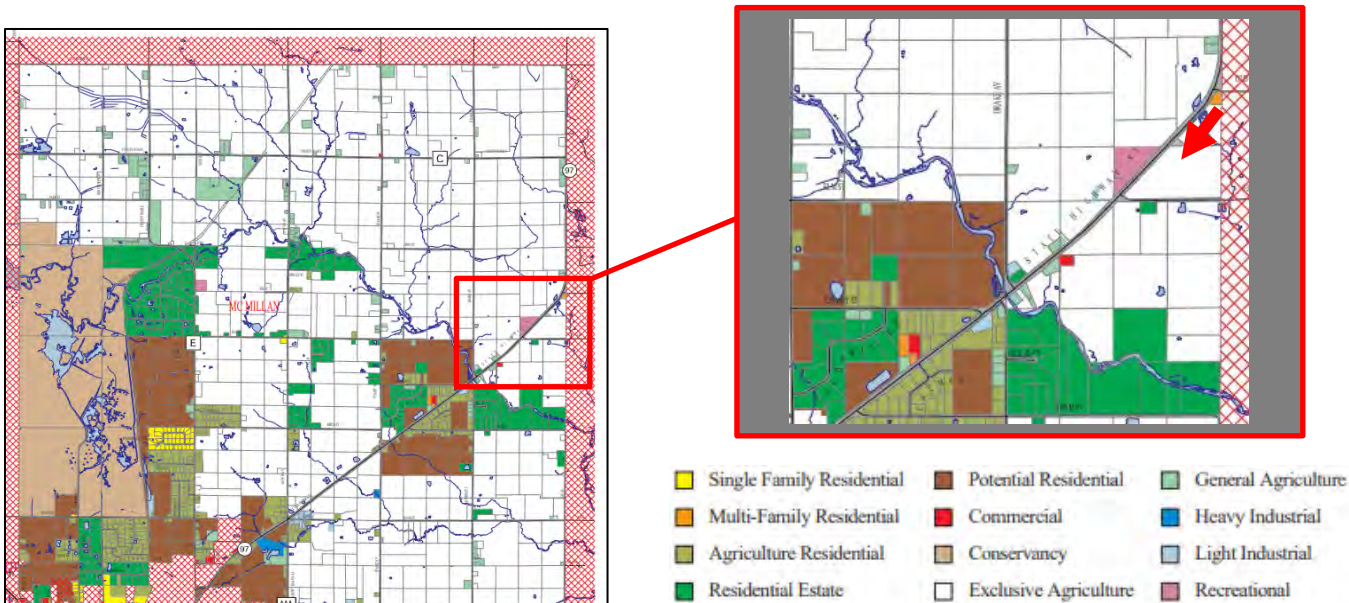
**PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT:**

**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.

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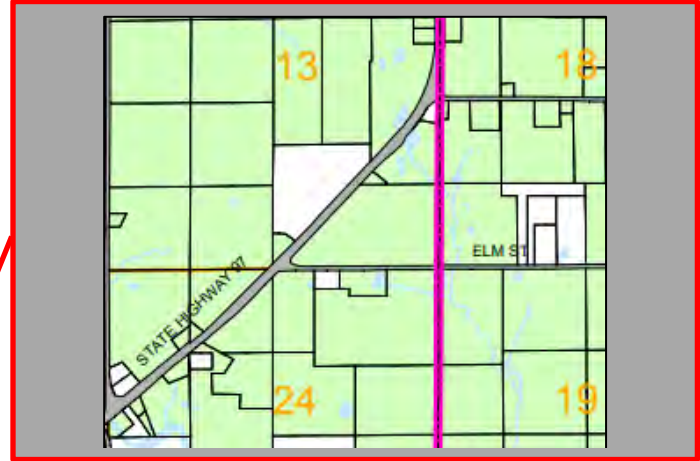
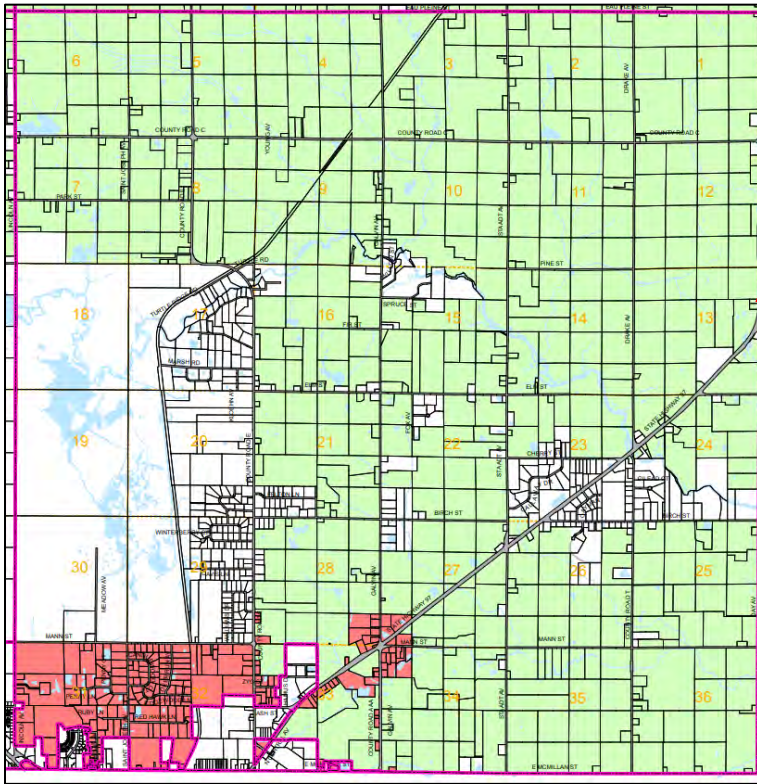
**R-R: Rural Residential District.** The purpose of the R-R district is to accommodate single-family residential use along existing streets, to preserve the rural character while promoting open space single-family residential development (involving the extension of new streets), and to separate agricultural 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:** The proposed area to be rezoned is identified as Crop Land in the Town of McMillan Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (2005). The adjacent lands are comprised of Crop Land (White) and Forest land (Light Green) with a Residential Estate use/parcel to the south.

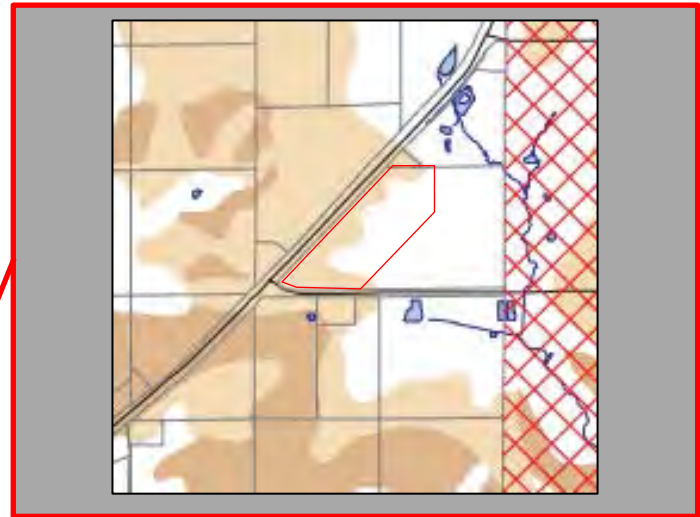
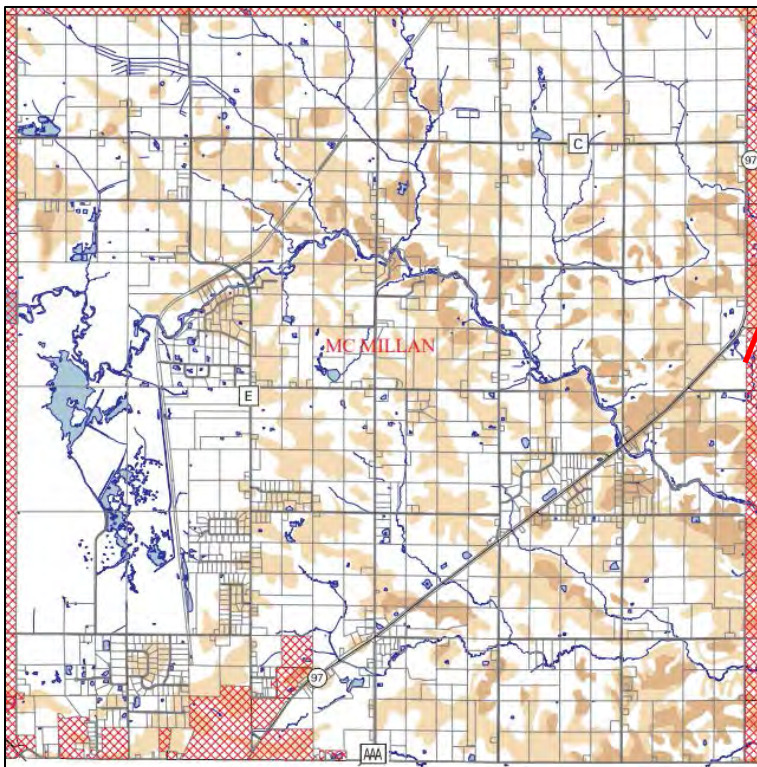




**FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN:** This parcel was designated as a farmland preservation area in the Farmland Preservation Plan in 2013. Designating this land as a farmland preservation area would have indicated the land consists of prime agricultural land and supports the agriculture economy.



Prime Farm Soils (Town of McMillan's Comprehensive Plan 2005):

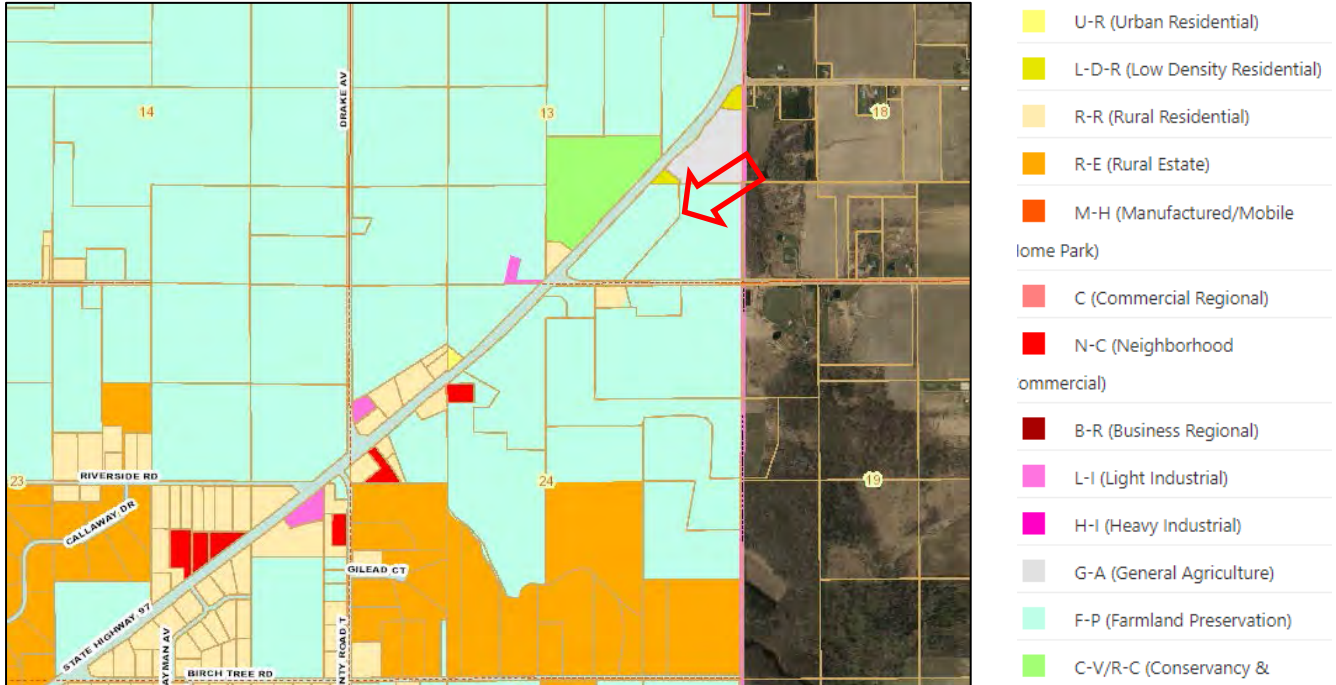


Group 1: The soils in this group are the very best in Marathon County. The USDA classification for these soils are prime farmland Class 2 due to climate and growing season length. They are well suited for growing all crops.

Group 2: The soils in this group are very good agricultural soils. They also are designated as prime farmland Class 2. These soils differ by having restricted drainage. In wet years they are more difficult to work and crops needing well drained condition (alfalfa, ginseng) do very poorly.



**EXISTING ZONING DISTRICT MAP:** Adjacent parcels are predominantly zoned Farmland Preservation (Teal) with some residentially zoned parcels in the area.



**SIGNIFICANT PARCEL LIMITATIONS OR NATURAL FEATURES:** There are no DNR mapped wetlands or FEMA mapped floodplain within the area to be rezoned. There are some shoreland overlay areas from ponds/streams within close proximity.



**AERIAL PHOTO: #1**



**AERIAL PHOTO: #2**









**TOWN RECOMMENDATION:**

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the **Town of McMillan** Town Board Recommended **Approval** to Marathon County's Environmental Resources Committee.

The Town of McMillan 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: \_\_\_\_\_
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- 3) Has the applicant determined that the land is suitable for the development proposed? Explain.  
 No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
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 No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Is there any potential for conflict with existing land uses in the area?  
 No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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  
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- 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 McMillan recommends:  **Approval**  **Disapproval** of the amendment and/or zone change.

OR  **Requests an Extension\*** for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk: *Sara Lehr*  
 Town Board: *Debra Daxner*  
*Greg Z. Frang*  
*Russell Wescott*

Given the location, site conditions, soils, and fact the area to be rezoned is actively being farmed the proposal as is would be inconsistent with the towns supplied resolution.

Questions #: 5, 8, 9, and 10 specifically have not been addressed appropriately and should have warranted more discussion and recommendations to minimize the agricultural lands converted and potential effect to the adjacent land uses.

**STAFF (CPZ) RECOMMENDATION(S):**

CPZ staff met with the Town of McMillan Planning Commission during their scheduling meeting August 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 to go over the specific rezone petition, the standards, and to educate them on the Farmland Preservation Program/Zoning. Our staff went over the history of the parcel as it relates to the creation of the outlot as well as the standards the commission and board should use to make their determination and recommendation. The commission had noted, the new owner who had recently purchased the property would have bought land he cannot build on which would be unfair. Given the parcel purchased was/is an outlot the parcels limitations and standards should have been clear considering the outlot restrictions are shown on the CSM. It appears the previous land division creating the outlot may have been conducted in order to circumvent the regulations to create and sell a lot which is smaller than the minimum lot size for the Farmland Preservation

zoning district (35 acres). Given the current situation the outlot appears to have been created to be sold and rezoned for residential development, the parcel in question is inconsistent with the purpose and definition of an outlot as well as its intended use(s). With all the additional information and education the planning commission and town board recommended approval with no additional comments

*Definition of "Outlot" found in Chapter 18 and Town of McMillan Administrative Code:*

**"Outlot.** A parcel of land other than a lot or block, intended for transfer of ownership or private right-of-way. An outlot may not be used as a building site unless it is in compliance with restrictions imposed under this ordinance with respect to building sites. An outlot may be a private road or alley, a non-buildable parcel having poor soils or topographic conditions or a remnant parcel."

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**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](#).

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

*"Given the area to be rezoned consists of prime farm soils, is shown as crop land in the town comprehensive plan, future land use map, and a goal of the town to minimize agricultural lands converted, the petition does not appear to meet the standards of question #1."*

**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

*"There have been no proposals or suggestions made by the petitioner, owner, or town to reconfigure the proposed parcels and their zoning districts to minimize the agricultural lands converted as there could be 3 homes on the parcels. A rezoning proposal which minimizes the agricultural land converted for example could have been to rezone only 2 acres to R-R, then keep the remaining acreage in Farmland Preservation as an Outlot to be combined with an adjacent parcel in the future. If the parcel is left the way it is currently configured it wouldn't allow for any residential buildings due to its Outlot status and restrictions; which would preserve the agricultural lands from increased development pressure."*

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**Staff Recommendation:**

If approved the Town of McMillan should updated their comprehensive plan and future land use maps to reflect the proposed rezoning to Rural Residential (R-R) and General Agriculture (G-A) from Farmland Preservation (F-P). The Rezoning meets all the zoning district standards as it relates to parcel size, frontage, access, and dimension, yet the proposed change in use/district does appear to be in conflict with the Town of McMillan's Comprehensive Plan and adopted Farmland Preservation Plan. CPZ staff have some concerns with the rezoning petition, its requirements, and the standards for rezoning from the Farmland Preservation District.

Based on the information provided, standards for rezoning, and the feedback from the Town of McMillan, CPZ staff suggest the Environmental Resources Committee recommend **Denial** to Marathon County Board of Supervisors. The recommendation is made as the rezoning petition is in conflict with the Town Comprehensive Plan, adopted Farmland Preservation Plan, as well as has not addressed or suggested any alternatives to minimize the agricultural land converted; which would subsequently not meet the rezoning standards.



**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.

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Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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4. 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

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5. 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.

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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**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:

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- 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:

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Signature:

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_



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):  
Gary R Krueger 220 Sherman St Wausau, WI 54401  
Krueger Surveying LLC

hereby petition to rezone property owned by (Name & Address): Roger Ross 228640 County Rd S  
and Jane C. Ross 928 Edgewood Ave Edgar, WI 54426  
from the classification G-A, to R-E.

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 Survey Map

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 066-2905-204-0995 + 066-2905-204-0997

3. The proposed change is to facilitate the use of the land for (be specific-list all proposed uses):  
At this time for enlarging the adjacent parcel to the east.

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. Electric, Phone

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

N/A

C. What have you done to determine that the land is suitable for the development proposed?  
At this point there is no development proposed

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. It will stay just as it is now

E. Explain any potential for conflict with existing land uses in the area. No Conflict  
it is not being farmed

(OVER)



- F. Demonstrate the need of the proposed development at this location. No development at this time Needs Be zone to be able to Be a Stand alone 5 acres
- G. What is the availability of alternative locations? Be specific. None this is Adjacent to the property owned by the people who will own this
- H. If cropland is being consumed by this Zone Change, what is the productivity of the agricultural lands involved? N/A
- 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. N/A

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 Zoning 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.

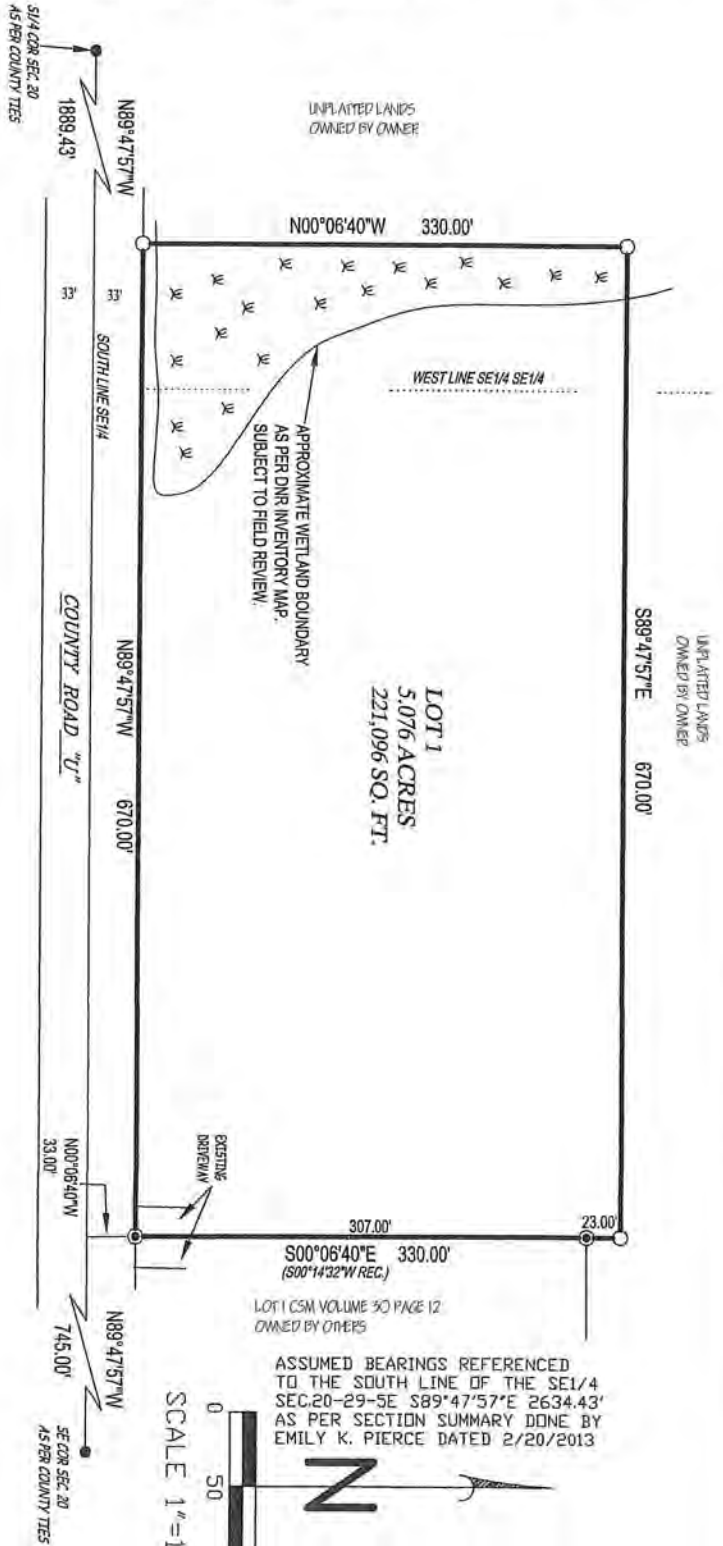
7. Petitioner's Signature [Signature] Phone 715-571-2242 Date 1-21-18  
 8. Owner's Signature [Signature] Phone 715-571-2242 Date 1-31-18

Date Fee Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \$ 600 PAYABLE TO MARATHON COUNTY

Attendance at the Public Hearing before the Marathon County Land Conservation and Zoning (LCZ) 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 LCZ Committee hearing is recommended.

PART OF THE SE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 AND PART OF THE SW1/4 OF THE SE1/4 ALL IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, TOWN OF RIB FALLS, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

**LEGEND**  
 ○ 3/4" X 18" REBAR SET  
 WEIGHING 1.50 LBS/LIN. FT.  
 ● EXISTING 3/4" BAR



GARY R. KRUEGER PLS. NO. 1619  
 SURVEY COMPLETED 7/29/2019

PREPARED FOR:  
 OWNERS:  
 RODGER ROSS  
 228640 COUNTY ROAD "S"  
 EDGAR, WI 54426  
 or  
 JANE C. ROSS  
 988 EDGEWOOD AVENUE  
 EDGAR, WI 54426  
 PROJECT #ROSSKATHY

KRUEGER SURVEYING LLC  
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MARATHON COUNTY CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP  
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5 EAST, TOWN OF RIB FALLS, MARATHON  
COUNTY, WISCONSIN

SURVEYOR CERTIFICATE

I, GARY R. KRUEGER, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

THAT I HAVE SURVEYED, DIVIDED AND MAPPED AT THE DIRECTION OF ROGER ROSS, A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 ALL IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, TOWN OF RIB FALLS, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN AND IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE N89°47'57"W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, 745.00 FEET; THENCE N00°06'40"W, 33.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE N89°47'57"W, ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "U", 670.00 FEET; THENCE N00°06'40"W, 330.00 FEET; THENCE S89°47'57"E, PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, 670.00 FEET; THENCE S00°06'40"E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1, CSM VOLUME 30 PAGE 12 AND ITS EXTENSION THEREOF, 330.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THAT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL IS SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHT-OF-WAYS, RESERVATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

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

THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 236.34 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES, CHAPTER A-E7 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY OF MARATHON AND THE TOWN OF RIB FALLS IN SURVEYING, DIVIDING AND MAPPING THE SAME.

THAT THE SURVEY IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

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

BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

MARATHON CO. CONSERVATION,  
PLANNING AND ZONING DEPT.

PREPARED FOR:

OWNERS:  
ROGER ROSS  
228640 COUNTY ROAD "S"  
EDGAR, WI 54426  
and  
JANE C. ROSS  
928 EDGEWOOD AVENUE  
EDGAR, WI 54426



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SHEET 1 OF 2

GARY R. KRUEGER PLS NO. 1619  
SURVEY COMPLETED 7/29/2019

PROJECT #ROSSKATHYDES





# Land Information Mapping System



## Legend

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- Right Of Ways
- Municipalities
- 2015 Orthos
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  - Green: Band\_2
  - Blue: Band\_3

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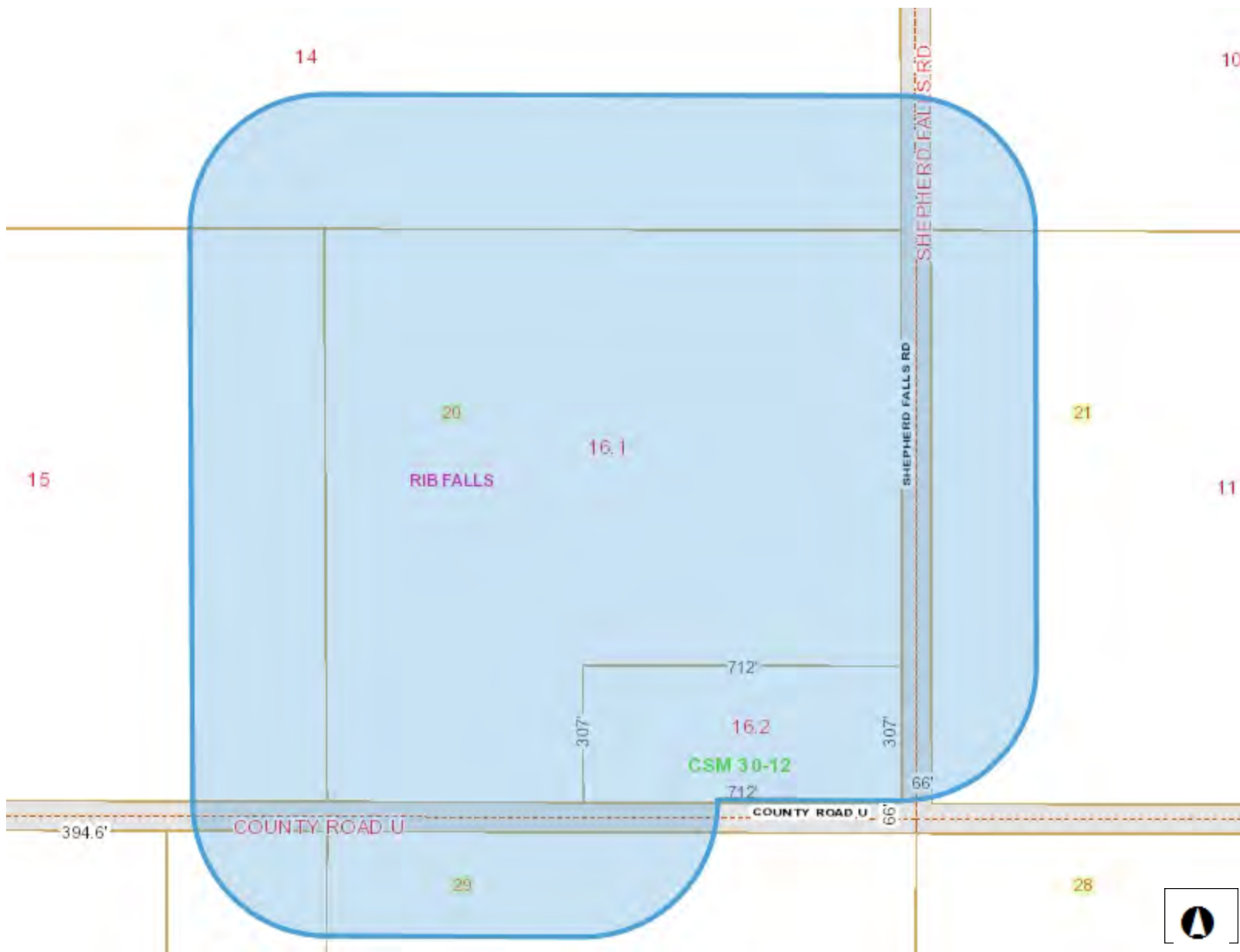
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STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
MARATHON COUNTY )  
TOWN OF RIB FALLS )

**RESOLUTION 02-2019 ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**TO THE MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

I, Alysia Seliger, Clerk of the Town of Rib Falls, 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 Rib Falls Town Board at a meeting held on the 9th day of September, 2019.

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Section 59.69(5)(e)3m., 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 Rib Falls Town Board considered on the 9th day of September, 2019, petition by

Gary Krueger, Krueger Surveying LLC, on behalf of Roger & Verlyn Ross to amend the Marathon County Zoning Ordinance from G-A General Agriculture to R-E Rural Estate described as part of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 05 East, Town of Rib Falls, proposed area to be rezoned (approximately 5.076 acres) of the Preliminary Certified Survey Map submitted by Krueger Surveying LLC. Part of parent parcels PIN # 066-2905-204-0995 and PIN # 066-2905-204-0997.

The Town of Rib Falls 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: NONE

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 IMPACT

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

No  Yes Explain: NA

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: NA

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: NA
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- 7) Has the applicant demonstrated the availability of alternative locations? Be specific  
 No  Yes Explain: NA
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- 8) Is cropland is being consumed by this zone change? What is the productivity of the agricultural lands involved?  
 No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
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- 9) Has the applicant explained how the proposed development will be located to minimize the amount of agricultural land converted?  
 No  Yes Explain: NA
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- 10) Is proposed rezone request consistent with the town's adopted Comprehensive Plan? Explain.  
 No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
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- 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: \_\_\_\_\_
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The Town of Rib Falls recommends:  **Approval**  **Disapproval** of the amendment and/or zone change.

OR  **Requests an Extension\*** for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*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 Alycia Ann  
 Town Board W. Wunsch Chairman  
Lyn J. DeBroux  
John F. Hummer

NOTE: If you recommend disapproval of this request, please make every effort to send a representative to the Environmental Resources Committee Public Hearing. Town input at the hearing is always appreciated. Please return this form before September 24, 2019 to:

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



**Roger & Verlyn Ross  
Petition to Rezone Land  
Staff Report  
Environmental Resources Committee**

**Findings of Fact**

**REQUEST:**

The petition of Gary Krueger, Krueger Surveying, on behalf of Roger Ross and Verlyn Ross to amend the Marathon County Zoning Ordinance from G-A General Agriculture to R-E Rural Estate described as part of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ and part of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 20, Township 29 North, Range 05 East, Town of Rib Falls. Proposed area to be rezoned (approximately 5.076 acres) of the Preliminary Certified Survey Map submitted by Krueger Surveying LLC. Part of parent parcels PIN # 066-2905-204-0995 and PIN # 066-2905-204-0997.

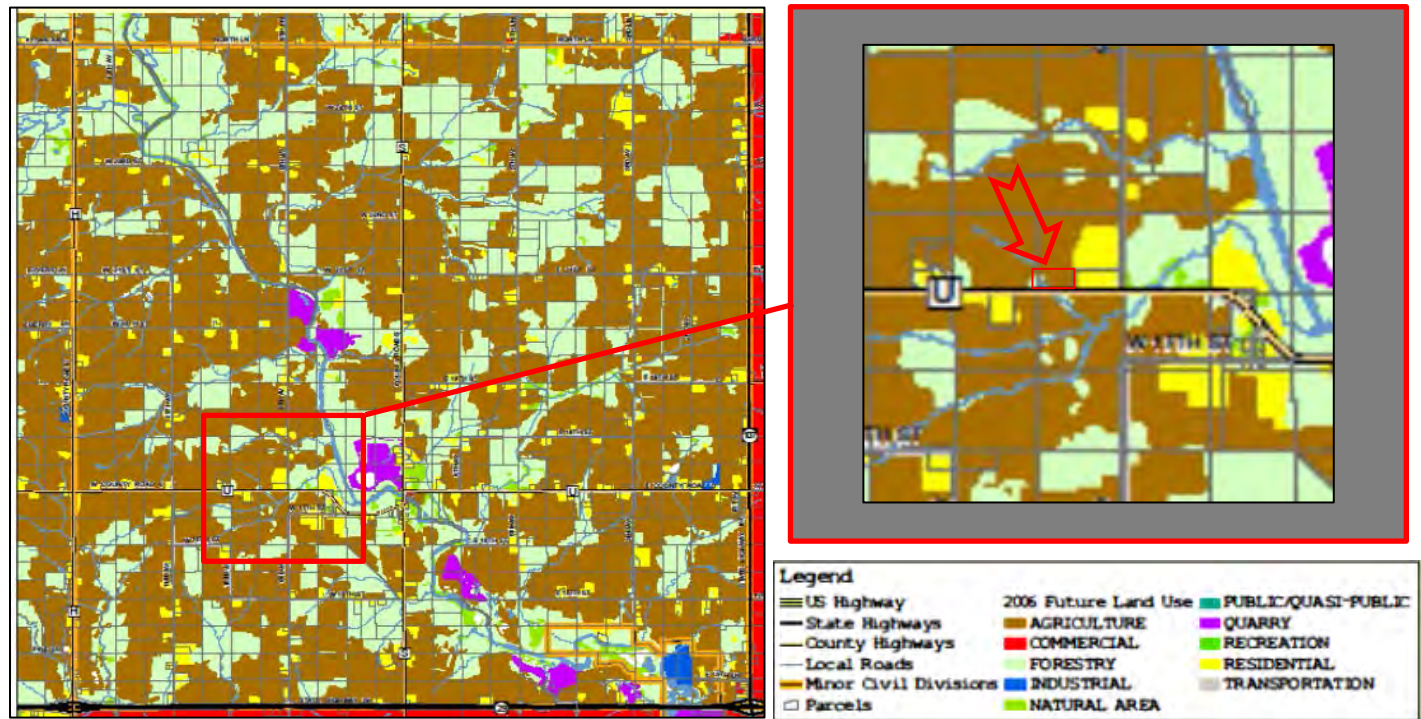
**EXISTING ZONING DISTRICT**

**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.

**PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT:**

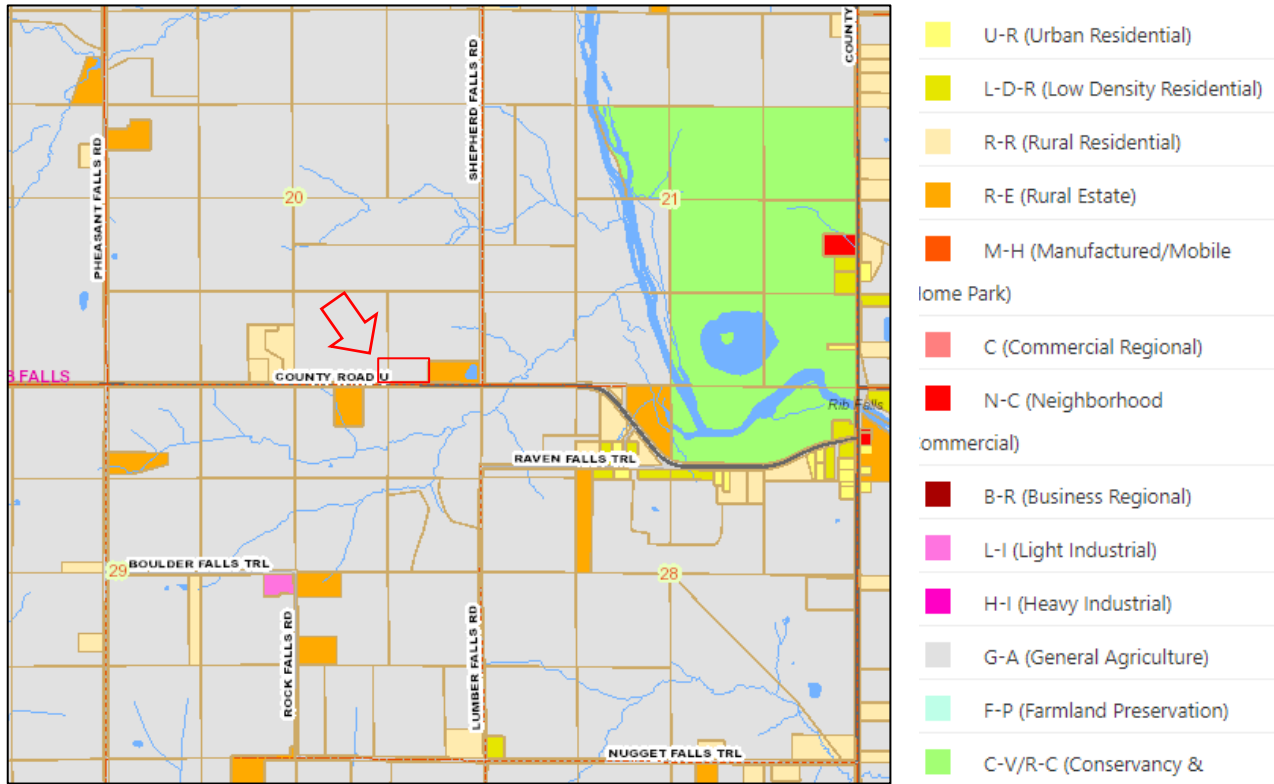
**R-E: Rural Estate District.** The purpose of the R-E district is to accommodate single-family residential use along existing streets, to preserve the rural character while promoting open space single-family medium residential development (involving the extension of new streets), and to separate agricultural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

**TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LANDUSE:** The proposed area to be rezoned is identified as agricultural land (brown) with a little forest land use in the Town of Rib Falls Comprehensive Plan - Future Land Use Map (2017 Plan with 2006 Map). The map identifies some residential uses (yellow) adjacent to the parcel in question as well as on the parent parcel where there is an existing home and farm buildings. Adjacent to the parcel in question is shown to be agricultural land (brown) and forest land (light green) with a few residential uses (yellow) within close proximity.

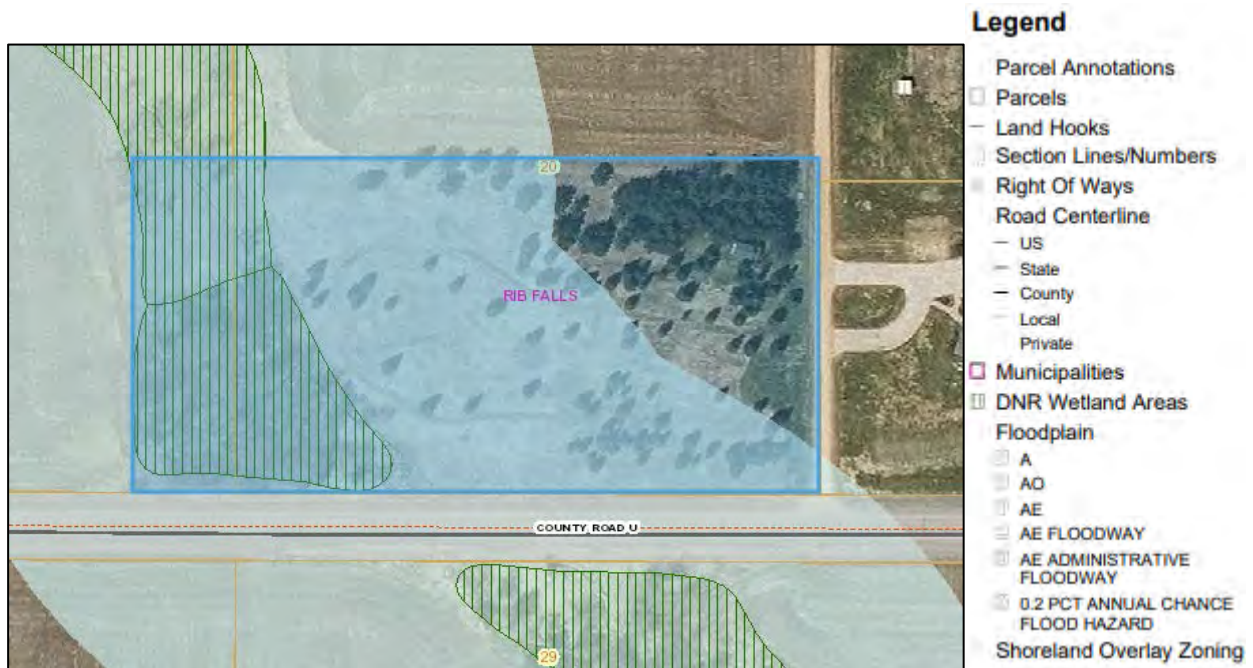


**FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN:** This parcel was not designated as a farmland preservation area in the Farmland Preservation Plan in 2013. Designating this land as a farmland preservation area indicates the land consists of prime agricultural land and supports the agriculture economy.

**EXISTING ZONING DISTRICT MAP:** Adjacent parcels are predominantly zoned General Agricultural (Grey) with a few smaller residential parcels in the area. The area proposed to be rezoned also abuts an existing R-E parcel to the east.



**SIGNIFICANT PAREL LIMITATIONS OR NATURAL FEATURES:** The parent parcel has some DNR mapped wetlands located on the property as well as a shoreland overlay indicating there is/was a navigable stream that may cross the area in question (navigability undetermined). There is no floodplain on the area proposed to be rezoned and subdivided. *Shaded blue rectangle is not exact and should be seen as an approximate for the purposes of reviewing if there are any significant parcel limitations or natural features.*

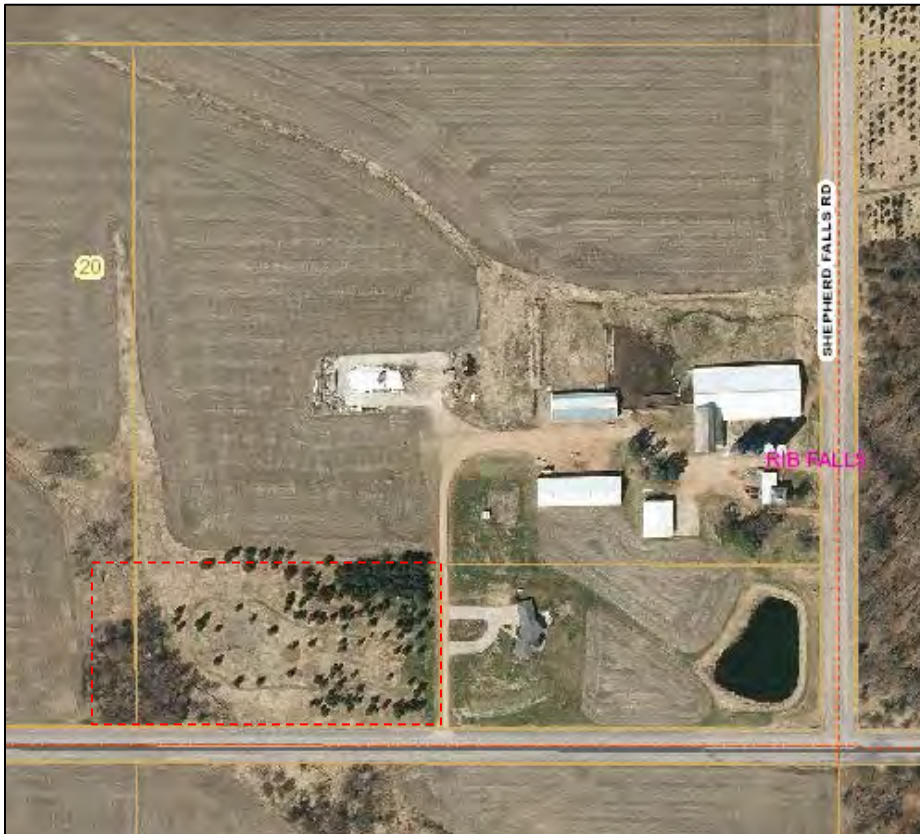




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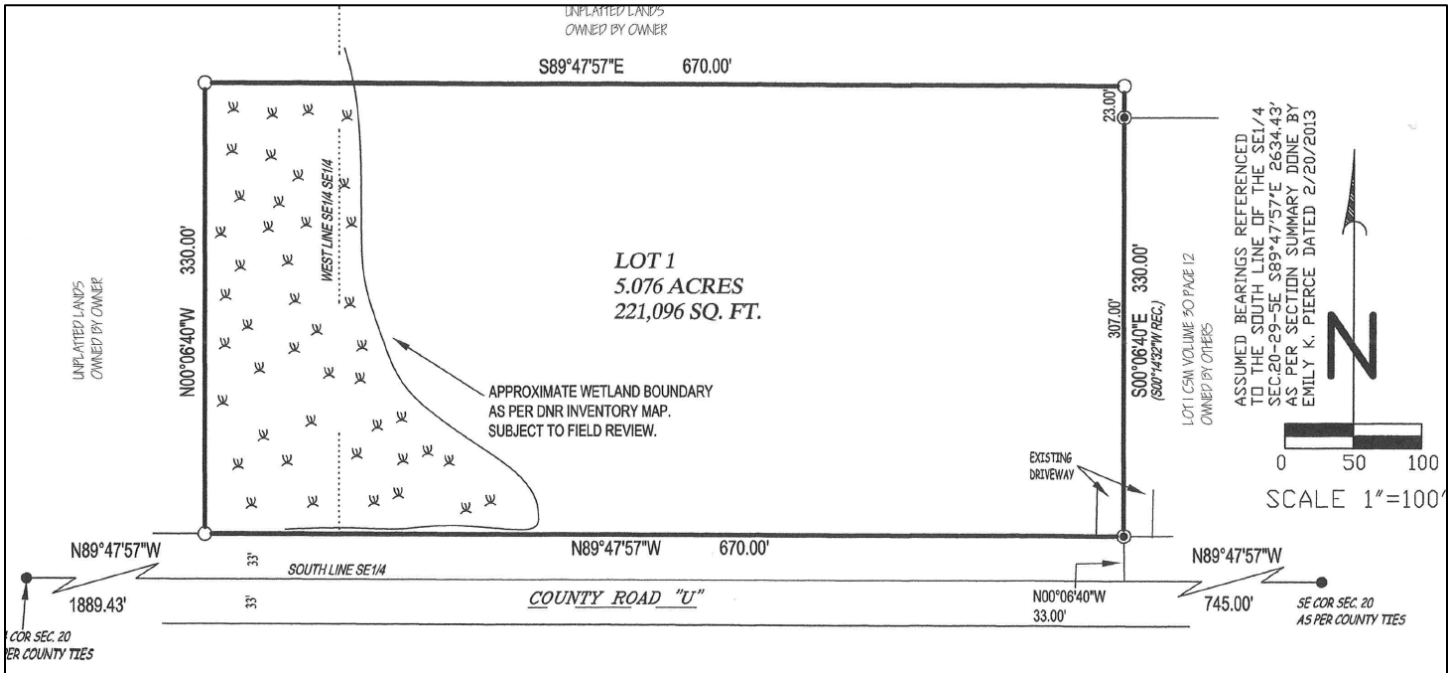


**AERIAL PHOTO: #2**





**Preliminary Certified Survey Map (CSM) and Legal Description:**



**SURVEYOR CERTIFICATE**

I, GARY R. KRUEGER, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:  
 THAT I HAVE SURVEYED, DIVIDED AND MAPPED AT THE DIRECTION OF ROGER ROSS, A PARCEL OF LAND  
 LOCATED IN PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF  
 THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 ALL IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, TOWN OF RIB FALLS,  
 MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN AND IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE N89°47'57"W, ALONG THE SOUTH  
 LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, 745.00 FEET; THENCE N00°06'40"W, 33.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
 THENCE N89°47'57"W, ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "U", 670.00 FEET; THENCE  
 N00°06'40"W, 330.00 FEET; THENCE S89°47'57"E, PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4,  
 670.00 FEET; THENCE S00°06'40"E, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1, CSM VOLUME 30 PAGE 12 AND ITS  
 EXTENSION THEREOF, 330.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THAT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL IS SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHT-OF-WAYS, RESERVATIONS, RESTRICTIONS  
 AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

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

THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 236.34 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES,  
 CHAPTER A-E7 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE  
 COUNTY OF MARATHON AND THE TOWN OF RIB FALLS IN SURVEYING, DIVIDING AND MAPPING THE SAME.  
 THAT THE SURVEY IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.





**Case: #2**  
**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
  - b. [Town](#) Comprehensive Plan and,
  - c. Marathon County [Farmland Preservation Plan](#).

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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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

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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.

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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**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:

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- 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:

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Signature:

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

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 3rd day of September, 2019.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 59.69(5)(e)3m., 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 Sept., 2019, petition by Tammy L. Miller (Kiedrowski) to amend the Marathon County Zoning Ordinance from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential, on property described as part of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 07, Township 27 North, Range 10 East, Town of Elderon, proposed area to be rezoned (approximately 2.00 acres) as described in the survey description and preliminary Certified Survey Map (CSM) submitted by Riverside Land Surveying LLC Part of Parent Parcel Pin# 022-2710-071-0996.

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 additional 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: N/A
- 3) **Has the applicant determined that the land is suitable for the development proposed? Explain.**  
 No     Yes Explain: NO new development proposed
- 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: N/A
- 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 CROPLAND CONVERTED
- 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 Board wishes to adhere to nothing less than a 5 acre minimum lot size.

The Town of \_\_\_\_\_ recommends:  Approval  Disapproval of the amendment and/or zone change.

OR  Requests an Extension\* for the following reasons:

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Clerk Mary Ostrowski  
 Town Board Donald Rasmussen  
Sarah Ostrowski  
Donald W. Springer

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 June 6, 2019 to:

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





**Tammy L. Miller (Kiedrowski)**  
**Petition to Rezone Land**  
**Amended Staff Report October 3, 2019**  
**Environmental Resources Committee**

**Findings of Fact**

**REQUEST:**

The petition of Tammy L. Miller (Kiedrowski) to amend the Marathon County Zoning Ordinance from G-A, General Agriculture to R-R, Rural Residential described as part of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 07, Township 27 North, Range 10 East, Town of Elderon, proposed as Lot #1 (approximately 2.00 acres) of the Preliminary Certified Survey Map (CSM) submitted by Riverside Land Surveying LLC. Part of Parent Parcel Pin# 022-2710-071-0996.

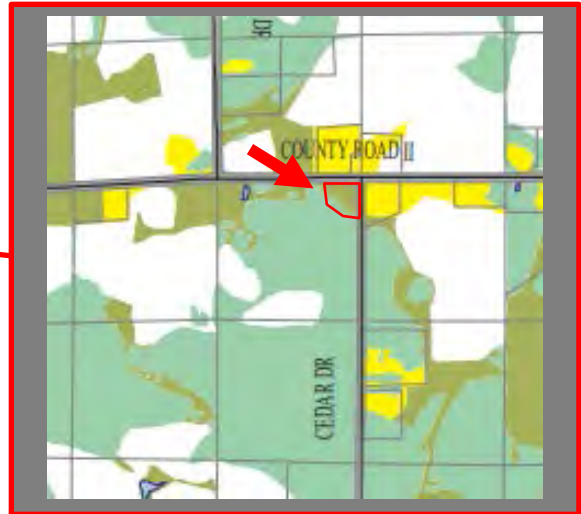
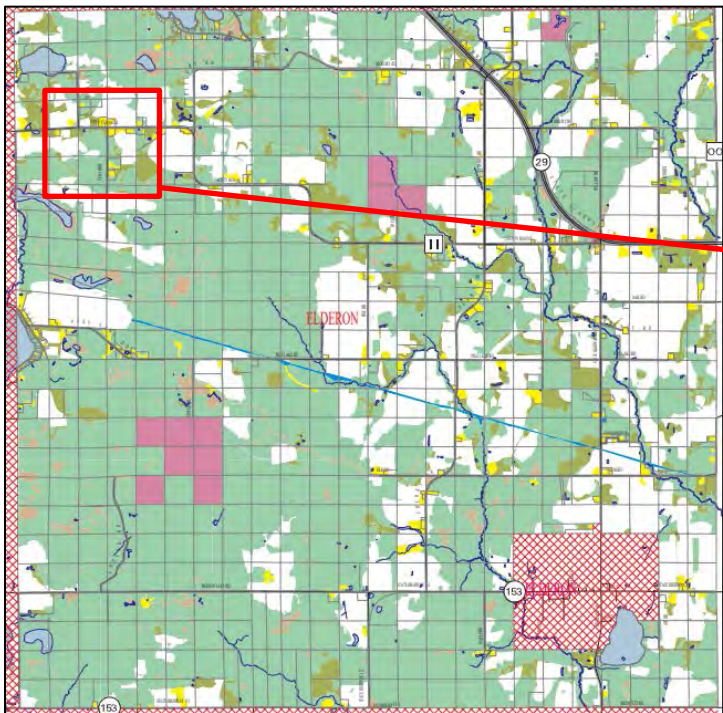
**EXISTING ZONING DISTRICT:**

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**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.

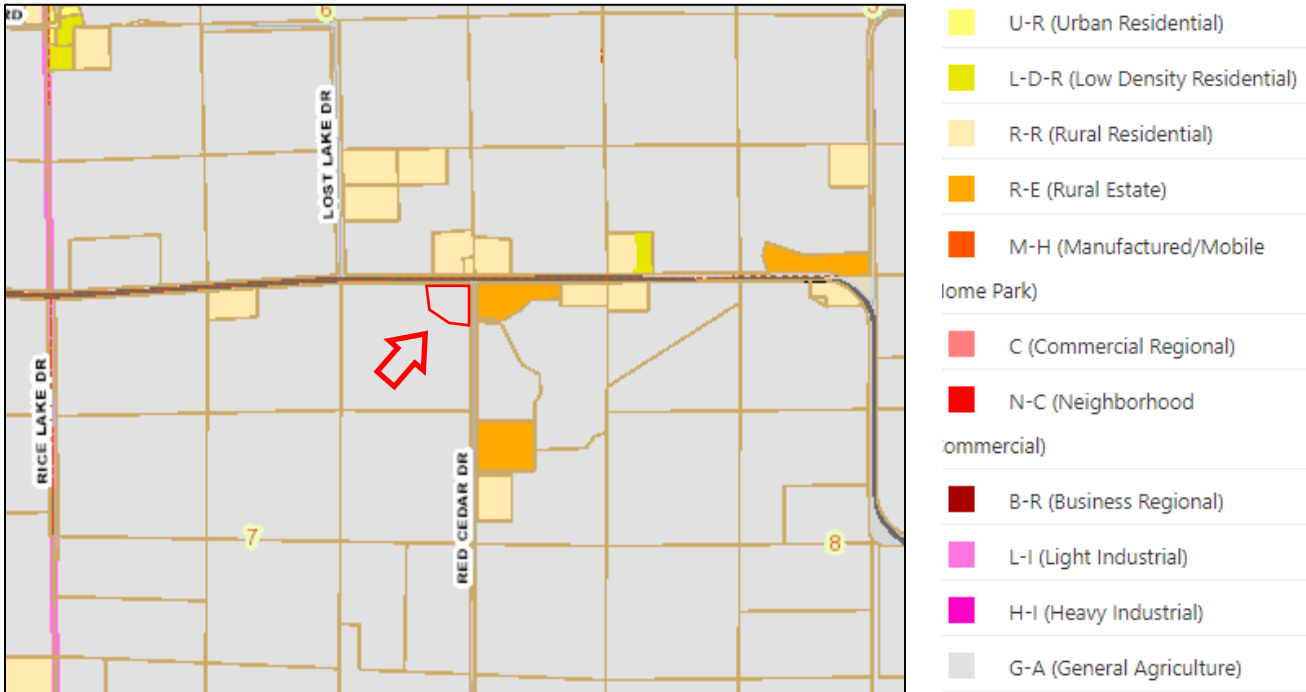
**TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LANDUSE:** The proposed area to be rezoned is identified as Other Agriculture with some Forest Land uses in the Town of Elderon's Comprehensive Plan - Future Land Use Map. The adjacent lands are comprised of Forest Land, Single Family Residential, and Other Agriculture uses. The area to be rezoned has an existing single family home and accessory structure; the rezone will not change the use or purpose of the property.



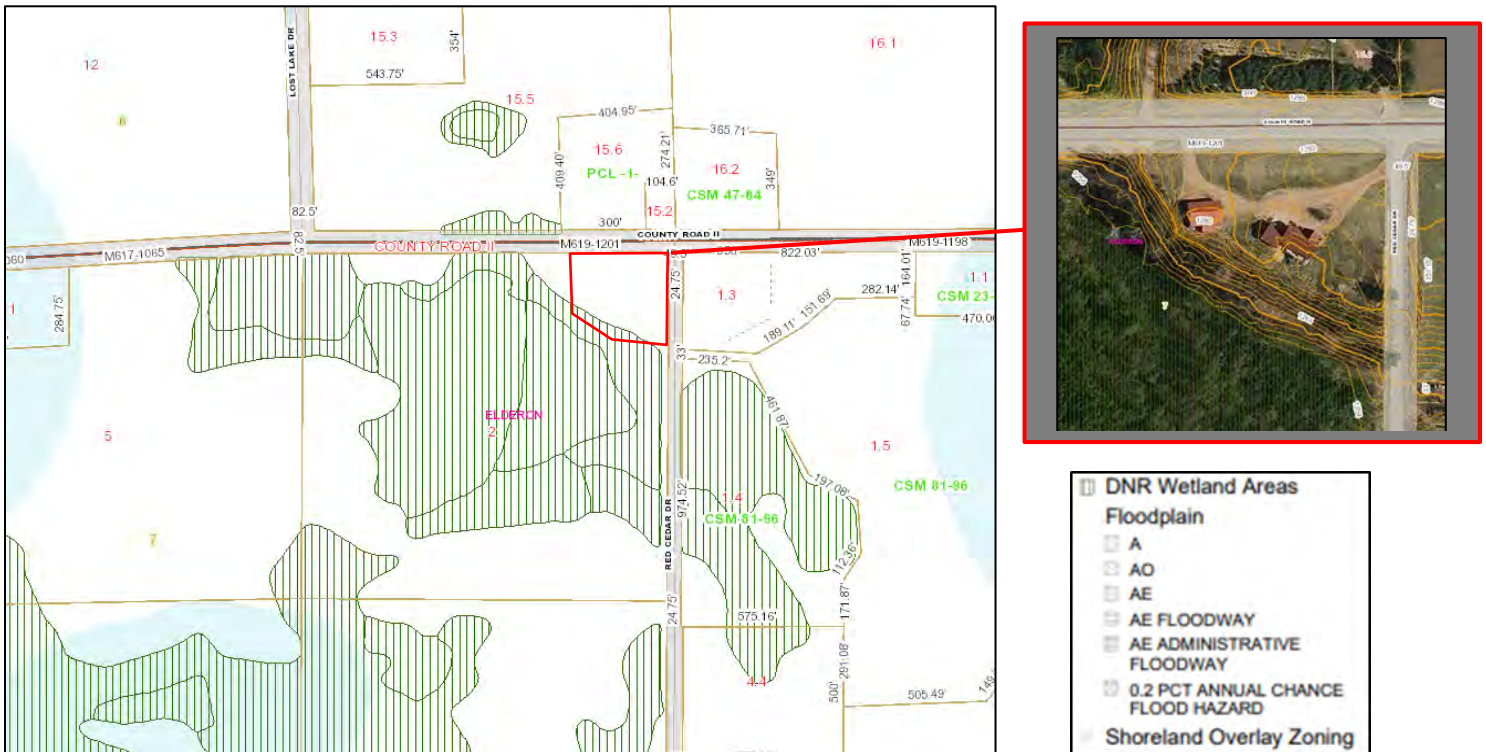
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**FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN:** This parcel was not designated as a farmland preservation area in the Farmland Preservation Plan in 2013. Designating this land as a farmland preservation area would have indicated the land consists of prime agricultural land and supports the agriculture economy.

**EXISTING ZONING DISTRICT MAP:** Adjacent parcels are predominantly zoned General Agriculture (Grey) with Rural Residential (Tan), Rural Estate (Orange), and Low Density Residential (Yellow) parcels in the area. Proposed area to be rezoned will create a 2.000 acre parcel in the Rural Residential zoning district.

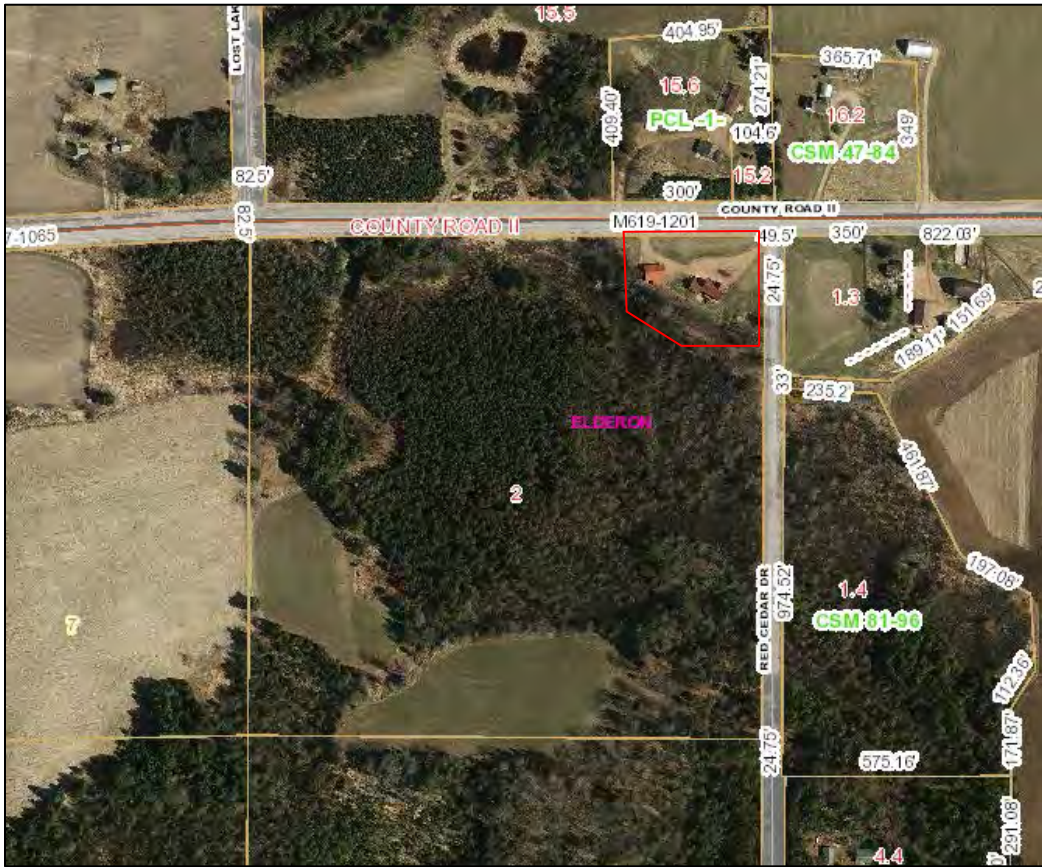


**SIGNIFICANT PARCEL LIMITATIONS OR NATURAL FEATURES:** There are DNR mapped wetlands within the area to be rezoned as seen on the preliminary CSM. There are also significant slopes to the Southwest from the residential structures, at the bottom of which the DNR mapped wetlands are shown. 2 acres of the existing 39.76 acre parcel is assessed for residential whereas 6.76 acres is agricultural and remaining 31 acres are currently in Manage Forest Law (MFL).





**AERIAL PHOTO: #1**



Three current uses throughout the parcel Residential, Agricultural, and Managed Forest (MFL)

**AERIAL PHOTO: #2**

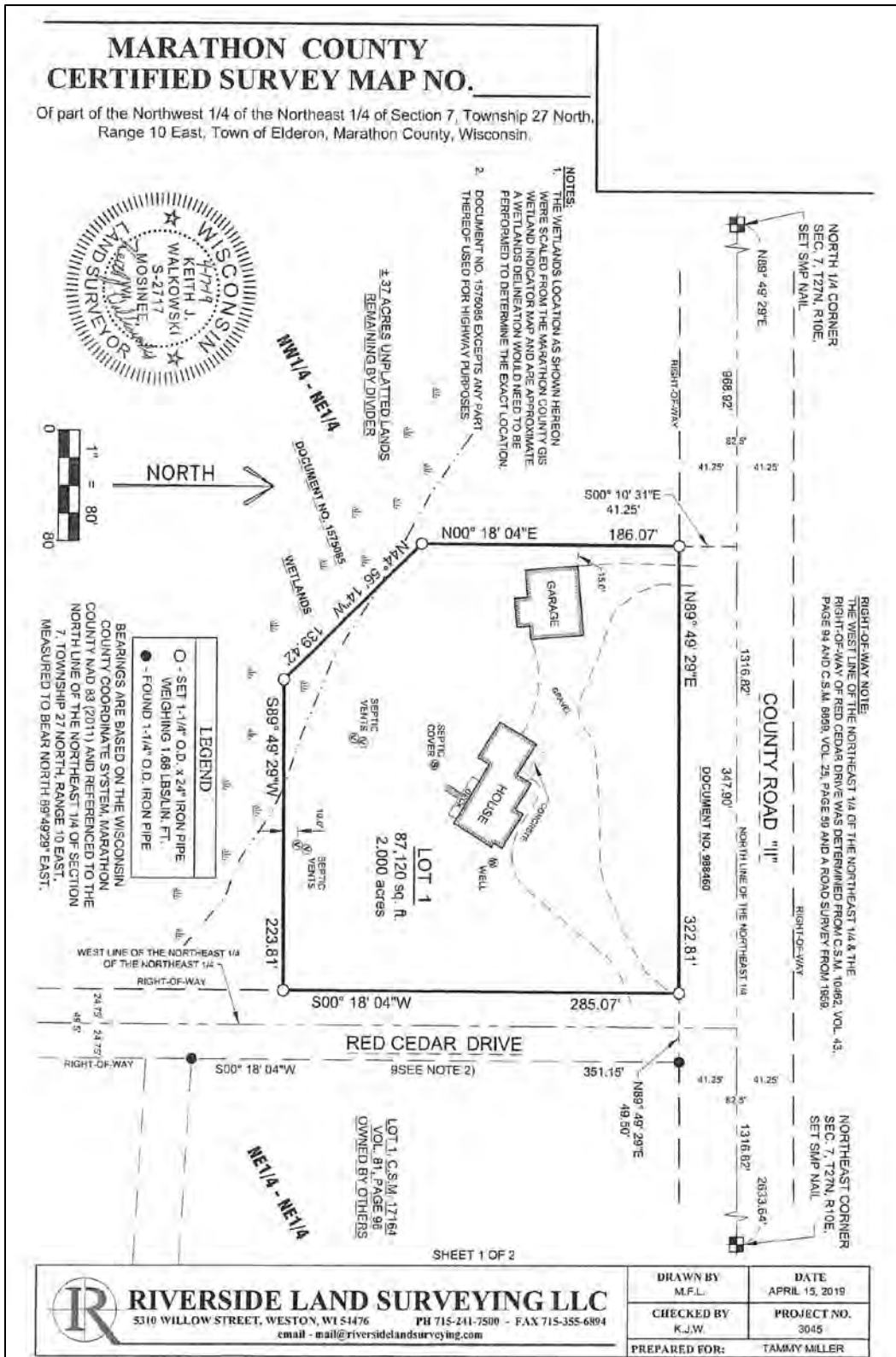


*Red Boundaries shown on maps and aerial photos are approximate and should not be seen as exact proposed lot lines, see preliminary CSM for proposed boundaries and lot line specifics.*



**Preliminary Certified Survey (CSM) Map:**

Lot #1 on the preliminary CSM (below) shows the area to be rezoned from G-A to R-R, which will result in a 2.00 acre parcel.



**MARATHON CO. CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Of part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 7, Township 27 North, Range 10 East, Town of Elderon, Marathon County, Wisconsin.

I, Keith J. Walkowski, Professional Land Surveyor S-2717, hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief: That I have surveyed, mapped and divided part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 7, Township 27 North, Range 10 East, Town of Elderon, Marathon County, Wisconsin, described as follows:

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 7; Thence North 89°49'29" East along the North line of said Northeast 1/4, 968.92 feet; Thence South 00°10'31" East, 41.25 feet to the South right-of-way line of County Road "II" and the point of beginning; Thence North 89°49'29" East along said South right-of-way line, 322.81 feet to the West right-of-way line of Red Cedar Drive; Thence South 00°18'04" West along said West right-of-way line, 285.07 feet; Thence South 89°49'29" West, 223.81 feet; Thence North 44°56'14" West, 139.42 feet; Thence North 00°18'04" East, 186.07 feet to the point of beginning.

That the above described parcel of land contains 87,120 square feet or 2.000 acres, more or less;

That said parcel is subject to all easements, restrictions and right-of-ways of record;

That I have made this survey, division and map thereof at the direction of Tammy Miller, Owner of said parcel;

That I have fully complied with the provisions of Section 236.34 of the Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter A-E7 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and the subdivision regulations of Marathon County and the Town of Elderon in Surveying, Mapping and Dividing the same.

That said map is a correct and accurate representation of the exterior boundaries of said parcel and the division thereof.

**TOWN RECOMMENDATION:**

On May 7<sup>t</sup>, June 4, August 6, and September 3, 2019, the **Town of Elderon** Town Board Recommended denial to Marathon County's Environmental Resources Committee. Below is the most recent resolution recommendation from the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Elderon Town Board Meeting.

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 Board wishes to adhere to nothing less than a 5 acre minimum lot size.*

The Town of \_\_\_\_\_ recommends:  Approval  Disapproval of the amendment and/or zone change.

OR  Requests an Extension\* for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk: *Mary Ostrowski*  
Town Board: *Donald Anderson*  
*Ernie Ostrowski*  
*Donald W. Springer*

## **STAFF (CPZ) RECOMMENDATION(S):**

If this proposed rezone from General Agriculture (G-A) to Rural Residential (RR) is approved, the Town of Elderon should consider updating their comprehensive plan and future land use map to reflect the residential use and residential zoning. The remnant parcel created is zoned G-A and will be greater than 10 acres which meets and exceeds the G-A minimum lot size standards. The proposed rezone will not conflict with adjacent land uses or zoning districts as the area in question has an existing single family home and the use will not change. There are no apparent conflicts with the Marathon County's Comprehensive Plan as it relates to the proposed rezone.

At the first public hearing June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 staff recommended approval and the committee, on a split vote, recommended approval to the County Board. The rezone application was subsequently pulled from the County Board Agenda. The committee reopened the public hearing on July 2, 2019 and recessed the hearing, giving the applicant the ability to work with town to find a solution. The applicant has met with the town since July and the town has submitted the latest recommendation of denial as shown above.

The rezone criteria and "Standards for Rezoning" [application section #4 (A through I)] have been addressed and met. However, the Town of Elderon has recommended denial and has concerns with the proposed rezone and subsequent land division due to the proposed parcel size of only 2 acres. According to the resolution provided by the Town to the department, the town board wishes to adhere to nothing less than a 5 acre minimum lot size. Furthermore, the town has supplied the department with a document which appears to be an amendment to a possible land division ordinance that may have previously been in effect. The department is unsure of the validity of the Town's claim to have a legal land division ordinance, nor has the town been able to supply the original ordinance/document to the department.

Because the Town of Elderon has recommended denial, the Wis. Stats. 59.69 below applies.

**Wis. Stats., 59.69(5)(e)(3) states:** *"Except as provided under subd. 3m., if a town affected by the proposed amendment disapproves of the proposed amendment, the town board of the town may file a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the board disapproving of the petition with the agency before, at or within 10 days after the public hearing. 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, or the town boards of a majority of the towns affected in the case of all other amendatory ordinances file such resolutions, the agency may not recommend approval of the petition without change, but may only recommend approval with change or recommend disapproval."*

Considering Wis. Stats., 59.69(5)(e)(3) and the Marathon County Zoning Ordinance as it relates to a town's recommendation and official resolution, the options available to the committee are as follows:

- recommend disapproval to the County Board or
- recommend approval with change to the County Board

Based on the information provided, CPZ staff recommends the Environmental Resources Committee consider recommending approval with change to the Marathon County Board of Supervisors to rezone 5 acres or more, which would be consistent with Wis. Stat. 59.69(5)(e)(3) and Marathon County Zoning Ordinance. The area to be rezoned would need to be identified and a legal description provided prior to the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 ERC Meeting. The motion to approve with change would reference the 5 acre legal description. By recommending the approval with change, the rezoning would reflect the wishes of the town as it relates to the 5 acre minimum, and would still be consistent with the standards of the Marathon County Zoning Ordinance. The applicant would be responsible to work with the town on the question of the town's minimum lot size and town's land division "ordinance".





**Case: #3**  
**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.

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

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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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

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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.

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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

Agree       disagree       insufficient information

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**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:

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- 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:

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Signature:

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dated this 9th of September, 2019

Signed by the Board of the Town of Stacie Atkeson  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]

CERTIFICATION

I, Walter Bueg, Clerk of the Town of Mosinee, Marathon  
County, State of Wisconsin do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of a Zoning Resolution  
adopted by a majority vote of the Town Board of the Town of Mosinee on  
August 12, 2019

Walter Bueg  
Town Clerk (signature)

9/9/19  
Date

Send this completed form along with your amendments, and a map, to:  
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Marathon County Conservation, Planning & Zoning (CPZ) Department  
210 River Drive  
Wausau WI 54403 5449



## Town of Mosinee

### Planning Commission Public Hearing

August 12th, 2019 – 6:00 PM

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**Posted this Date:**

William Bruening, Clerk, Town of Mosinee

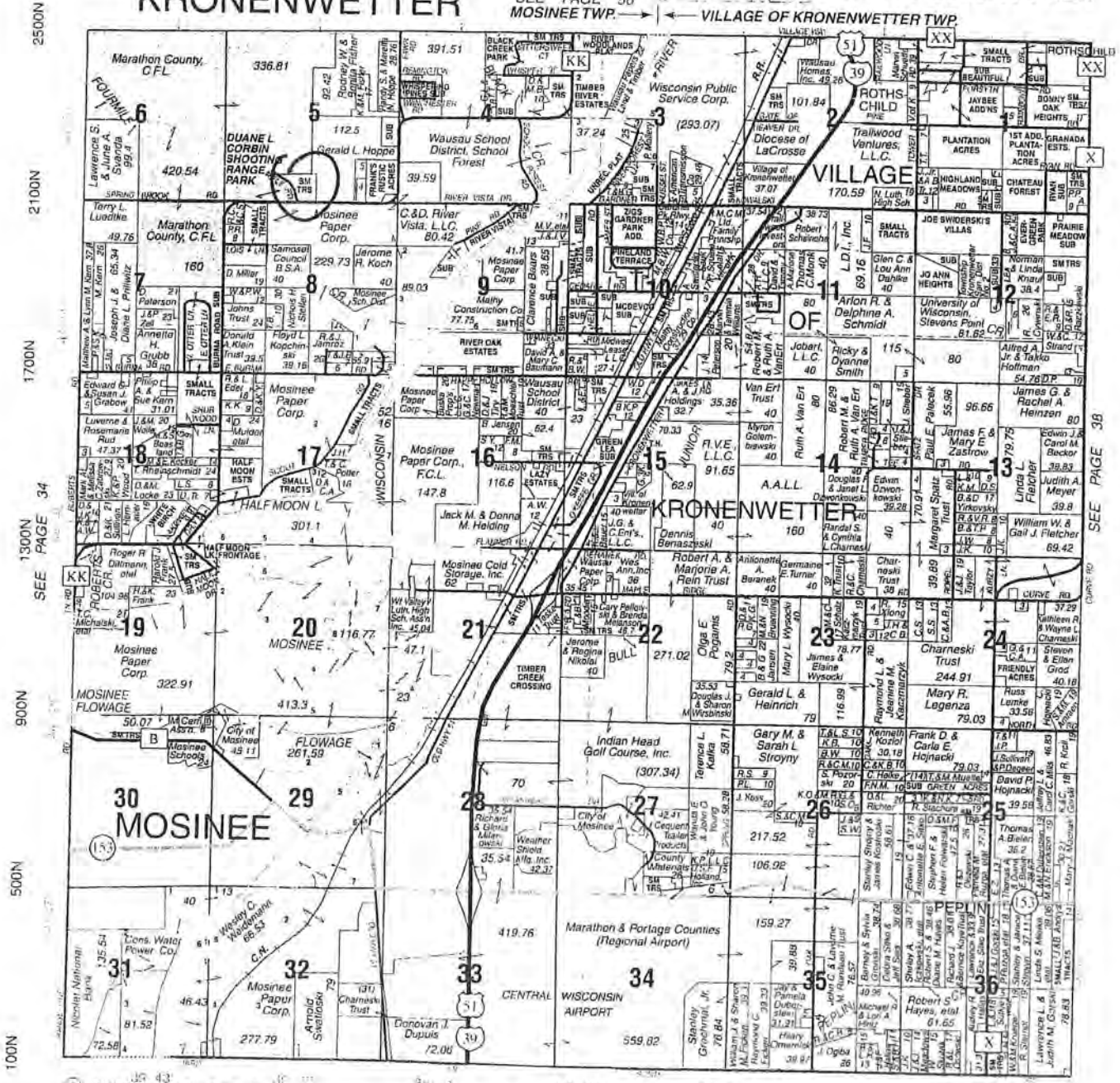
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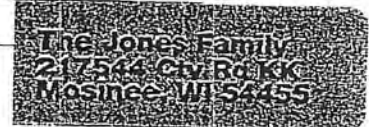
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TOWN OF MOSINEE**

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(Name and Address of Applicant)  
hereby petition to rezone property owned by David + Julie Jones  
(Name and Address of Landowner)  
from the classification of commercial to residential



2. The legal description of that part of the property to be rezoned is:  
See Parcel III on enclosed sheet

Parcel Identification Number: 058-2707-053-0991

3. The proposed change is to facilitate the use of the land for (be specific -- list all proposed uses):  
residential purposes and to create 1 tax bill  
instead of 3. Abolic pin # lot needs to be grouped with #058-2707-053-0991  
& see below

4. Please address the following criteria as best 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:

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

N/A

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N/A

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:

N/A

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

None - all residential

F. Demonstrate the need of the proposed development at this location:

N/A

3.) \* #058-2707-053-0991 and #058-2707-053-0990 to be categorized under #058-2707-053-0995 to create 1 parcel.



**Town of Mosinee**  
**Minutes from August 12, 2019**  
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N/A

H. If cropland is being consumed by this Zone Change, what is the productivity of the agricultural lands involved?

N/A

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.

N/A

5. The names and mailing addresses of all property owners within 300 feet of the boundaries of the property on which the rezone is located are:

Amy & Todd Baumann 217580 Cty Rd KK, Mosinee WI 54455

Lynn Hanson 217801 Rifle Rd, Mosinee WI 54455

East Wausau LLC 7306 Zinser St, Weston WI 54476

Marathon Cty Shooting Range, ~~849~~ 500 Forest St Wausau WI 54403

Trusting Your Food LLC 2801 N 7th St Suite 400, Wausau WI 54403

6. 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 feet or larger. Include the names of all property owners, existing land uses, and zoning classifications within 300 feet of the boundaries of the property on which the rezone is located. Show additional information if required. (If larger sheets are required to adequately portray the site, include ten copies).

7. Petitioner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

8. Owner's Signature David Jones ✓ Phone 715-633-1543 Date 5-28-19

Date Fee Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee: \$275 payable to Treasurer, Town of Mosinee

FAILURE OF THE APPLICANT OR HIS AGENT TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING WILL CAUSE THE COMMITTEE TO DENY THIS APPLICATION

Town of Mosinee  
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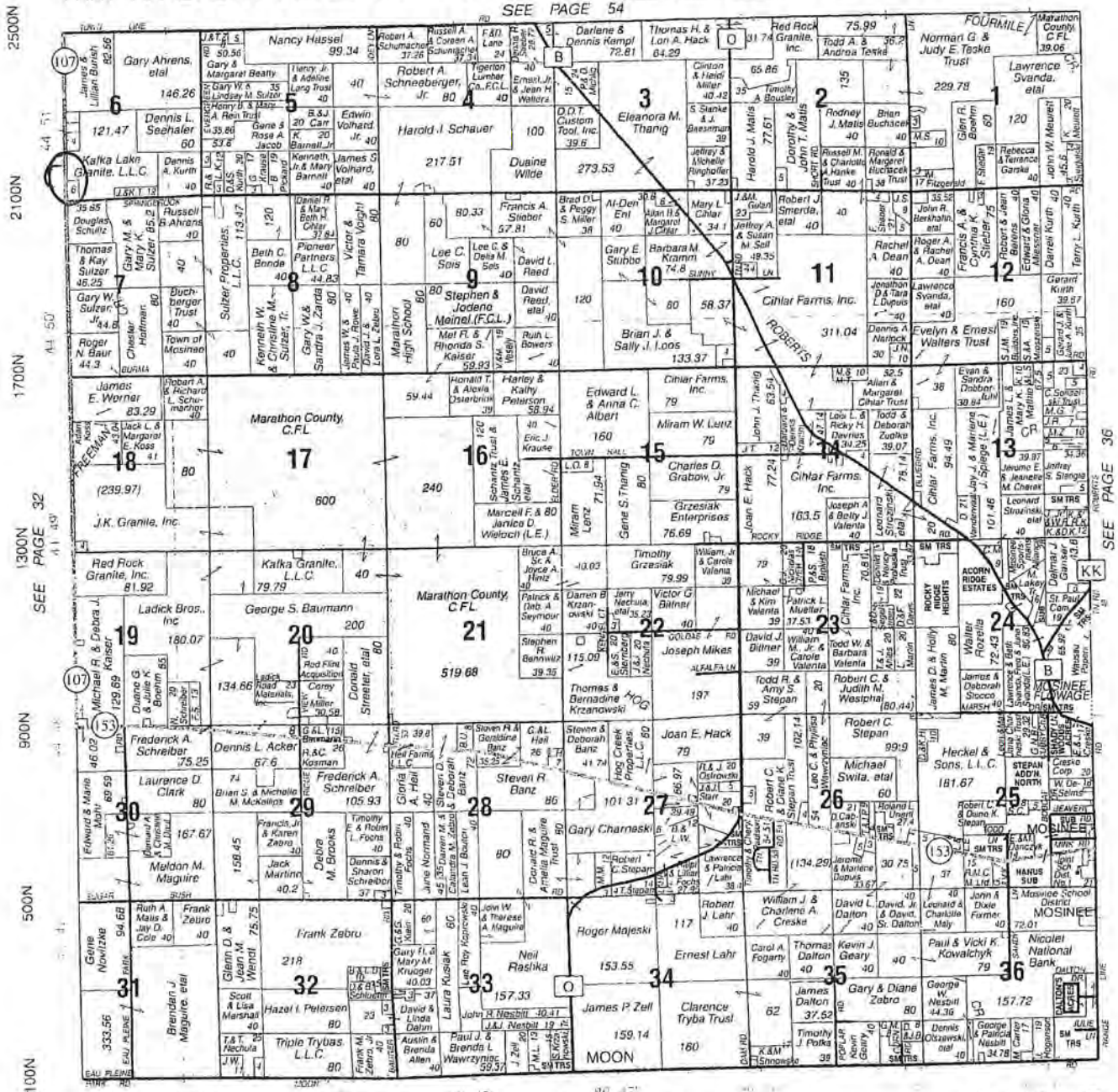
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from the classification of M1 to AG Residential or A1

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PT OF FRL S 1/4 SW 1/4 COR A INCTN OF E LN OF Hwy 107 &  
N LN OF TR Rd N ALG E LN OF Hwy-107- 260 FT E M514-517  
6430 Acres  
 Parcel Identification Number: 058-2706-063-0995

3. The proposed change is to facilitate the use of the land for (be specific -- list all proposed uses):  
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4. Please address the following criteria as best you can. These are the "standards for rezoning" which will be addressed at the public hearing. (Use additional sheets if necessary.)

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NA

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THIS ZONING CHANGE IS TO CLEAN UP PREVIOUS ZONING OVERSIGHT TO FACILITATE A SALE

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NANCY AHRENS 137022 SPRING BROOK RE. MOSINEE 54455  
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7. Petitioner's Signature Thomas M & Joyce Ahle Phone 715-443-2560 Date 7-5-19

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
TO: Environmental Resources Committee  
FROM: Teal Fyksen, Land Use Specialist  
SUBJECT: ORDINANCE REVISIONS - Chapter 21 – Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Code

The Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Department (CPZ) is currently revising Chapter 21 – Nonmetallic Mining (NMM) Reclamation Code of the General Code of Ordinances. All proposed revisions will pertain to the nonmetallic mining **RECLAMATION Ordinance Chapter 21 ONLY**.

The proposed revisions are intended to keep Marathon County's Chapter 21 – NMM Reclamation Code in compliance with Administrative Rule NR135, which governs NMM reclamation in the State of Wisconsin

The types of changes proposed include:

- Reformatting to improve readability, ease of use and match the format of other department ordinances
- Expanded definitions section matching NR135 definitions
- Clarification of the application requirements and permitting processes
- Clarification of permit transfer requirements and process
- Clarification of permit suspension and revocation process.

The approximate timeline and important dates are as follows:

- ❖ **October 1, 2019 – Open House** - 2 PM to 7 PM. (CPZ large conference room - 210 River Drive Wausau, WI 54403)
- ❖ **October 3, 2019 – Environmental Resources Committee review of memo outlining draft ordinance changes.**
- ❖ **November 7, 2019 – Public Hearing** – to be held during the Environmental Resources Committee Meeting. (12:30pm – Conference Room 5 – 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403) The intent of this hearing is to allow public input regarding ordinances and address any questions/concerns related to ordinance language.
- ❖ **November 14, 2019** – Chapter 21 submitted to County Board for Approval
- ❖ **January 1, 2020** – Chapter 21 is approved ordinance goes into effect.

These ordinance revisions coincide with Objective 5.2, Strategy A and B of the Marathon County Strategic Plan – Promote sound land use decisions that conserve and preserve natural resources in decision with economic development and growth. If you have any questions or concerns related to the Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Code revisions, please feel free to contact me.

*The Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ) Department's mission is to protect our community's land and environment. We promote thoughtful and deliberate use of resources to insure that Marathon County has healthy people, a healthy economy, and a healthy environment, today and tomorrow.*

**Conservation, Planning & Zoning Department**

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COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

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**100 MISSION STATEMENT**

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department mission is to adaptively manage our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities and unique experiences making Marathon County the perfect place to live, work and play. The mission of the Marathon County Forest is to manage, conserve and protect natural resources on a sustainable basis for present and future generations. These resources, such as those provided by the County Forest, are the base for addressing the ecological and socioeconomic needs of society.

County Forest resources should be protected from natural catastrophes such as fire, insect and disease outbreaks, and from human threats such as encroachment, over-utilization, environmental degradation and excessive development. While managed for environmental needs including watershed protection, protection and maintenance of biotic diversity, these same resources must also be managed and provide for sociological needs, including the production of raw materials for wood-using industries that provide a wide variety of products fulfilling consumer demands, and provisions for recreational opportunities.

**105 GOAL OF THE COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN (Hereafter referred to as the “Plan”)**

To administer the County Forest program consistent with the mission statement and the purpose and direction of the County Forest Law as stated in s. 28.11, Wis. Stats., giving consideration to input from citizens and groups. The purpose of the County Forest Law being:

“ ... to provide the basis for a permanent program of county forests and to enable and encourage the planned development and management of the County Forests for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, watershed protection and stabilization of stream flow, giving full recognition to the concept of multiple use to assure maximum public benefits; to protect the public rights, interests and investments in such lands; and to compensate the counties for the public uses, benefits and privileges these lands provide; all in a manner which will provide a reasonable revenue to the towns in which such lands lie.”

**110 COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN**

**MARATHON COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN POLICY**

This plan shall incorporate or reference all official County Forest policies, pertinent county regulations, planning documents and the needs and actions for the period 2021 through 2035.

This plan is the authority for management on county forest lands enrolled under Wisconsin County Forest Law s. 28.11. This plan may be encompassed within required local planning efforts.

110.1 MANAGEMENT PLANNING OBJECTIVES

Management planning shall be used to establish objectives, policies, procedures, rules and regulations, and to promote an efficient and orderly program of development and management of the County Forest in the interest of:

1. Determining needs and priorities.
2. Achieving goals set forth in the mission statement of this plan.
3. Satisfying the statutory requirements of s. 28.11, Wis. Stats.
4. Satisfying requirements for participation in various state and federal aid programs.
5. Providing broad long-term and detailed short-term guidelines for actions.

110.2 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN

Section 28.11, Wis. Stats., places the responsibility for the plan development on the Committee with technical assistance from the Department and other agencies. The County Forest Administrator will take the lead at the committee’s request. During development of the plan public participation should be utilized to provide for public participation throughout the planning process. Public participation and inputs into the plan should consider s. 28.11, Wis. Stats., which governs the County Forest program and provides the sideboards to which this plan must adhere.

Marathon County’s public participation process includes the following:

**MARATHON COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN 2021 - 2035**  
**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

<u>STAGE OF PROCESS</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>TOOLS/TECHNIQUES</u>
Identification of Issues	Consult	On-Line/Mailed General Survey
Draft Development	Inform	Website
All Draft Chapters	Involve/ Collaborate	Forest Citizens’ Advisory Subcommittee Forestry/Recreation Committee Environmental Resources Committee Park Commission (Chapter 900 only)
Preliminary Draft Completion	Inform/Consult	Open House – Public Meeting
Final Draft	Inform	Forest Citizens’ Advisory Subcommittee Website/E-Mail to Plan Holders

### 110.3 APPROVAL OF THE PLAN

Comments received should be given consideration during plan development. The Committee will then present the plan to the County Board for their approval. Following County Board approval, the plan will then be forwarded to the Department for approval of the plan by the DNR required by s. 28.11(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

### 110.4 DISTRIBUTION OF THE PLAN

Each member of the County Board will have access to a copy of the plan at the time of initial review and approval. Updated official copies will be maintained by the Forest Administrator and available electronically.

Plan and future amendments will be: Electronic versions of the plan or plan amendments or electronic links to the documents will be distributed to the following:

1. Department of Natural Resources - Liaison and County Forest Specialist.
2. Executive Director- Wisconsin County Forests Association.

### 110.5 UPDATING THE PLAN

Necessary changes in policy and procedure will be incorporated into the plan by amendment as required. Amendments to the plan will require approval by both the County Board and the Department of Natural Resources as stated in s. 28.11(5)(a), Wis. Stats. Changes to official County Forest Blocking map require County Board approval. The annual county board approved work plan, budget, and annual accomplishment report are appended to the plan and do not require official DNR approval. In addition, changes to Chapters 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000 do not require a plan amendment or official DNR approval, with the exception of the official County Forest Blocking map.

### 110.6 COORDINATION WITH OTHER PLANNING

The development of this plan and any future amendments to this plan will include considerations, and if warranted, participation in other local and regional planning efforts. It is expected these other plans will also consider and mesh their efforts with the County forest plan. Coordination between the County Strategic, Comprehensive and County Outdoor Recreation (CORP) and other is essential for effective land management.

## **115 FOREST RESOURCE PLANNING**

The Committee will utilize procedure as set forth in the Department of Natural Resources Public



Forest Lands Handbook no. 2460.5. Silviculture Guidance, supported by Wisconsin's forestry community and Silvicultural Guidance Team may be referenced in forest management activities. WisFIRS will be utilized as the primary tool for forest management planning decisions. Additional resources such as forest habitat type classification, soil surveys, and DNR's Best Management Practices for Water Quality guidelines may be utilized in management decisions.

#### 115.1 FOREST CERTIFICATION GROUP ADMINISTRATION

As the certification group manager, the Department of Natural Resources will be responsible for overall administration of third-party certification efforts. The DNR County Forest Specialist will work in close cooperation with the Wisconsin County Forests Association in coordinating this effort. The group manager's responsibilities will include:

- Record keeping of certification
- Coordinating communication with the certification auditing firms
- Reporting and payment of fees
- Processing new entries and departures from the groups
- Internal compliance monitoring
- Dispute resolution

Detail on the certification group administration is maintained in the Public Forest Lands Handbook.

#### 115.2 FOREST CERTIFICATION COMMITMENT

##### **Marathon County's Commitment to Sustainable Forestry**

Our county forests provide a vital contribution to the State and the world by providing economic, environmental and social benefits important to our quality of life. Marathon County believes that accomplishing such sustainable forestry requires a commitment and partnership from all the groups and individuals that benefit from these public lands.

##### **Marathon County's Commitment**

Within the scope of the Wisconsin County Forest Law and the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Marathon County will implement forestry practices that promote forest sustainability and multiple use of the forest. In the management of the Forest that will include the sustainable harvest of forest products, the protection of special sites, wildlife, plants, water quality and aesthetics.

All forestland owners have a responsibility to provide sound forest stewardship. Marathon County will work in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other

natural resources groups / agencies in providing sustainable forestry information to those landowners and individuals impacting forest sustainability in Wisconsin. We will support research efforts to improve the health, productivity, and management of forestlands both internally and through cooperative efforts. In managing the Marathon County Forest a spectrum of forestry practices will be employed to achieve our sustainable forestry objective. Both intensive and more extensive forest management techniques will be used to provide for wildlife, forest products, recreation, aesthetics, water quality, aesthetics and ecosystem maintenance. In keeping with this responsibility Marathon County is committed to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) program.

## **120 COUNTY AUTHORITY**

The County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan is the official County Forest authority. The Forestry/Recreation Committee of the County Board enforces the regulations governing the use of the County Forest.

### **120.1 ORDINANCES**

The county ordinances that apply to the administration and management of the Marathon County Forest can be found in Chapter 1005.1. In addition, the following will be considered in planning process.

- County Forestry ordinance (General Code Chapter 16)
- Park and Recreation ordinance (General Code Chapter 19)
- Shoreland, Shoreland wetland and floodplain (General Code Chapter 22)
- All Terrain Vehicles (General Code Chapter 7)
- Non-Metallic Mining ordinance (General Code, Chapter 21)
- Snowmobile ordinance (General Code Chapter 7)
- Marathon County Comprehensive Plan (General Code Chapter 26)
- Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee (General Code Chapter 16)

## **125 HISTORY**

### **125.1 STATEWIDE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT**

In 1927, the State Legislature passed the Forest Crop Law, authorizing counties to create county forests. An opinion of the Attorney General with reference to the Forest Crop Law stated that the counties would be exempt from the owner's share of annual tax. In 1929 the law was amended to create the County Forest Reserve Law. In 1963, several major revisions were made, creating the

County Forest Law s. 28.11. The most notable change was the creation of a permanent program of forests that would be managed in accordance with a 10 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan developed by the county, with the assistance of the Department of Natural Resources. Several grants and loans were created and remain available to counties to compensate for public uses of these county forest lands as stipulated in s. 28.11. To fulfill additional statutory obligations acreage share payments to towns are currently \$.30/acre, and towns with county forest land receive a minimum of 10% of the stumpage revenue from their respective County Forest each year.

In 2020, twenty-nine counties in Wisconsin owned approximately 2.4 million acres entered under the County Forest Law.

## 125.2 MARATHON COUNTY FOREST PROGRAM HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

At one time, Marathon County was covered with magnificent stands of pine, hemlock, and hardwoods on the highlands, and cedar, spruce, and balsam on its lowlands. These forests provided raw material for a thriving lumbering industry from 1860 to about 1910. As a result of the clamor to conquer the wilderness, supply lumber for housing and factories, and without proper forest management, the forests were nearly completely destroyed. The logging slash was ideal for wildfires which essentially culminated with the Peshtigo fire in 1871, but fires continued into the 1930's. Immigrants rushed to these newly cleared lands hungry for a place to farm and build their lives. But in just a few years, the soils gave out and these people left to seek their fortunes elsewhere, leaving the land increasingly barren and tax delinquent. The Marathon County Forest originated with the taking of these tax delinquent lands.

Marathon County hired a Forest Ranger, Ralph Gunzel, to begin a management program with 160 acres of County Forest Land and nearly 20,000 acres of tax delinquent lands in 1946. Ranger Gunzel established a tree nursery, planted trees on County lands, gave conservation programs in the schools and communities countywide, organized fire crews and fought wild fires, expanded the amount of County Forest Lands, appraised and sold tax delinquent land, developed food patches for game animals, developed forest trails, encouraged responsible public use, checked hunting and fishing licenses, established commercial timber sales, and advocated sound management on County Forest Lands for sustainable production of forest crops including recreation, game, and timber.

By 1956, there were 24,477 acres of County Forests under management. During the first 10 years, 800,000 trees were planted on County lands, and 17 miles of fire lanes were built to protect these plantings from fire.

In 1956 alone, 280 acres were added to the County's forest program. Also in 1956, 2,100 acres of tax delinquent land were sold leaving 6,329 acres of delinquent lands on the tax rolls. By 1961, the last spruce and pine from the County nursery were planted on County Forest Land.

The Marathon County Board approved entry of County Forest Lands under the Forest Crop Law in 1967 and made an initial entry of 21,840 acres. As of June 30, 2020 there are 30,195 acres in the County Forest. Marathon County's Forest was the twenty-eighth County Forest to be entered under the County Forest Crop Law. Today there are 29 County Forests. Previous to entry, County Forest Lands had no comprehensive forest plan.

### 125.3 WISCONSIN COUNTY FORESTS ASSOCIATION

Marathon County is a member of the Wisconsin County Forests Association, Inc. (WCFA). This Association was incorporated on May 15, 1968 under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes, without stock and not for profit. The WCFA Board of Directors is composed of fifteen delegates elected from County Forestry Committees who are members of the Association and two members at large.

WCFA provides a forum for consideration of issues and policy that are common to all of the county committees responsible for their respective County Forest programs, including those programs encompassed under s. 28.11 and chapter 77, Wis. Stats. WCFA also provides leadership and counsel to County Forest administrators and forestry committees through regular meetings and active committees on legislative and recreational issues. WCFA develops and implements a strategic plan. The organization's mission statement is as follows:

*Wisconsin County Forests Association provides leadership uniting the interests of the world's largest county forest program while ensuring long term forest health and sustainability.*

### 125.4 TRENDS

The values and uses of the Marathon County Forest contribute significantly to fulfilling many of society's ecological and socioeconomic needs now and in the future. Changing trends will impact the values and uses of the Forest in coming years.

- Wisconsin's forests are naturally changing due to forest succession. Most of the County Forest acreage statewide is a result of regeneration or planting from the early to mid 1900's. Mid to late successional northern hardwood forests are replacing the early successional



aspen-birch, oak and jack pine forests of the 1940's through the 1970's. The aspen cover type is key habitat for many of the state's premier game species including deer, ruffed grouse, snowshoe hare and woodcock. The county forest system currently has 15% of the State's public land base and 24% of the aspen resource.

- Conflict over timber management practices will likely continue to increase as more individuals and groups demand greater involvement in forestry decisions. Practices such as clearcutting and even-aged management will continue to be controversial. Efforts to educate the public on the merits of these sound forest management techniques will continue.
- Marathon County may experience funding problems as municipalities are being required to provide more services with less money. Potential losses of revenue from decreased shared revenues and resistance to tax increases may make county timber revenues increasingly important to the finances of county governments. This is complicated by increasing public pressure to reduce timber harvests on county forests.
- Increasing knowledge about a wider variety of species and their habitat needs is leading to a growing list of threatened and endangered species. This could lead to improvements in managing the forest and mitigating impacts to these species. Mitigating measures have the potential to impede recreational and forest management activities. Refer to Chapter 800 (840) for specifics on this subject.
- Invasive exotic species pose an ever-increasing threat to the County Forest. Gypsy moth, Asian long-horned beetle, garlic mustard, buckthorn, honeysuckle have all gained a foothold in Wisconsin's forests. Refer to Chapter 600 (610) for specifics on this subject.
- The Forest is considered to be an outdoor classroom serving all age groups. It consists of diverse communities with a large variety of plant and animal life giving ample opportunity for study and observation.
- Greater demands are being placed on the County Forest by people using it to fulfill their recreational pursuits. The popularity of trails for various uses has lead to competition for available resources especially at Nine Mile Forest. Balancing competing uses will require the user groups to compromise and share trails to prevent conflicts.
- Lands open to public use continue to decline in Marathon County. Industrial Forest Crop Law Lands once open to public hunting are slowly being sold and subdivided, most often no longer available to the public. When considering the Managed Forest Law, most private landowners elect to enter their lands as "closed to the public" which does not provide for public recreational use. Acquisition of lands to increase County Forest ownership will be important to replace these lands that were once open to the public.

#### 125.4 PROTECTING THE PUBLIC RESOURCE

As stated in State Statute 28.11(1), the county forest program enables and encourages “the planned development and management of the county forests for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, watershed protection and stabilization of stream flow, giving full recognition to the concept of multiple-use to assure maximum public benefits to protect the public rights, interests and investments in such lands; and to compensate the counties for the public uses, benefits and privileges these lands provide; all in a manner which will provide a reasonable revenue to the towns in which such lands lie.”

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## **200 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### Objectives

1. To comply with and implement the provisions of the County Forestry Ordinance.
2. To administer and manage the County Forest in accordance with s. 28.11, Wis. Stats.
3. To cooperate with the Department of Natural Resources and other agencies and organizations in the interest of furthering the optimum management of the forest on a sustainable basis.
4. To provide adequate financial support for the program by using county designated revenues and appropriations, along with funds available from federal and state sources.
5. To maintain an adequate system of accounts, records and reports for the orderly administration of the forest and evaluation of program needs and implementation.
6. To facilitate the administration of the forest by authorizing personnel, equipment and facilities necessary to assist the Committee and the administrator in carrying out their duties.

## **205 ROLES**

Marathon County's administrative structure was established in 1980. The County Administrator serves as an agent of the County Board. The Administrator establishes goals and time tables consistent with the objectives and directives of the County Board. The Administrator maintains close working relationships with all department heads to ensure that County goals and department objectives are met consistent with those of other departments and the County's Strategic Plan.

The County and the Department have a mutual interest in administration of the County Forest. It shall be the policy of the County Board through the Forestry/Recreation Committee to cooperate with county and Department personnel in carrying out the program on the county forest. The County/Department roles are further defined in the Public Forest Lands Handbook, 2460.5.

### **205.1 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Powers of the Marathon County Board, relative to the management of county forest lands are defined in s. 28.11(3) and additional authority may include:

- Annual Budget and Work Plan
- Grants/Loans
- Land acquisitions

The Marathon County Forestry Ordinance, adopted in 1968, prescribes rules and regulations for the administration of County powers and duties as provided in Chapter 26, 27, 28, 29, and 59 of the Wisconsin Statutes, under which the Marathon County Board of Supervisors is granted specific

powers relative to the establishment, development, management, and protection of the County Forest to provide sustained yield of forest products for commercial use and the associated benefits of soil and water conservation, scenic and recreational values, and fish and wildlife resources; all in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

#### 205.1.1 Environmental Resources Committee (ERC)

The Environmental Resources Committee shall have the responsibility for outcome monitoring and annual reporting, as well as overseeing the implementation of all policies related to the environmental resources of the County. The Environmental Resources Committee shall have the primary responsibility for conferring with and providing policy guidance to the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

Duties of the Environmental Resources Committee include:

1. Promote the implementation of the County's Comprehensive and Strategic Plans relative to environmental protection, waste management, public recreation, forestry and land use.
2. Identify and recommend to the County Board, policies and long-range plans related to environmental and community resources of the County including land use, forests, soil and water, and outdoor recreation.
3. Review new programs and associated budget requirements, prior to their being considered for inclusion in the County's budget.
4. Facilitate broad based discussion of issues and policies by encouraging involvement and communications with the public and with other standing Committees.
5. Serve as the initial contact point for individuals and/or organizations who wish to influence County Board policy regarding County environmental and community resources.
6. Delegate operational procedures and practices to appropriate program committees, boards and commissions which include Forestry and Recreation, Solid Waste, and Park Commission. Provide policy guidance and oversight to the Conservation, Planning and Zoning; Parks, and Recreation and Forestry Departments.
7. Encourage soil and water conservation research and educational information and public service programs.
8. Assist in development and administration of the annual and long-range plans and annual reports for the following program activities:

- a. Land and Water Resource Management.
  - b. Lake Management.
  - c. Parks and Recreation.
  - d. County Forestry.
  - e. Public Transportation.
  - f. Farmland Preservation.
  - g. Solid Waste Management and Recycling.
9. Administer the wildlife damage and abatement program including approving the annual budget, claims, and fence contracts.
  10. Distribute and allocate federal, state, and county funds made available to the committee for cost-sharing programs and other incentive programs for improvements and practices relating to soil and water conservation on private or public lands, and within the limits permitted under these programs, and determine the methods of allocating these funds.
  11. Additional duties as assigned by the County Board Chairperson.

#### 205.1.2 Forestry/Recreation Committee

The Board of Supervisors assigns the administration of the County Forest to the Forestry/Recreation Committee as detailed in Chapter 16 of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances including:

1. Oversee the County forests program according to Chapters 26, 28, 29, 59 and 77, Wis. Stats.
2. Implement the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, prepare amendments and update as required.
3. Implement the forestry sections contained within the County Comprehensive Plan.
4. Recommend policy for the management of the County forests.
5. Negotiate and recommend the acquisition of land within County forests acquisition zones by purchase, gift or bequest or by exchange of County owned lands outside such areas.
6. Review and recommend for approval to County Board the annual forestry division work plan and budget for the ensuing calendar year.
7. Review, approve, and close timber sales of the County forests.
8. Review and/or recommend to the Environmental Resources Standing Committee of the County Board all proposed CIP projects of the County forests.
9. Make rules and recommend ordinances for the regulation and use of County forests.

10. Direct the monitoring and protection of the County forests from fire, insects, disease, trespass, invasive species, or from damage by animals or persons, or from other causes, in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources.
11. Support the creation and maintenance of valuable habitat types to sustain a variety of wildlife species.
12. Cooperate with the Department of Natural Resources on all matters pertaining to natural resource management of the County forests.
13. Direct the preparation and present an annual report of activities to the Environmental Resources Standing committee and the County Board.
14. Additional duties as assigned by the Environmental Resources Committee.

#### 205.1.3 Marathon County Park Commission

The Board of Supervisors assigns the administration of developed recreation (snowmobiling, ATVing, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and horseback riding, Shooting Range, and other developed recreation facilities and activities) within the County Forests to the Marathon County Park Commission, hereinafter referred to as Commission, subject to review and approval by the Committee in meeting overall forest management goals and objectives.

#### 205.1.4 Forest Citizens Advisory Subcommittee

The purpose of the subcommittee is to assist the Committee in formulating long-range plans for the County Forest and advising the Committee regarding conflicting recreational use issues, the budget for Forestry and the annual work plans. The subcommittee will also advise the Park Commission on developed recreation in County Forests. Duties of the subcommittee include:

1. To give advice and counsel the Committee regarding long-range forest and outdoor recreation plans for the County Forest.
2. To provide recommendations to the Committee on priorities for development of the Forestry Division annual budget and work plan.
3. To operate as a focus group on specific problems or questions posed by the Committee or Commission.
4. To attend tours of County Forest recreation, forestry, and wildlife projects.
5. To prepare an annual report for the Committee of activities and issues the subcommittee addressed the prior year and goals and activities anticipated in the current year.



Chapter 900 contains the ordinance creating the County Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee.

#### 205.1.5 Director

1. The Director reports to the County Administrator.
2. The Director will serve as the Director of the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department with the primary role of providing leadership and vision and working with the County Board, committees, and commissions to develop and implement policies for the overall management of County Forests.
3. The Director will provide general administrative direction to the Forest Division primarily reviewing work in terms of program results and review of reports.
4. The Director will be present at all Forestry/Recreation Committee meetings.
5. The Director will act as an advisory member of the Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee.

#### 205.1.6 Forest Administrator

1. The Forest Administrator will act as the agent of the committee and will carry out its orders as well as execute assignments outlined in the comprehensive plan and annual plan, all within the framework outlined in s. 28.11, Wis. Stats.
2. The Forest Administrator will prepare an agenda for and will be present at all Committee and Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee meetings.
3. The Forest Administrator or designee will record minutes of each meeting and distribute as appropriate, as well as maintain a permanent minutes record.
4. The Forest Administrator will serve as the division head in coordinating the Forest Division programs, staff, and other matters as directed by the Director and the Committee.
5. The Forest Administrator will supervise the timber sale program, tree planting, site preparation, timber stand improvement, road and firebreak construction and maintenance, land acquisition, entry and withdrawal of County Forest Lands, trespass investigations, and long- and short-term planning, all within the restrictions of s. 28.11, Wis. Stats.
6. The Forest Administrator will promote and support research and educational opportunities.

7. The Forest Administrator will be responsible for maintaining and protecting the integrity of the County Forest.

## 205.2 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The role of the Department in the County Forest program is to:

1. Encourage technically sound management of the County Forest resources.
2. Protect the public rights, benefits and investments in County Forest lands.
3. Administer state compensation to the county for the public rights, benefits and privileges the county forest lands provide as required by s. 28.11(8) Wis. Stats.
4. Provide County Forest assistance consistent with those identified per the Public Forest Lands Handbook.

### 205.2.1 Central Office – Madison/Rhinelanders

It is the function of this Division to:

1. Certify and make forest aid payments (variable acreage and project loans) to the county and audit county expenditures of the forestry fund account pursuant to s. 28.11(8)(b), Wis. Stats.
2. Certify and make acreage payments to towns pursuant to s. 28.11(8)(a), Wis. Stats.
3. Maintain and certify County Forest acreage by township, and audit distribution of severance share payments (s. 28.11(9) Wis. Stats.) made annually by the counties.
4. Collect severance share payments of not less than twenty percent of actual stumpage sales value on timber cut from the County Forest pursuant to s. 28.11(9)(a), Wis. Stats.
5. Administer various aids and grants pertaining, but not limited to, the County Forest program.
6. Assist with development and implementation of the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
7. Interpret and administer the laws and regulations set forth by the Legislature and the Natural Resources Board.
8. Review and approve or deny applications for withdrawal and entry of lands into the County Forest Law program.
9. 3-year Audit Programmatic and Financials.

### 205.2.2 Local Office

Field representatives of the Department are available to provide technical advice and assistance to

the county in natural resources management. This assistance includes, but is not limited to the following:

#### 205.2.2.1 Forest Management

The forester designated by the Department to serve as liaison to the Committee will provide technical assistance in managing the resources of the county forest. The forester's duties include the following, but not limited to:

1. Attend all Committee, Forest Citizen's Advisory Subcommittee and any county board meetings as requested.
2. Assist in establishing, inspecting, and administering timber sales in cooperation with county forest personnel.
3. Process timber sale approvals, cutting notices and reports.
4. Maintain for the Department a record of forest management accomplishments, forms and maps.
5. Assist in preparation of projects, plans and estimates.
6. Provide assistance to the Committee in the preparation of the annual budget, annual work plan and the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
7. Assist in County Forest timber theft and larceny investigations.
8. Organize and prepare minutes of annual partnership meeting as required in the Public Forest Lands Handbook.

#### 205.2.2.2 Other DNR Program Functions

1. Fire Management - Maintain a system of communications, equipment, and trained personnel to prevent and suppress forest fires, assist with prescribed burns: and enforce forest fire related laws.
2. Forest Pest Control - Provide technical services for prevention, detection and suppression of forest pests in the district.
3. Wildlife Management - Conduct surveys of wildlife populations, habitat, and public use. Wildlife personnel use this information when providing technical assistance on long term ecosystem planning as well as wildlife habitat management, habitat improvement and wildlife health. Attend committee meetings as requested.
4. Fisheries Management - Maintain the quality of the fishery resource in the waters of the Forest to produce a balanced return to the angler, consistent with sound management principles.

5. Law Enforcement - Enforce state natural resource laws and regulations and assist in the enforcement of county and federal natural resource laws and ordinances.
6. Environmental Protection - Enforce and provide technical assistance in matters related to water and shore land management, pollution detection and waste disposal.
7. Endangered Resources - Provide technical expertise on rare, threatened or endangered species and natural community surveys, identification and management. Assist other DNR functions and the county in identifying local and landscape level issues.

## **210 COOPERATION**

To meet the obligation of the county to the public in accordance with s. 28.11, it is in the best interest of Marathon County to cooperate with public agencies, non-profit organizations, tribal nations, and others.

## **215 FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

An annual budget shall be prepared by the Committee. This budget shall contain county, state, private, non-profit and federal funds needed to carry out the forestry, park and recreation program on the forest.

### **215.1 REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS**

#### **215.1.1 General Fund**

The following procedure will apply in crediting income from the County Forest:

All monies received from the sale of timber stumpage, cut forest products, fees and use permits, sale of surplus materials and equipment, and fire or other damage collections shall be deposited in the Marathon County General Fund except that revenue specified in Sections 3.24 or 16.04 of the County General Code or income generated from trail and trail facilities use and fees or other aid, such as public grants or private donations, shall be deposited into the appropriate account. All severance taxes incurred as a result of timber sales shall be segregated into a separate account from timber sales income and paid as required by statute.

#### **215.1.2 County Park and Forest Fund**

Funds based on the annual work plan are budgeted and deposited in the County Park and Forest budget accounts by the County Board annually.



## 215.2 OUTSIDE SOURCES OF REVENUE

### 215.2.1 State Funds

In addition to other state funds that may subsequently become available for county use, the following state funding sources will be used where appropriate in administration of the Forest:

1. Variable Acreage Share Loan (s. 28.11(8)(b)1., Wis. Stats.). The county may apply for variable acreage share loans in the amount of up to fifty cents per acre of regular entry County Forest land by December 31. Payment is made to the county on or before March 31st of each year and deposited in the State Forest Aid fund. Application is made by County Board Resolution.
2. Project loans (s. 28.11(8)(b)2., Wis. Stats.) are available to undertake acquisition and development projects of an "economically productive nature". Fish and game projects or recreation projects do not qualify. Application is made by County Board Resolution.
3. County Forest Administration Grant Program (s. 28.11(5m) Wis. Stats). Annual grants are available to fund up to 50% of the salary and fringe benefits of a professional forester in the position of county forest administrator or assistant county forest administrator. Benefits may not exceed 40% of salary. Application is made by County Board resolution with payment by April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.
4. Sustainable County Forest Grants Annual grants made for short-term unanticipated projects that promote sustainable forestry. Details are contained in NR 47.75, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
5. County Fish And Game Projects (s. 23.09(12), Wis. Stats.).
6. Wildlife Habitat Development Grant (s. 23.09(17m), Wis.Stats).
7. County Forest Road Aids funds are available for each designated mile of County Forest road. The certification is done on an annual basis.
8. Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Grants available to assist County's in purchasing additional lands to add to the County Forest land base usually 50% of the purchase price.

### 215.2.2 Federal funds and programs

In addition to others that may be available, the following funds and programs will be used where practical:

1. Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (LAWCON). This fund provides up to 50% matching grants for the acquisition, development and renovation of local parks.

2. Resource Conservation and Development (Technical Services).
3. Pittman-Robertson fund. This fund provides for wildlife management and habitat improvement.
4. Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson) fund. This fund provides financing for fish management projects administered by DNR.
5. Federal Endangered Species fund. This fund provides cost sharing and grants for surveys, monitoring and management programs that conserve a threatened or endangered species. Contact the DNR Natural Heritage Conservation for information.

### 215.2.3 Other Funds

Other potential funding sources are groups such as Ducks Unlimited, Ruffed Grouse Society, Trout Unlimited, Whitetails Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Wausau Nordic Ski Club, Central Wisconsin Off Road Cycling Coalition, local sportsman's clubs, service organizations, youth groups, etc.

The Committee will consider donations, endowments and other gifts, whether real estate, equipment or cash. The county corporation counsel may be consulted to ascertain whether such gifts benefit the county.

## 215.3 COUNTY EXPENDITURES

All purchases and expenditures shall comply with County purchasing policy, Marathon County Code of Ordinances Chapter 3 and state statutes.

## 220 COUNTY RECORDS

The County Forest administrator will keep concise and orderly records and accounts of all revenue received, expenditures incurred and accomplishments resulting from the operations of the Forestry Division. A job description, time and expense report, and training record will be kept on each employee.

### 220.1 ACCOUNTS, SEGREGATED – NON-LAPSING

#### 220.1.1 State Aid Forestry Account

Variable acreage share loans (s. 28.11(8)(b)1., Wis. Stats.), project loan funds (s. 28.11(8)(b)(2.)Wis. Stats.), and sustainable forestry grants (s. 28.11(5r), Wis. Stats., and NR 47.75, Wis. Adm. Code) that are distributed by the DNR are deposited in this account. Expenditures of variable acreage share

funds from this account are restricted to the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest. Expenditure of project loan funds are governed by the conditions of project approval. Sustainable Forestry grants from this account must be spent specific to the approved project. Revenue received from the sale of equipment purchased with State Aid Account money must be redeposited in the State Aid Account.

#### 220.1.2 Segregated Land Purchase

An appropriation of the available funds for the appraisal, purchase, and closing costs of County Forest land acquisitions approved by the Committee and the County Board. Revenue from the sale of excess identified Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department land holdings, land rent, part of the annual Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aid payment, and accrued interest are credited to this account.

#### 220.1.3 Cross Country Ski/Bike/Snowshoe Trails

An appropriation of the available funds for the development and maintenance of County Forest ski, bike and snowshoe trails, and Nine Mile Forest based recreation. Revenue from trail fees, vendors, rental of Nine Mile Forest facilities, donations, and accrued interest are credited to this account.

#### 220.1.4 Debt Service – State Severance

An appropriation of 20 percent of gross timber sale receipts payable to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources upon reporting timber volume and value removed.

#### 220.1.5 Debt Service – Town Severance

An appropriation of 10 percent of gross timber sale receipts. The Finance Department pays a prorated share to the towns based on the number of County Forest acres in the town.

### 220.2 ACCOUNTS, GENERAL FUND - LAPSING

#### 220.2.1 County Forest Program

The County Board approves an annual appropriation for salaries, supplies, maintenance, and capital expenditures for the implementation of the Forestry Division's annual plan of work. Budgeted funds unexpended on December 31 lapse to the general fund. Revenues from the sale of forest products and use other than recreation trails are credited to this account.

#### 220.2.2 Motorized Recreational Coordinator

This annual appropriation supports the coordinator position and pays for snowmobile and ATV trail program administration. Eligible expenses are reimbursed through the State snowmobile or ATV trail grant program.

### 220.3 ACCOUNTS, GRANT FUNDS – NON-LAPSING

#### 220.3.1 County Forest Road Aids

An annual appropriation of projected State aid payments for the maintenance of certified County Forest roads. Revenues and interest from annual aid payments by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and reimbursement for other road related expenses such as flood damage aid are credited to this account.

#### 220.3.2 County Conservation Program

The County Board approves an annual appropriation to match available grant monies 1:1 on a project basis. Reimbursement by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is made for 50 percent of approved project expenditures. Project advances, reimbursements, and interest are credited to this account.

#### 220.3.3 Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program

An annual appropriation of 5¢ per acre from the Department of Natural Resources to implement wildlife related projects identified in the County's Annual Plan of Work. The primary emphasis is on forest wildlife habitat improvement, inventories, and wildlife education. Additional revenue to this account may come from organizations such as Wisconsin Waterfowlers Association, Ruffed Grouse Society, or other wildlife habitat funding sources.

#### 220.3.4 Snowmobile and All-Terrain-Vehicle (ATV) and Utility Vehicle (UTV) Trail Aids

An annual appropriation for the projected aid available to maintain funded snowmobile, ATV, and UTV trails in Marathon County. Advances, reimbursements, supplemental funding, and interest are credited to this account.

#### 220.3.5 National Recreation Trails Act

An annual appropriation for approved projects to develop and maintain motorized and non-motorized trails in Marathon County. Reimbursement (up to 100 percent) for approved project expenditures and interest is credited to this account.



#### 220.3.6 Sustainable Forestry Grant

An annual appropriation for approved projects that promote sustainable forestry on the County Forest that is consistent with the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Reimbursement (up to 100 percent) for approved project expenditures and interest are credited to this account (NR 47.75 Wis. Admin. Code).

#### 220.3.7 County Forest Administrator Grant Program

An annual appropriation that funds 50 percent of the actual salary and up to 50 percent of the fringe benefit costs of County employed professional forester in the position of County Forest Administrator or Assistant County Forest Administrator. Fringe benefit costs shall not exceed 40 percent of the annual salary. To be eligible, the County must submit an annual Committee and County Board approved County Forest Work Plan. Advance and reimbursements must be deposited in the State Aid Forestry Account (s. 28.11(5)(m), Wis. Stats).

#### 220.4 ACCOUNT NUMBERS

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Revenues</u>
101-692	Snowmobile/ATV Coordinator	91110-95140	82463-88110
	General Fund		
101-710	County Forest General Fund	91110-98290	85192-89900
153-778	Segregated Land	92190-98210	86212-89900
154-690	Nine Mile Trails	91110-95930	85862-88420
171-758	Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant	98210	82466
174-759	FEMA Cattail Removal	92190	82457-89900
254-751	County Conservation Aids	92990	81110-89900
255-752	County Forest Road Aids	92360	82433-89900
257-755	Forestry State Aid	92190-98210	88110-89900
258-756	Wildlife Habitat Management	92190	82473-89900
404-760	Sustainable Forestry Grant	92190	82462
441-731	Pittman-Robertson Grant	92190	82474
482-757	County Forest Administrator Grant	91110	82467

## 220.5 TIMBER SALES

### 220.5.1 Active Files

Active timber sale files (hardcopy or e-copy), at a minimum, should contain or reference the following items:

1. Timber sale cutting notice and report (Form 2460-1)
2. Timber sale narrative (Form 2460-1A)
3. Contract and all addendums
4. Timber sale map
5. Ledger account of scale
6. Timber sale inspection journal / notes
7. Pertinent correspondence
8. Liability insurance
9. FISTA training
10. Financial assurance (performance bonds, ILC, etc...)
11. Field scale sheets
12. Lock box tickets (if applicable)

### 220.5.2 Closed Files

Once sales have been completed and audited by DNR only the following items need to be maintained in the file as a permanent record:

1. Timber sale notice and cutting report
2. Contract and addendums
3. Timber sale map
4. Pertinent correspondence
5. Financial ledger/summary

## 225 PERSONNEL

Under direction of the Committee, the Director shall have authorization to organize the workload of the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department employees and arrange for additional services as needed. Personnel of the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department will be governed by the work policies of Marathon County.

### 225.1 PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY STAFF

The budgeted positions of the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry

Department at this time are: Director, Senior Park and Recreation Manager, County Forest Administrator, Park and Recreation Manager, Maintenance Manager, Administrative Manager, Assistant Park and Recreation Manager (4), Park Forester, County Forester, Administrative Coordinator, Accounting Specialist, Administrative Specialist, Purchasing Specialist, Urban Forestry Specialist (6), Senior Maintenance Specialist (2), Maintenance Specialist (7), Maintenance Technician (13)

There are numerous seasonal employees utilized by the department. Other labor is hired on a part-time basis or for training positions as needed.

#### 225.2 HIRING PERSONNEL

All hiring of permanent personnel will be approved by the Committee and Commission, having been accounted for in the annual work plan and budget. The actual hiring of permanent personnel will follow County personnel policy. Seasonal and short-term labor for special projects will be recruited and hired by the Forest Administrator. Preference for seasonal help will be given to individuals from Marathon County who are enrolled in courses of natural resources in colleges, universities, or vocational training programs.

#### 225.3 OTHER SOURCES OF LABOR

The Forest Administrator will consider supplemental resources that can be utilized on the forest, following county procurement policy.

#### 225.4 SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL

Projects requiring expenditures for specialized skills and/or operation of specialized equipment are handled on a contract basis by the Committee if such skills and equipment are not available from the County.

#### 225.5 TRAINING

The Forest Administrator will be responsible for scheduling and providing appropriate training to keep staff current with safety requirements, BMP's, silviculture, pesticides, new technologies, and other training appropriate to manage the Marathon County Forest. A training record will be retained for each employee identifying the course name, content and date of attendance.

## **230 EQUIPMENT**

The Forest Administrator is the designated purchasing agent for the Forestry Division. The Forest Administrator will follow Marathon County's procurement ordinance (General Code Chapter 3) for the procurement of supplies, services, and construction as well as the disposal of supplies, materials, and equipment. The Forest Administrator or designee is responsible for maintaining an inventory of Forest Division fixed assets to be updated annually. Forest Division employees may purchase equipment and supplies when they have prior approval of the Forest Administrator. Items exceeding \$30,000 shall be purchased by competitive bidding (General Code 3.05). Professional services will be procured using the request for proposals (RFP) process.

### **230.1 FACILITIES**

Maintenance of the facilities is assigned to the Director and includes the following:

1. Office space – Provided at 212 River Drive, Suite 2, Wausau, WI 54403.
2. Parks and Forestry shop building – Located at the Nine Mile Forest trailhead on Red Bud Road in the Town of Rib Mountain. A storage garage is used to store vehicles and equipment used in operation of the park and forest program.
3. Nine Mile Chalet – A year-round recreational building for trail based recreation and rentals.
4. Trailheads – Facilities such as the Burma Road ATV/UTV trailhead and snowmobile trailheads some of which have toilets.
5. Bitzke Birdwalk – Facilities at the Birdwalk trailhead include pit toilets and gravel parking area.
6. Operations Shop – Located at 900 Pardee Street, Wausau, WI 54401. The shop is used for construction, maintenance, and repair of County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry equipment and facilities.

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## **300 DESCRIPTION OF FOREST**

### **300.1 COUNTY FOREST OWNERSHIP**

The County Forest is composed of 10 management compartments ranging in size from 80 acres to nearly 9,434 acres. Within the county forest boundaries approximately 65 percent of the land is county owned with most of the remaining 35 percent in small private holdings. A map of these compartments can be found in the Appendix.

### **300.2 NATURAL FEATURES**

#### **300.2.1 Topography**

Within Marathon County there are four major areas with distinct physiographic characteristics resulting primarily from glaciation and the influence of underlying bedrock. The far northern and western parts of the county are broad, nearly level to sloping ground moraines. Harrison-Hewitt, Wisconsin River, and Bern Forest Units have these characteristics. The central part, except for the Wisconsin River Valley, is a mixed area of ground moraines and uplands underlain by bedrock at a depth of two to twenty feet. This area is nearly level to steep. The steeper areas generally are next to major drainage ways. Burma Road and Nine Mile Forest Units fall within this category. The Wisconsin River Valley is composed of nearly level to very steep outwash terraces and nearly level and gently sloping floodplains. The southeastern part of the county consists mainly of nearly level to steep outwash plains and stream terraces and undulating to very hilly moraines and drumlins. Leather Camp, Kronenwetter, and Elderon Forest Units have these characteristics.

The topography of Marathon County is largely controlled by the glacial features and the bedrock. The highest elevation in the county, on top of Rib Mountain, is 1,941 feet. The lowest elevation, at the point where the Wisconsin River flows out of the county, is about 1,100 feet. Most of the elevations in the county range from 1,200 to 1,450 feet. Local elevation differences are generally less than 100 feet. The greatest local elevation difference, about 750 feet, is between the top of Rib Mountain and a nearby terrace in the Wisconsin River Valley.

Most of Marathon County is within the Wisconsin River drainage basin. The western part of the county is drained mainly by the Little Rib, Big Rib, Black, Big Eau Pleine, and Little Eau Pleine Rivers and their tributaries.

The Trappe, Big Sandy, Eau Claire, Bull Junior, Little Eau Claire, and Plover Rivers and their tributaries drain the eastern part of Marathon County. The southeastern part of the county is

within the Wolf River drainage basin.

### 300.2.2 Geography

Marathon County, the largest county in the state, is located in the north-central portion of Wisconsin and almost entirely in the watershed of the Wisconsin River. There are 1,008,921 acres in the county of which 32,055 acres is made up of water. Approximately 37 percent of the land is classified as forest land. The County Forest, which contains approximately 30,195 acres is the 22<sup>nd</sup> largest County Forest in the state. A note of interest is that the geographic center of the western half of the northern hemisphere (i.e. the intersection of the 90<sup>th</sup> longitude and the 45<sup>th</sup> latitude) lies in the northwest portion of the county. At this point, the county is halfway between the equator and the North Pole and halfway between the prime meridian (Greenwich, England) and the 180<sup>th</sup> meridian, which makes up most of the International Date Line. Appendix 1000 contains maps showing the location of the forest.

### 300.2.3 Geology and Soils

The bedrock geology of the county is quite uniform and consists of granite and undifferentiated igneous and metamorphic rocks with scattered quartzite, slate, and iron formations. “Rotten granite” is quite prevalent in the western half of the county. It is used for road topping, base course, and shoulder material for highways. Southward from Wausau lies a 20- to 30-mile wide band along the Wisconsin River which is unglaciated. Its sandy soils were formed by material washed away from the glaciers’ edge. West of this so-called driftless area lays a region covered by earlier ice advances where the glacial ridges and hills have been worn down to gentle slopes. Heavy silt loams cover nearly all of this western part of the county. Lakes and swamps have disappeared. Adjoining the outwash plain on the east is the Wisconsin Terminal Moraine. Silt loam and sandy loam soils predominate in this youthful, hilly sector. Peat and water-filled, kettle-like depressions are scattered between hills. Drainage patterns are poorly defined. A generalized soil map is found in the appendix. Detailed soil information is available from the USDA Web Soil Survey. ([websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov](http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov)).

### 300.2.4 Biological Communities

Ecological Landscapes are regions in Wisconsin containing similar ecology and management opportunities. Each landscape can present unique management opportunities and challenges. These landscapes are essentially based on the National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units (NHFUE) (Cleland et al. 1997). More information on the 16 Ecological Landscapes defined within Wisconsin is available at: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/landscapes/index.asp?mode=Choose>

The Marathon County Forest lies within the Forest Transition Ecological Landscape.

Forest Transition Landscape – The soils are moderately well drained sandy loams derived from glacial till, but there is considerable diversity in the range of soil attributes including sandy, organic and loam and silt loam soils. Land cover is highly variable with aspen, birch, hardwoods and pine along with many areas cleared dominated by agriculture.

#### 300.2.4.1 Land Type Associations

Land type associations are units of the National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units (NHFEU) classification system. They are much smaller than Ecological Landscapes and are generally based on glacial features. They can be useful for planning at finer scales within a landscape. The following Land Type Associations are present within the Ecological Landscapes of the Marathon County Forest. More information is available at: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/landscapes/index.asp?mode=detail&Landscape=11>

Landtype Associations (LTA's) within the subsections include: 212 Qc 01 Abbotsford Moraines, 212 Qd 01 Ackley Plains, 212 Qd 02 Marathon Uplands, 212 Qd 04 Rib Mountain, 212 Qd 05 Dubay Plains, 212 Qd 07 Peplin Uplands, 212 TA 03 Hatley Moraines, and 212 TA 04 Upper Plover River Moraines. LTA's having common ecological characteristics allow land managers to better plan for future vegetative communities, wildlife species to feature, and compatible recreation uses.

#### 300.2.5 Vegetative Cover Types

Approximately 76 percent of the Marathon County Forest Land base is forested. Forested uplands are comprised of primarily aspen, northern hardwoods, red pine, oak, white birch, balsam fir, spruce, and jack pine, while bottomland hardwoods, tamarack, black spruce, and cedar occupy the forested lowlands. The remainder is classified as non-forested; including types such as wetlands, lowland shrubs, upland shrubs, bogs, minor lakes, streams, grassy openings, trails, roads, rock outcroppings, utility rights-of-way, and developed recreation facilities. The County Forest is composed of nearly 30,195 acres, with 22,665 acres classified as commercial forest. The aspen type alone composes approximately 66 percent of the total commercial forest acreage. The different cover types present on the Marathon County Forest are detailed in the appendix.

The great majority of the forest (78%) is located in the eastern one-half of the county. The remaining blocks, Nine Mile, Burma Road, and Bern Forest Units (22%) are located in the western half of the

county. Maps showing the location of the County Forest are in the appendix.

#### FORESTED COMMUNITIES

The forested cover types are made up of a variety of size classes (regeneration, sapling-pole, and saw timber) and structure (canopy, layers, ground vegetation, dead and downed material and inclusions).

Forest cover types associated with the County Forest are:

<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Aspen	14,892
Northern Hardwood	1,616
Red Maple	1,889
Red Pine	911
Oak	2,606
White Birch	19
Fir – Spruce	227
Swamp Hardwoods	172
Jack Pine	14
White Pine	153
Swamp Conifer	<u>166</u>
Total Commercial	22,665

#### NON-FORESTED COMMUNITIES

Non-forested habitats are important components of management within the County Forest.

Upland and wetland non-forest types provide important habitat for distinct groups of species.

Non-Forest Cover Types

<u>Non-Commercial</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Alder	5,547
Willows	69
Minor lakes, streams & flowages	384
Lowland grass	353
Upland grass	351
Upland brush	58
Rock outcrop	1
Farm land	56
Marsh or muskeg	53
Right of Ways	102

Parking Areas	31
Nature or Hiking Trails	68
Motorized Vehicle Trails	<u>127</u>
Total Non-Commercial	7,200

#### Upland Non-Forest

Upland non-forest areas of the County Forest include:

Grass openings - consist of upland grasses such as brome, quack, bluegrass, timothy, big and little bluestem, and Indian grass.

Herbaceous vegetation - ground cover predominated by herbaceous species with bracken fern, sweet clover, giant ragweed, sting nettle, upland aster, goldenrod, and prairie dock being common.

Shrub opening - primarily upland site less than 10% stocked with tree species but having 50% or more of the area stocked with taller growing, persistent shrubs. This includes hazel, dogwood, juneberry, sumac, alder, willow, and prickly ash.

Rock outcrops - include rocky talus and bedrock.

See Chapter 830 for detailed discussion on Biological Community Types.

#### Wetlands

Wisconsin State Statutes define a wetland as “an area where water is at, near, or above the land surface long enough to be capable of supporting aquatic or hydrophytic vegetation, and which has soil indicative of wet conditions.” Wetland communities are recognized to be a complex association of plants and animals, soils and water levels having special natural values. They provide many functional values including shoreline and flood protection, water quality protection, groundwater recharge, and animal and plant habitat. Therefore, it is the policy of Marathon County to preserve, protect, and manage wetlands under its jurisdiction in manner that recognizes the natural values of wetland and their importance on the environment. Scientists distinguish dozens of wetland types, characterized by vegetation, soil type and degree of saturation or water cover. Some of the more prominent types found on the County Forest include:

Aquatic bed - plants growing entirely on or in a water body no deeper than 6 feet. Plants may include pondweed, duckweed, lotus and water-lilies.



Marshes - characterized by standing water and dominated by cattails, bulrushes, pickerelweed, lake sedges and/or giant bur-reed.

Sedge or “wet” meadows - these wetlands more often than not have saturated soils rather than standing water. Sedges, grasses and reeds dominant, but may also have blue flag iris, marsh milkweed, sneezeweed, mint and several species of goldenrod and aster.

Scrub/shrub - these areas, which include bogs and alder thickets, are characterized by woody shrubs and small trees such as tag alder, bog birch, willow and dogwood.

Forested - these areas, include bogs and forested floodplain complexes, are characterized by trees 20 feet or more in height such as tamarack, white cedar, black spruce, elm, black ash, green ash and silver maple.

Forest management is conducted on many of the forested wetlands with activities occurring primarily during frozen conditions. See Chapter 830 for detailed discussion on Biological Community Types.

### 300.2.6 Fish and Wildlife

Wisconsin supports over 650 different types of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish as well as millions of invertebrates. Management of county forest lands and the biotic communities they support provide a mix of habitat types and ages for a wide range of wildlife species. Each species, or interacting group of species, do best under different conditions. County forest lands provide a full range of habitats from open grasslands/barrens to mature forests, from bogs to forested wetlands, from spring ponds to lake shorelines. County forest staffs work closely with WDNR fish and wildlife managers and conservation organizations to identify and manage critical habitat for breeding, migrating and wintering fish and wildlife.

While the Marathon County Forest provides for a wide range of fish and wildlife species, current management strategies or programs have emphasized the following species and/or communities:

#### Bern Wetland Management

Marathon County purchased the 269-acre Bern Wetland to develop a waterfowl flowage (impoundment). The DNR is responsible for managing the flowage and maintaining the dam.

Forest stands next to the flowage will be managed for a natural appearance. Forest stands will also be managed to develop old trees and especially maintain trees with cavities for birds and mammals.

#### Bitzke Waterfowl Refuge Management

The Bitzke Refuge is an area of about 300 acres with flowages (impoundments) developed for waterfowl production and protection as a cooperative project between Marathon County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with funding from Ducks Unlimited, Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Marathon County, and DNR. The Wisconsin Conservation Corps assisted with nature trail development.

The refuge will be maintained in a condition which will promote the development of a complete wetland ecosystem featuring waterfowl. Interpretive signs, boardwalks, benches, an observation tower, and flowage structures were developed to enhance the use of the area by the public.

The visual horizon (from the top of the observation tower) will be maintained in as naturally appearing condition as possible. The DNR may use artificial nesting platforms and boxes or other wildlife management techniques within the refuge.

#### Ruffed Grouse Area Management

Marathon County in cooperation with the Ruffed Grouse Society and the Department of Natural Resources has developed a special ruffed grouse management area in the Leather Camp Forest Unit north of the Little Eau Claire River (approximately 3,163 acres). The primary intent of this project is to maintain intolerant forest types, primarily aspen, in stand sizes less than 20 acres when feasible, with a variety of size and age classes to promote ruffed grouse, American woodcock, and other species associated with the aspen forest.

Marathon County has developed and will maintain a trail system to allow the harvest of small areas. These trails will remain closed to motorized use except for approved snowmobile or ATV trails in winter and by permit for persons with disabilities, or other contract or permit (timber management, beaver control, etc.).

Although aspen management will dominate this area, appropriate aesthetic management practices will be used to reduce negative visual impacts from aspen regeneration harvests.

### 300.2.7 Rare and Endangered Resources

A review of the Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) indicates the presence of a number of rare species, natural communities and unique natural features on the Marathon County Forest. All land disturbing projects will include an evaluation phase, to determine whether an NHI screening is required.

The Natural Heritage Inventory Database is the most comprehensive source of rare species data for Wisconsin. These data are used for a variety of purposes including research, land management, state land master planning, community planning, conservation planning and review of public and private activities across the state. The NHI Portal is currently available to DNR staff and County Forest staff who hold a data sharing license.

The Wisconsin Historical Preservation Database is the most comprehensive source of cultural resources for Wisconsin. These data are used for a variety of purposes including research, land management, state land master planning, community planning, conservation planning and review of public and private activities across the state. The Wisconsin Historical Preservation Database is currently available to DNR staff and County Forest staff.

### 300.2.8 Water

Marathon County also has no streams which are classified as Outstanding and Exceptional Resource Waters.

Marathon County has 32,055 acres of water, involving 18 lakes, 6 major flowages, and 643 miles of streams. Within the boundaries of the Forest, there are few fishery resources. There are 18 small wildlife flowages within the County Forest boundaries which are managed for waterfowl. In addition, the County owns frontage on the Wisconsin River, and Four Mile Creek and Black Creek, which are named trout streams, and several unnamed feeder streams. A complete inventory of the surface water resources in Marathon County can be found in the appendix.

Marathon County has no streams which are classified as Outstanding and Exceptional Resource Waters. Note: An entire listing of the outstanding and exceptional resource waters can be found in Wisconsin Admin. Code NR102.10 and 102.11.

## 300.3 CULTURAL FACTORS

### 300.3.1 Economy

The importance of the County Forests to Wisconsin's economic health continues to rise. County

Forests sustain over 60,000 full-time jobs derived from logging, trucking, paper production, manufactured building materials, and lumber. Many other jobs are created in such businesses as the expanding printing industry and are located far from the forested northland. County Forests contribute to the 24 billion dollar forest industry in Wisconsin.

In addition, the lands managed by these 29 counties provide an important recreation resource to complement our state's valuable tourism industry. Tourists spend valuable money at local businesses. By providing 2.4 million acres of public recreation land, we bring tourists to our state. As population increases and public access to privately owned forestland decreases, the need for accessible lands unquestionably will assume an ever more important role. More information on the economic impact of the County Forest program can be found at

<https://www.wisconsincountyforests.com/>

Production of forest products and spin-off industries derived from the recreational opportunities on the Forest and the forest products it produces are vitally important to Marathon County's economic well-being. Forest industry is the #2 ranked employer in the County. Recreation is ranked # \_\_\_\_\_.

This information can be found at the following link:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestbusinesses/factsheets.html>.

### 300.3.2 Education and Research

Education and research continue to be critical components in making decisions that affect our natural resources. As public needs and demands on our forest and its products increase, we must be prepared to assure that sound decisions result. To this end, Marathon County encourages and supports research efforts that relate to the forest, and educational opportunities that will promote a better understanding of forest communities and management.

### 300.4 OTHER PUBLIC LANDS OWNERSHIP

Marathon County Forest doesn't share any common boundaries with other public lands within the County. The Harrison-Hewitt Forest Unit abuts the Langlade County Forest Ackley Wildlife area. Some trails are connected providing users to move from one forest to another. Marathon County will continue to seek additional opportunities with Langlade County in the best interests of the public.



September 13, 2019

DATCP-ARM  
PO Box 8911  
Madison, WI 53708

Attn: Christopher Clayton

This letter is in regards to ATCP 51 rule revisions which propose changes to Livestock Facility Siting law in the State of Wisconsin. Marathon County recognizes the need for discussing the current application process and standards and is offering suggestions to help shape the revisions to the current administrative code. There are several issues Marathon County wants to comment on the rule in order to improve the siting process.

The primary issues are as follows:

***Needs to Recognize Current Standards, Technologies, and Improvements to Worksheet 4***

Marathon County supports updating the rule to incorporate new technical standards developed since 2006, such as NRCS 313 Waste Storage Facility, NRCS 590 Nutrient Management, as well as NR 151 Runoff Management. It is important to recognize the many new technologies that are featured within the manure treatment infrastructure, including reverse osmosis processes. The evaluation of existing manure storage facilities, especially those installed without any documentation, needs additional verification to protect the surface and groundwater from leaking or failing manure storage structures.

***Balancing Rural V.S. Urban Issues and Setbacks***

Marathon County is concerned about the proposed setbacks requirements. Consideration should be given to a process which allows the urban versus rural land use conflicts to be addressed at the local level with an opportunity for discussion, compromise, and resolution, including the ability to sign agreements, rather than implement setbacks, which are similar to zoning. The proposed setbacks could place additional hardships on the agricultural industry when expansion is necessary.

***Improving Process of Documenting Expansions***

Marathon County would like an improved process of documenting existing farm's animal numbers in aiding in determining the 20% expansion rule. A process that includes and enhances the counties abilities to benchmark animal numbers from the May 1, 2006 ATCP 51 Rule enactment to present day status. This will insure that farm operations are licensed in a timely fashion, when required to do so, and provide regulatory certainty and fairness to all farm operators.



## **Implementing Process for Modifications to Issued Licensed Holders**

The current rule lacks guidance on how to treat modifications to licenses and does not provide a clear mechanism for accounting for changes through a license modification. The State should standardize a process for modifications when they are necessary, without requiring a full relicensing of the operation.

Based upon the above listed comments, Marathon County recognizes the need for some of the proposed rule changes. We ask that this correspondence be added to the official record of the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection ATCP 51 Livestock Facility Siting Rule proposal.

Sincerely,



Kurt Gibbs  
County Board Chair

cc: Marathon County legislators  
Wisconsin Counties Association  
Wisconsin Towns Association  
Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association  
Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee

APPENDIX A:  
SURVEY & APRIL 30, 2019  
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT  
MEETING SUMMARY



# COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

## COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

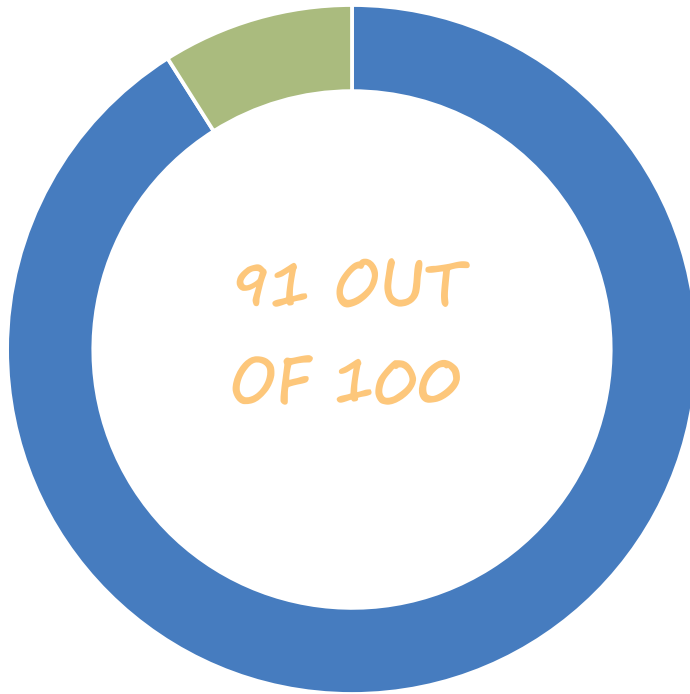
To encourage public involvement in the Marathon County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the County created an online public opinion survey. The survey was available April 16 through May 11, 2018 and hosted on Survey Monkey. Hard copies were also available at the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department.

In total, 1,194 individuals took the survey. Approximately 88% of those who took the survey live in Marathon County, while the additional 12% vacation or recreate within Marathon County. 25% of all respondents live in the City of Wausau, which is slightly less than the City's percentage of the County population (29%). 11% live in the Village of Weston, which equals the Village's percentage of the County population. 11% live in the Town of Rib Mountain, which is greater than the Town's percentage of the County's population (5%). 5% live the Village of Kronenwetter, which equals the Village's percentage of the County population. The remaining in-County respondents were distributed between other cities, villages, and towns of Marathon County, refer to Q17 on page A-16.

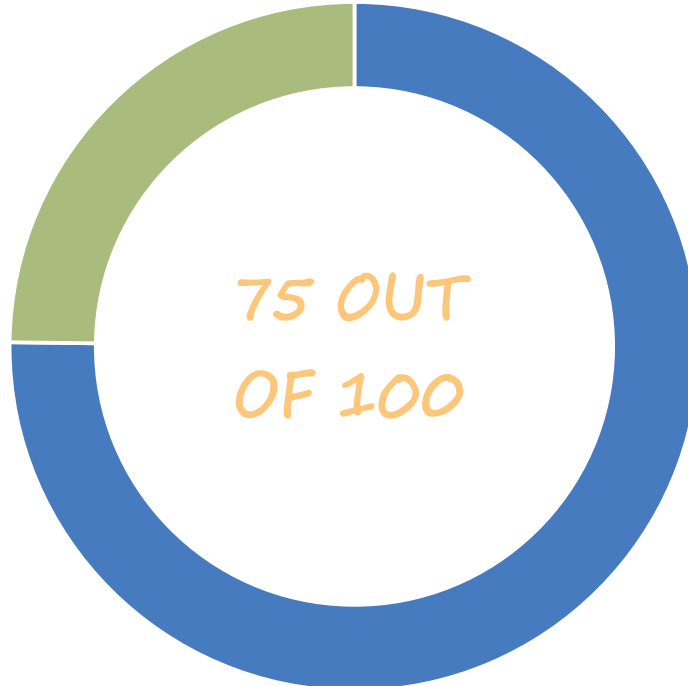
The survey represents a diverse group demographically, though certain groups were under- and over-represented. Generally younger members of the community were under-represented and those categorized as middle-age were over-represented. For instance, those under 19 and under represented 0.2% of survey respondents but make up 27.1% of Marathon County residents. Those age 35-54 represented 45.2% of survey respondents but only make up 28.8% of the population of the County. The figure depicting respondents' answers to their corresponding age group compared to 2013-2017 American Community Survey Estimates is shown under question 1 on page A-3.

Responses in this summary include responses for all survey respondents no matter their place of residence, and include comments.

Q1 ON A SCALE OF 0-100, HOW IMPORTANT DO YOU THINK THE COUNTY'S PARKS, FOREST UNITS, TRAILS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ARE TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE COUNTY? (1,168)



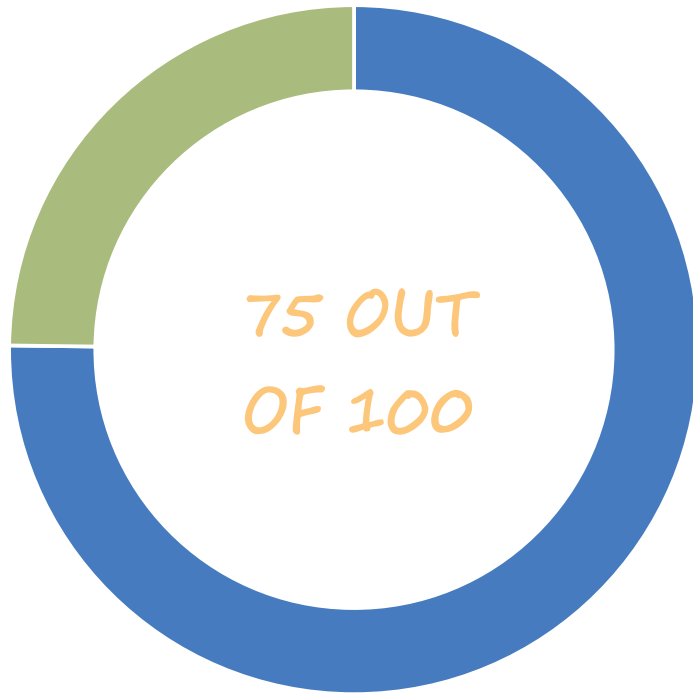
Q2 ON A SCALE OF 0-100, HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE COUNTY'S CURRENT VARIETY OF PARKS, FOREST UNITS, TRAILS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES? (1,184)



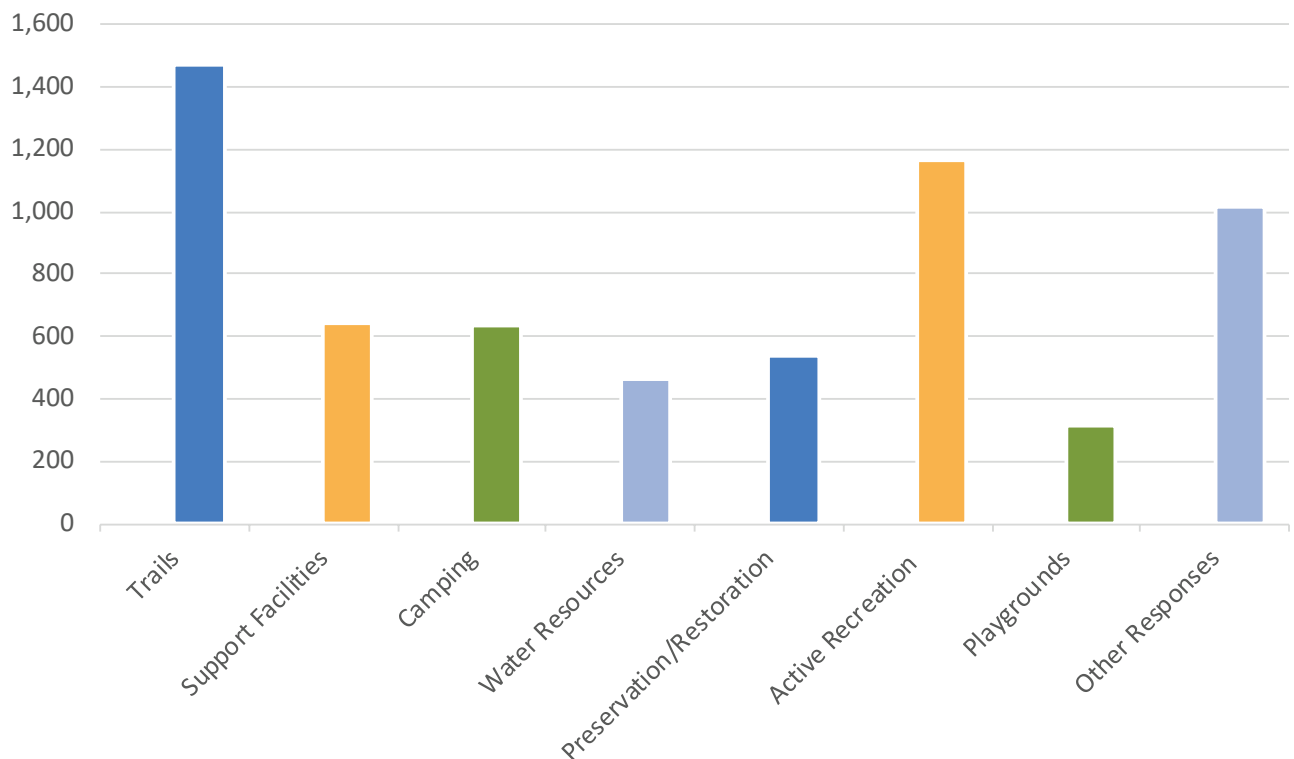
Overall, County parks, forest units, trails, and recreational facilities are valued by residents and visitors, and users believe they are important to quality of life in the County.

There is also overall satisfaction of the variety and quality of offerings that allow for a range of uses and choices in recreational activity.

Q3 ON A SCALE OF 1-100, HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE QUALITY OF THE COUNTY'S PARKS, FOREST UNITS, TRAILS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES? (1,186)

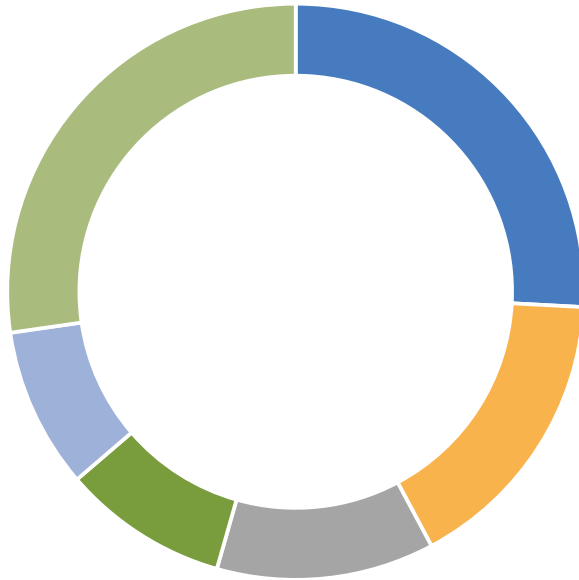


Q4 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ADDED, IMPROVED, OR EXPANDED BY EITHER PUBLIC, NON-PROFIT, OR PRIVATE ENTITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY? MARK UP TO 7 PREFERENCES (1,122)





Q4\* COMMON RESPONSES WITHIN TRAILS CATEGORY (1,474)

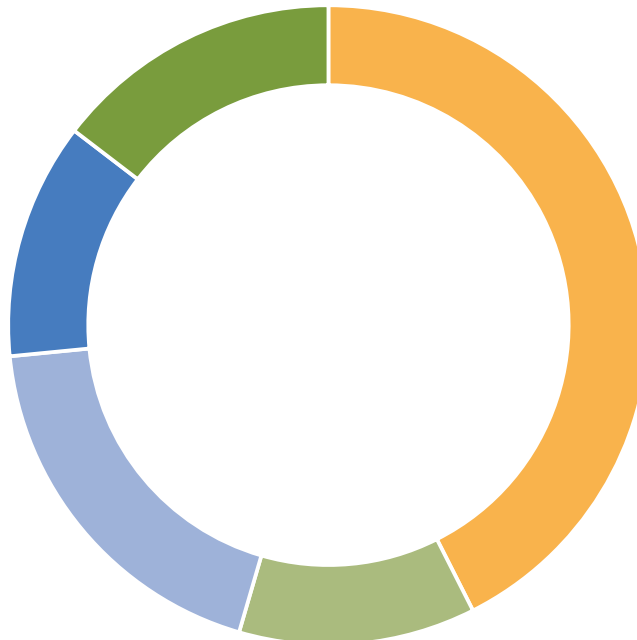


26% of respondents selected hiking trails, 16% paved trails, and 12% mountain bike trails. Cross country skiing and ATV/UTV trails each represented 9% of the total for the category.

“Other” responses in this category included responses for Trail Lighting (8%), Snowshoeing (7%), Trail Signage (6%), Directional Signage to Parks/Facilities (3%), Snowmobile Trails (2%), and Equestrian Trails (1%).

- Hiking Trails
- Paved Trails
- MTB Trails
- CC Skiing Trails
- ATV/UTV Trails
- Other (6 Categories)

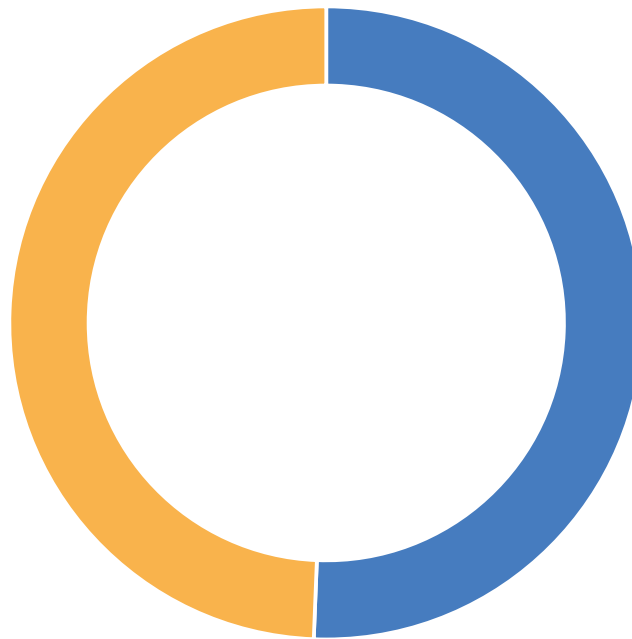
Q4\* COMMON RESPONSES WITHIN SUPPORT FACILITIES CATEGORY (644)



- Restrooms
- Shelters
- Trail Lighting
- Benches, Tables, Grills
- Park Signage/Historical Markers

The most common Facilities response was for added/improved restroom facilities (43%), followed by trail lighting (19%), signage/historical markers (15%), with shelters and benches/tables/grills each receiving 12% of the responses.

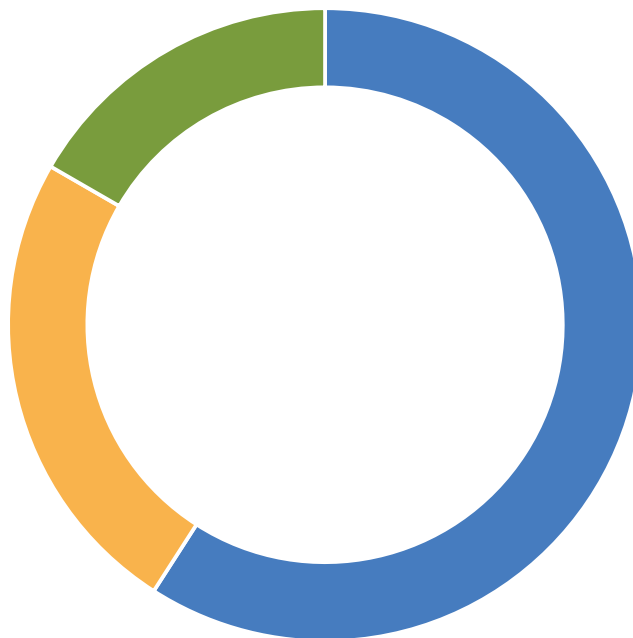
#### Q4\* COMMON RESPONSES WITHIN CAMPING CATEGORY (636)



■ Camping Areas    ■ Camping Support Facilities

Responses were evenly split within the camping category, with 51% indicating camping areas (more camping, improvements to campsites), and 49% indicating camping support facilities (restrooms, showers, etc.)

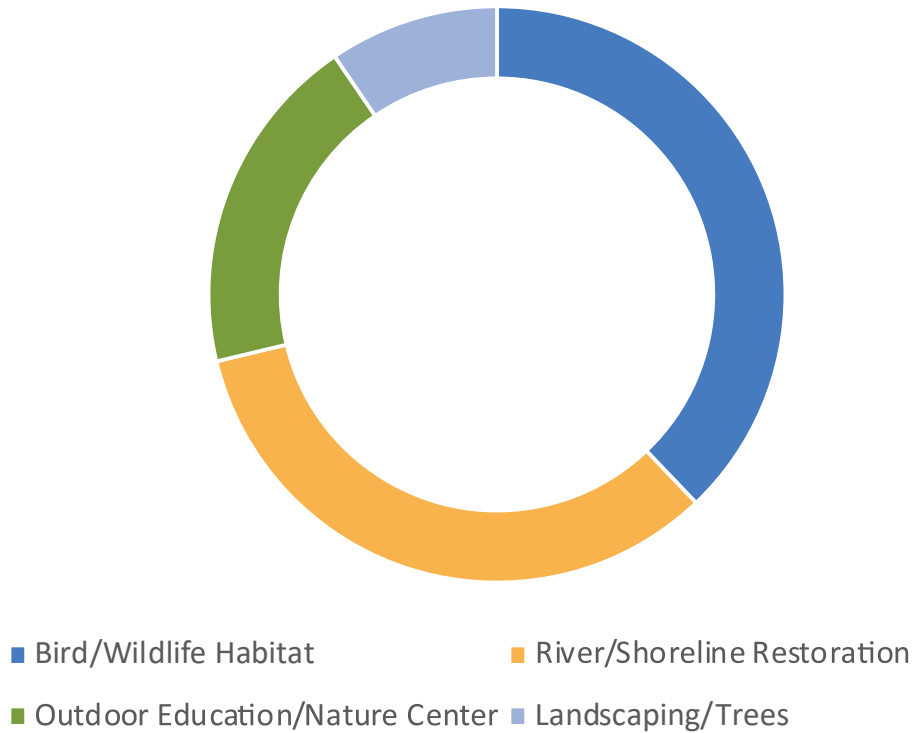
#### Q4\* COMMON RESPONSES WITHIN WATER RESOURCES CATEGORY (462)



■ Canoe/Kayak Facilities    ■ Boating Facilities    ■ Water Trails

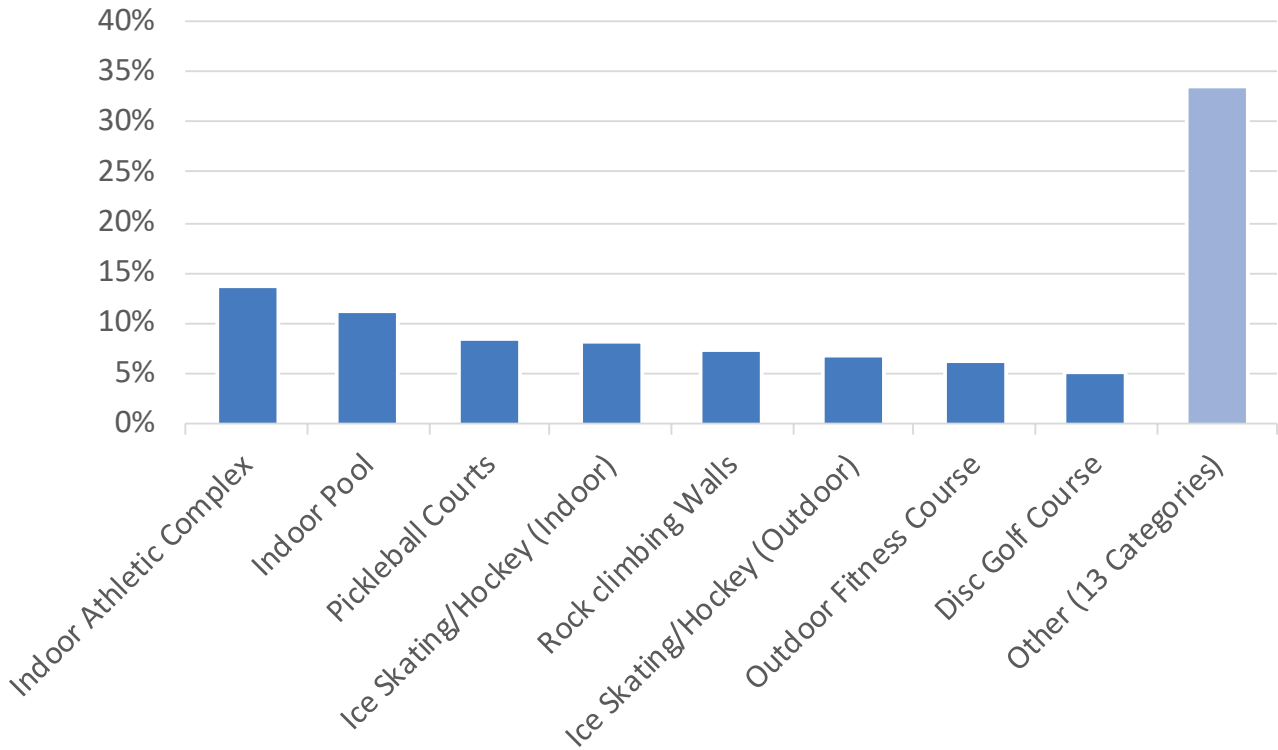
53% of all responses in this category indicated demand for new/improved canoe and kayak facilities, particularly increased number of and access to launches.

Q4\* COMMON RESPONSES WITHIN PRESERVATION/RESTORATION CATEGORY (536)



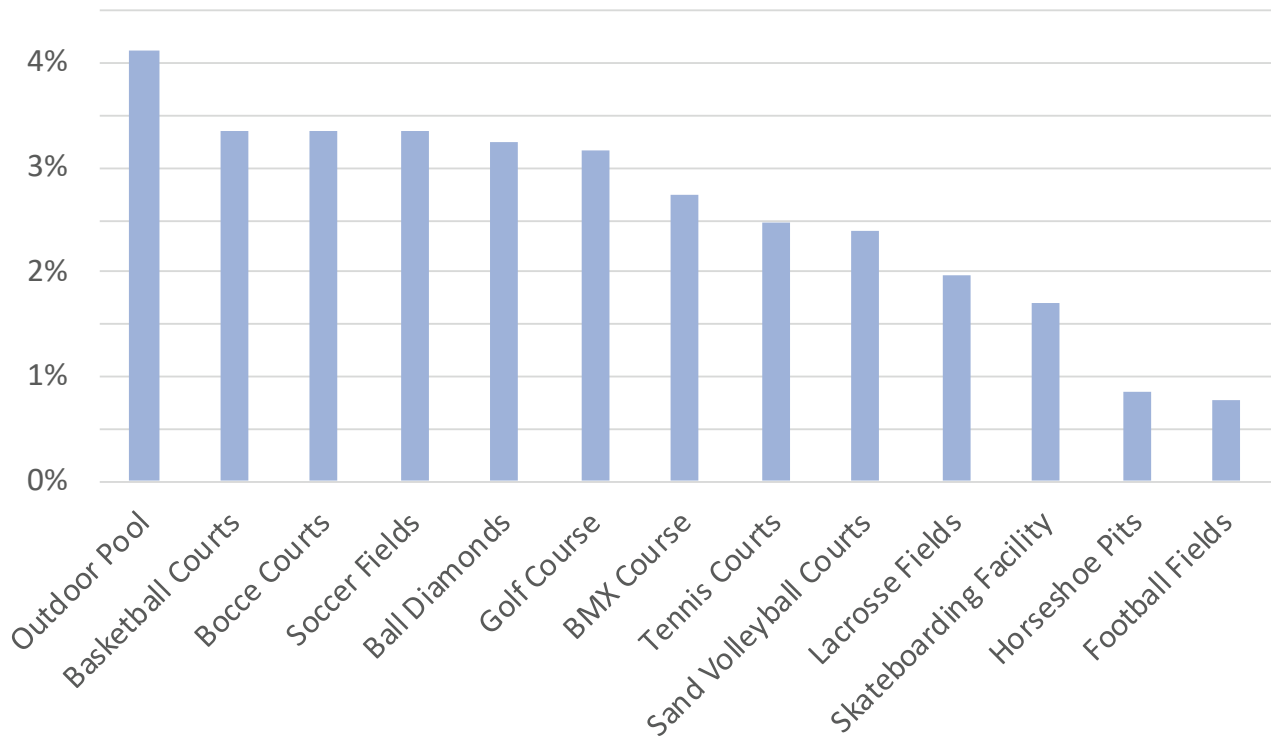
The majority of respondents prioritized bird/wildlife habitat within this category (38%) and river/shoreline restoration (33%).

Q4\* COMMON RESPONSES WITHIN ACTIVE RECREATION/FACILITIES CATEGORY (1,167)

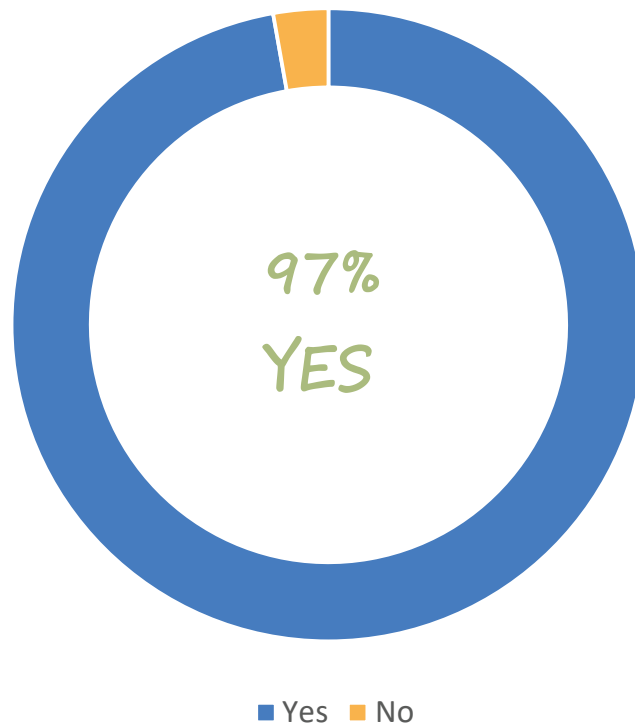


The variety of responses within Active Recreation/Facilities was distributed from 14% for Indoor Multisport Athletic Complex to 1% for football fields, and in all accounted for 22 distinct sub-categories.

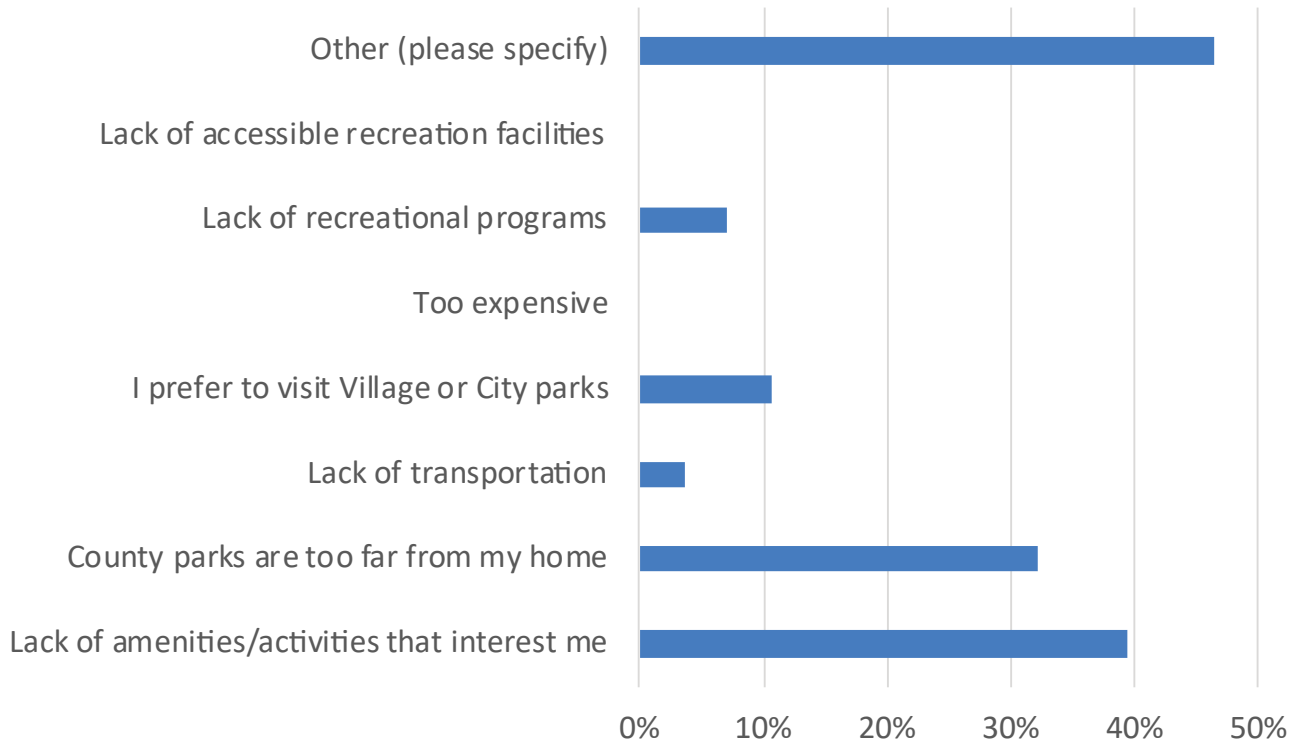
Q4\* "OTHER" RESPONSES WITHIN ACTIVE RECREATION/FACILITIES CATEGORY (391)



Q5 OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS DID YOU VISIT OR USE A COUNTY PARK OR FOREST UNIT? (1,108)



Q6 IF YOU INDICATED YOU DID NOT VISIT OR USE COUNTY PARKS, FOREST UNITS, OR TRAILS, PLEASE TELL US WHY. CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. (28)

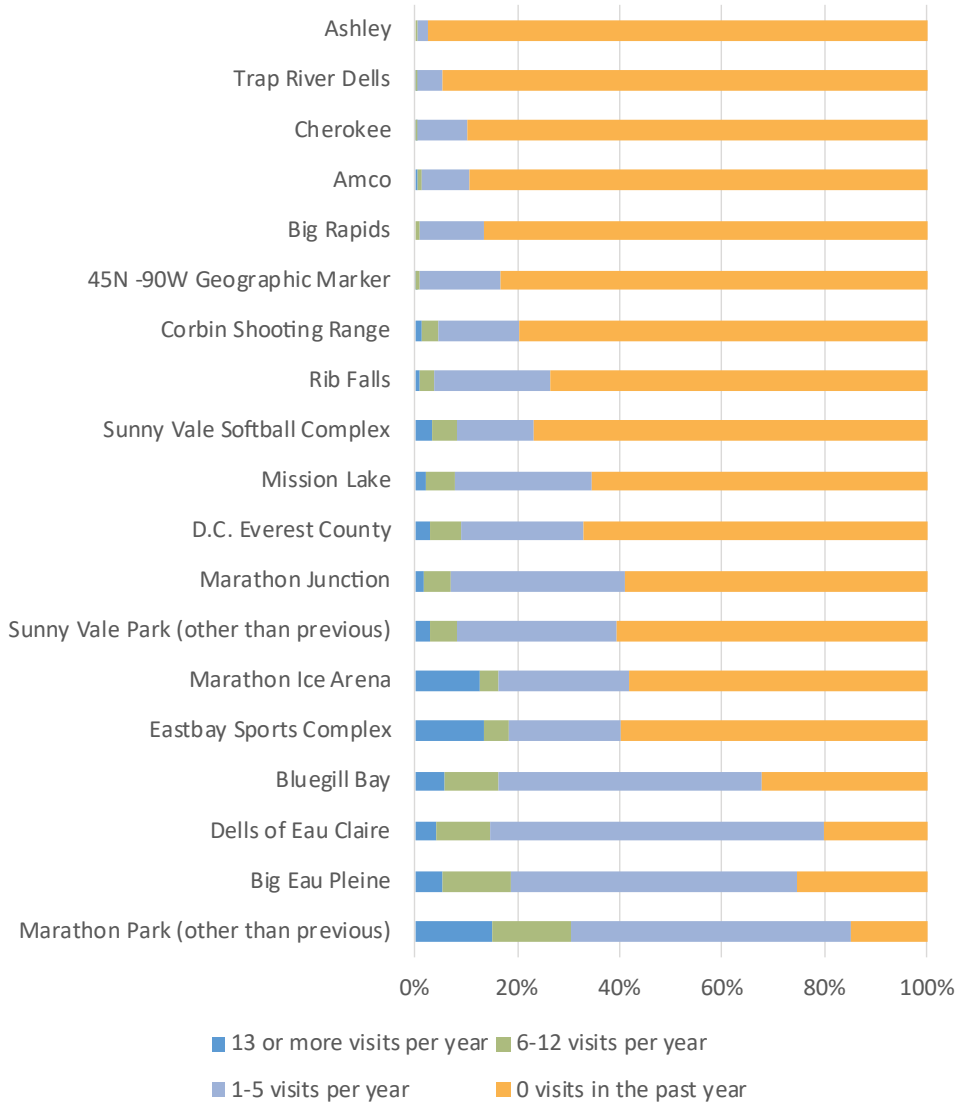


Answers from the category of Other include:

- ◇ No time
- ◇ Road Bicycling is preferred sport - no options at County facilities
- ◇ Need more areas and activities for older adults
- ◇ Lack of good campgrounds
- ◇ Personal Schedule too busy
- ◇ I prefer to stay home and enjoy my yard
- ◇ No time
- ◇ Ice Age Trail Hiker
- ◇ No camping sites
- ◇ Unsure exactly what's available / new to town
- ◇ No time
- ◇ New to area
- ◇ Never thought about visiting them, usually go to local park

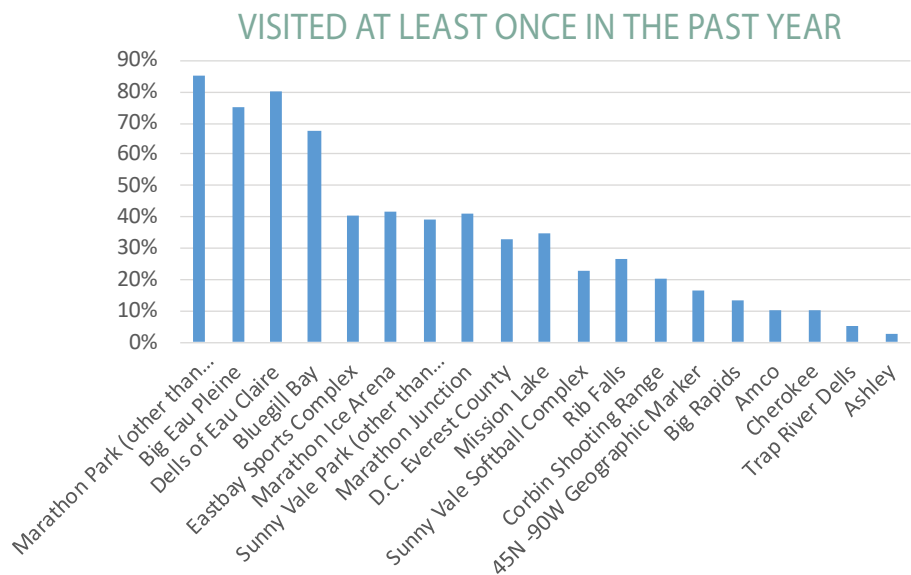


**Q7 HOW OFTEN OVER THE PAST YEAR DID YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD VISIT OR USE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE FOLLOWING COUNTY PARKS? (867)**

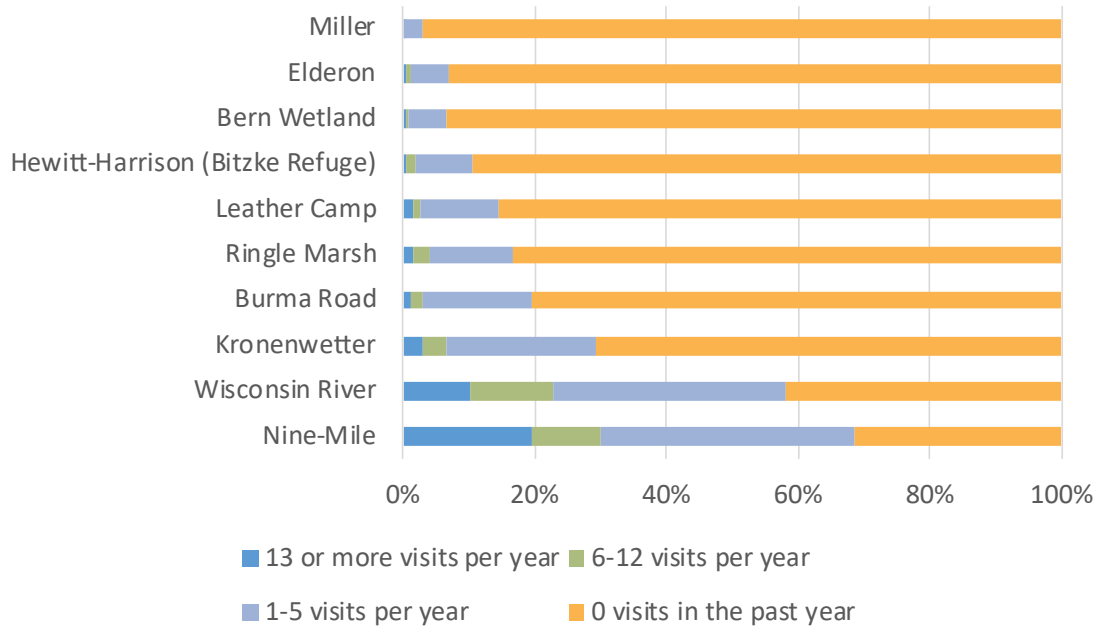


Marathon Park, Dells of Eau Claire, and Big Eau Pleine are the most visited parks within the County system, with each being visited by at least once annually by 75% of survey respondents.

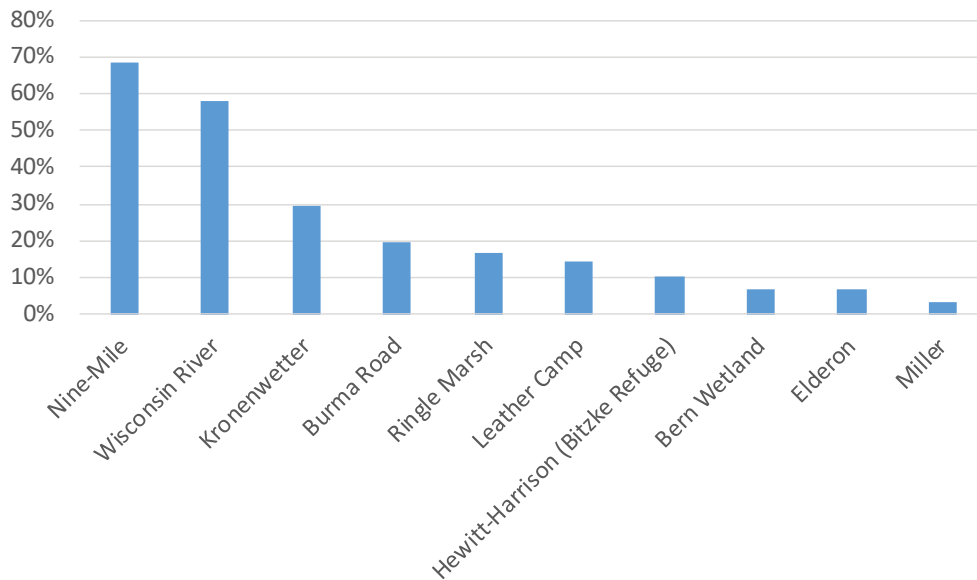
Ashley and Trap River Dells are the only parks in the system which less than 10% of respondents indicated they had visited within the past year.



**Q8 HOW OFTEN OVER THE PAST YEAR DID YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD VISIT OR USE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT THE FOLLOWING COUNTY FOREST UNITS? (862)**



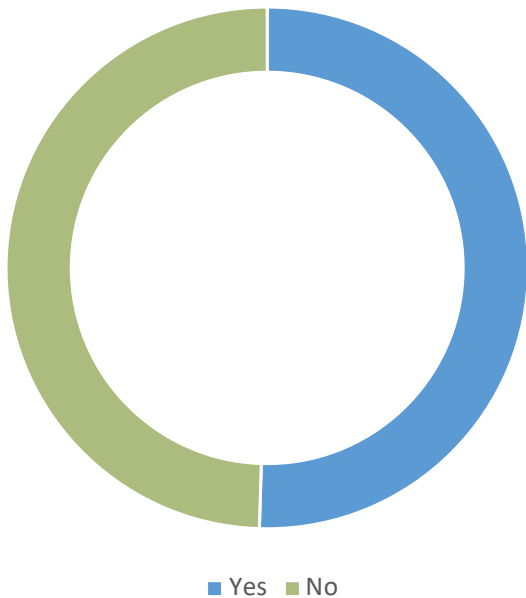
**VISITED AT LEAST ONCE IN THE PAST YEAR**



Survey Respondents indicated less overall visits to County Forest Units as opposed to County Parks, however there are forest units within the system that receive large visitor shares.

Nearly 70% of respondents had visited Nine-Mile in the past year (69%), and 58% had visited the Wisconsin River Forest unit.

**Q9 DO YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD COMMONLY (AN AVERAGE OF 4 TIMES PER YEAR OR MORE) DRIVE SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE OF MARATHON COUNTY TO USE THE SAME SPECIFIC PARK, RECREATIONAL FACILITY, OR PROGRAM? (1,040)**

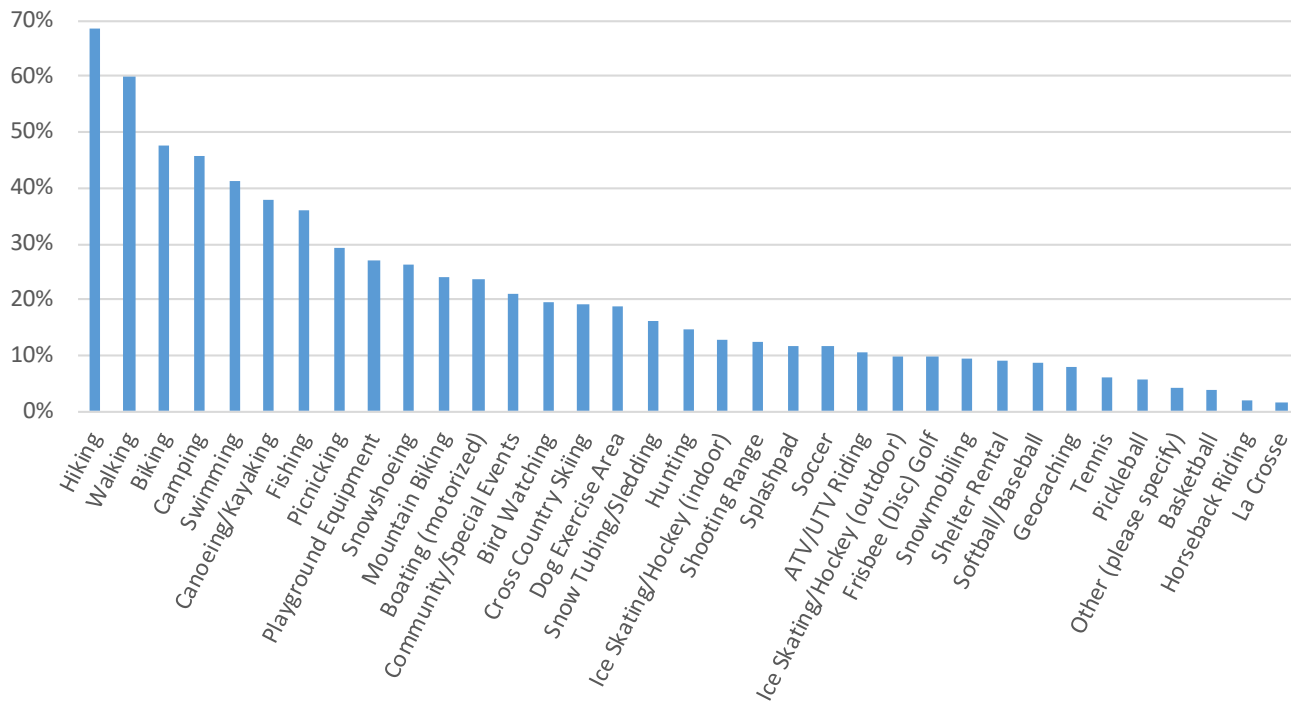


49.5% of respondents indicated they do not commonly drive to a specific location to recreate outside of Marathon County, while 50.5% indicated they do commonly travel to the same location outside of the County.

**Common Responses of other parks and facilities:**

- ◇ Camping (locations across the State)
- ◇ Hockey Rinks around the State
- ◇ Council Grounds State Park
- ◇ Door County
- ◇ Ice Age Trail
- ◇ Kettle Moraine
- ◇ Minocqua
- ◇ Mountain Biking (across the State)
- ◇ Northern Highlands
- ◇ Portage County Parks
- ◇ Shawano County

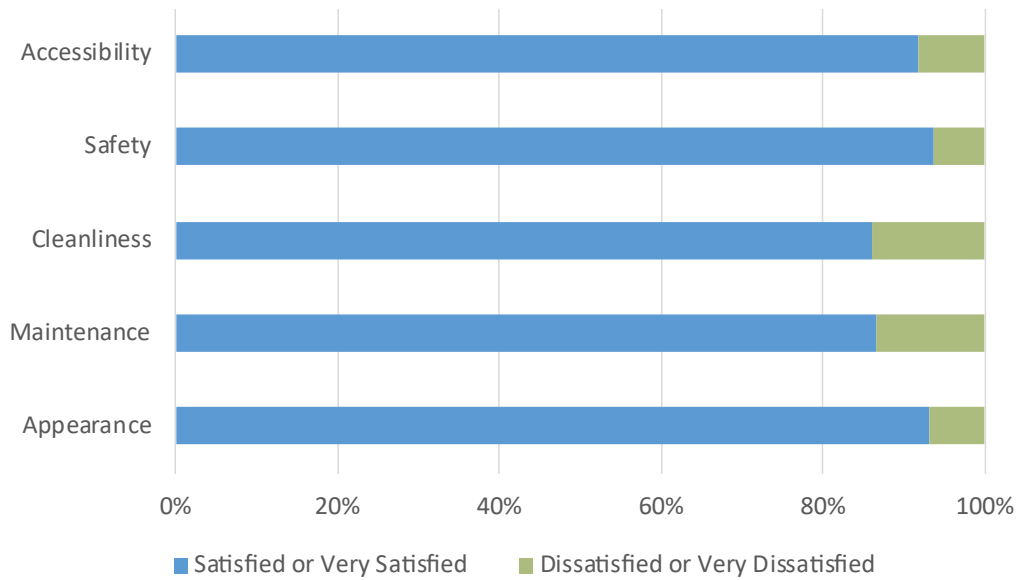
**Q10 IN WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES DO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY PARTICIPATE AT COUNTY PARKS, FOREST UNITS, AND TRAILS? (1,041)**



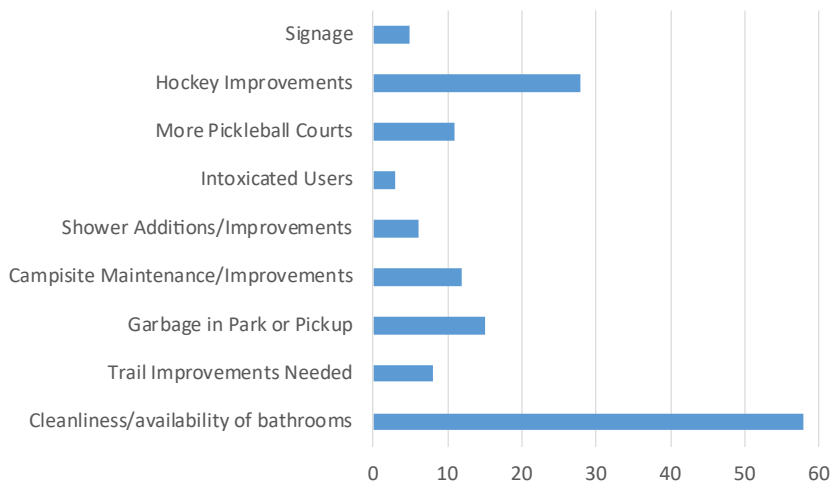
**Common Responses for Other:**

- ◇ Pickleball
- ◇ Skateboarding
- ◇ Hunting
- ◇ Snow Fat Biking
- ◇ Road Biking (Paved Paths)

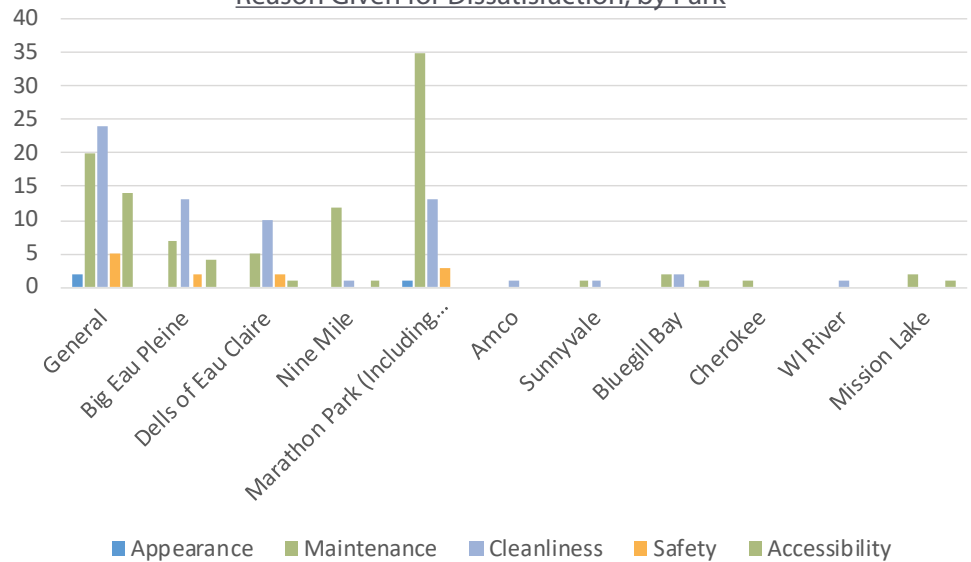
Q11 HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE APPEARANCE, MAINTENANCE, CLEANLINESS, SAFETY, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF MARATHON COUNTY'S PARKS, FOREST UNITS, AND TRAILS? (1,043)



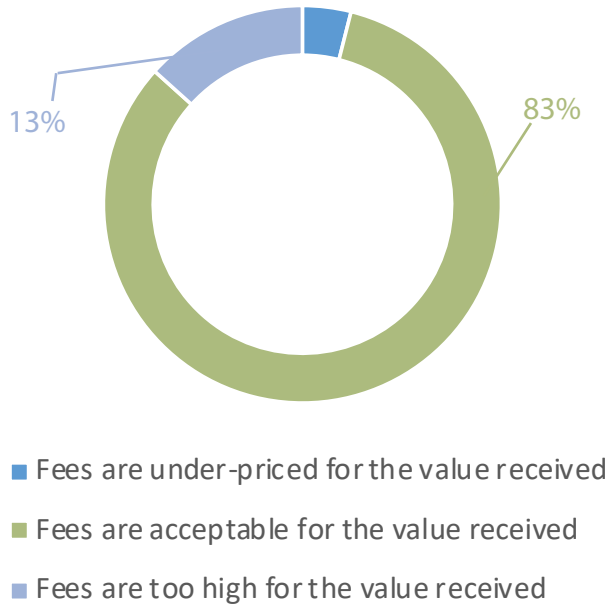
Reason Given for Dissatisfaction



Reason Given for Dissatisfaction, by Park

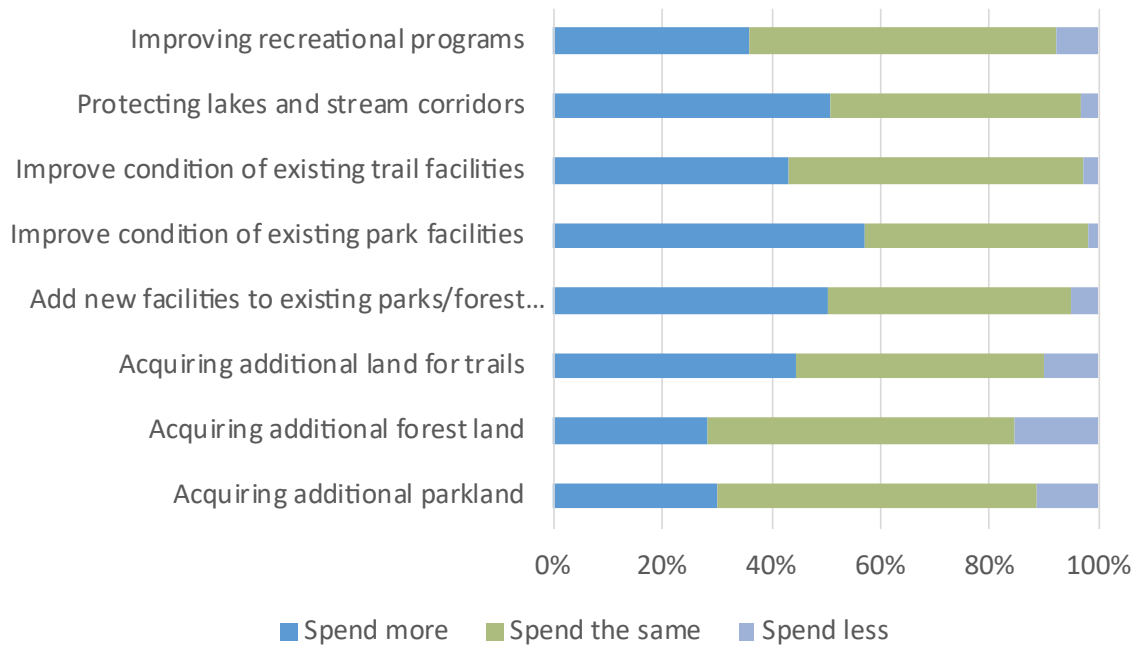


**Q12 HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE CURRENT PROGRAM AND FACILITY FEES CHARGED DIRECTLY TO YOU BY THE MARATHON COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT? (1,022)**



Excluding those who responded as “unsure” (16% of total), a large majority of users believe that fees within the Marathon County park, forest, and trail system are appropriate for the value received from use and activities.

**Q13 HOW WOULD YOU DIRECT FUTURE FUNDING FOR COUNTY PARK, FOREST UNIT, TRAIL, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS? (1,010)**

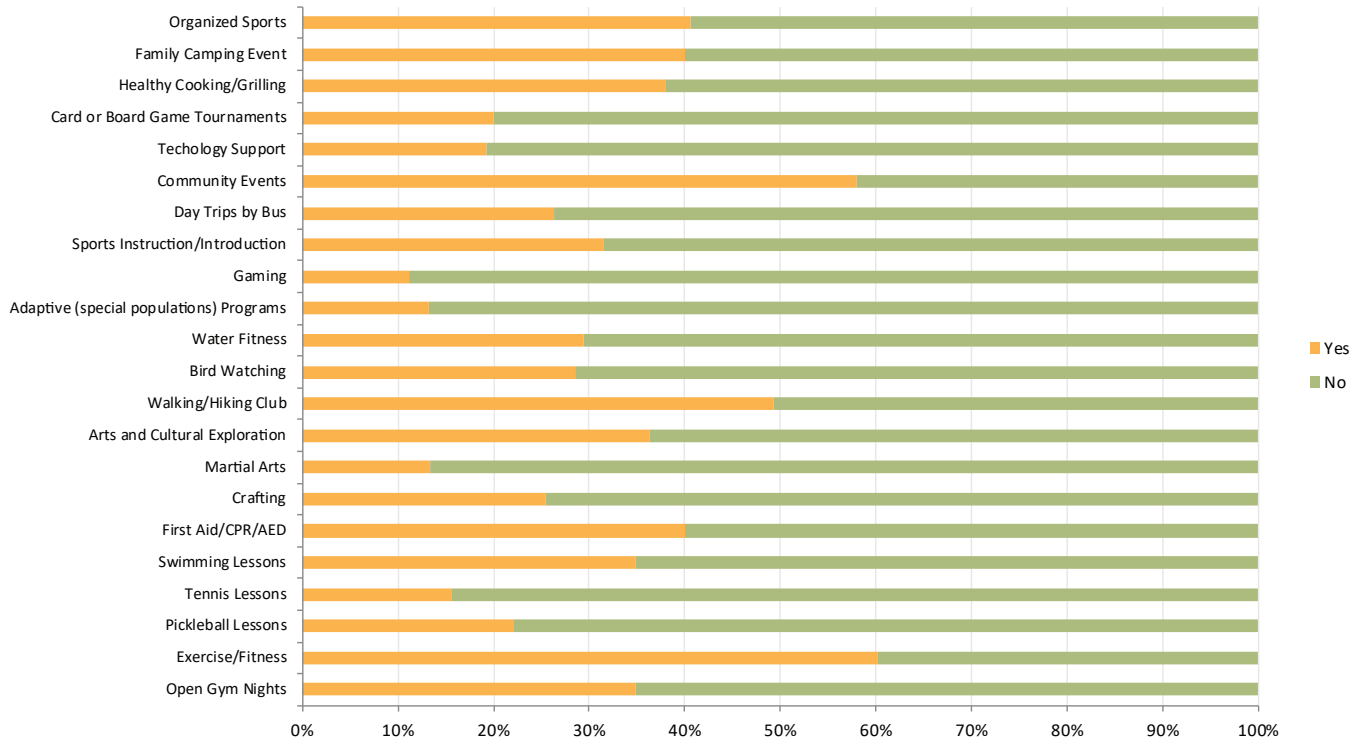


Overall, respondents would prioritize their own spending toward improvements of the existing park, forest, and trail system as their top priority from the list, followed by protecting lakes and stream corridors, and adding new facilities to existing parks and forests. Less than 2% of respondents (1.97%) would spend less on improving the current existing park facilities.

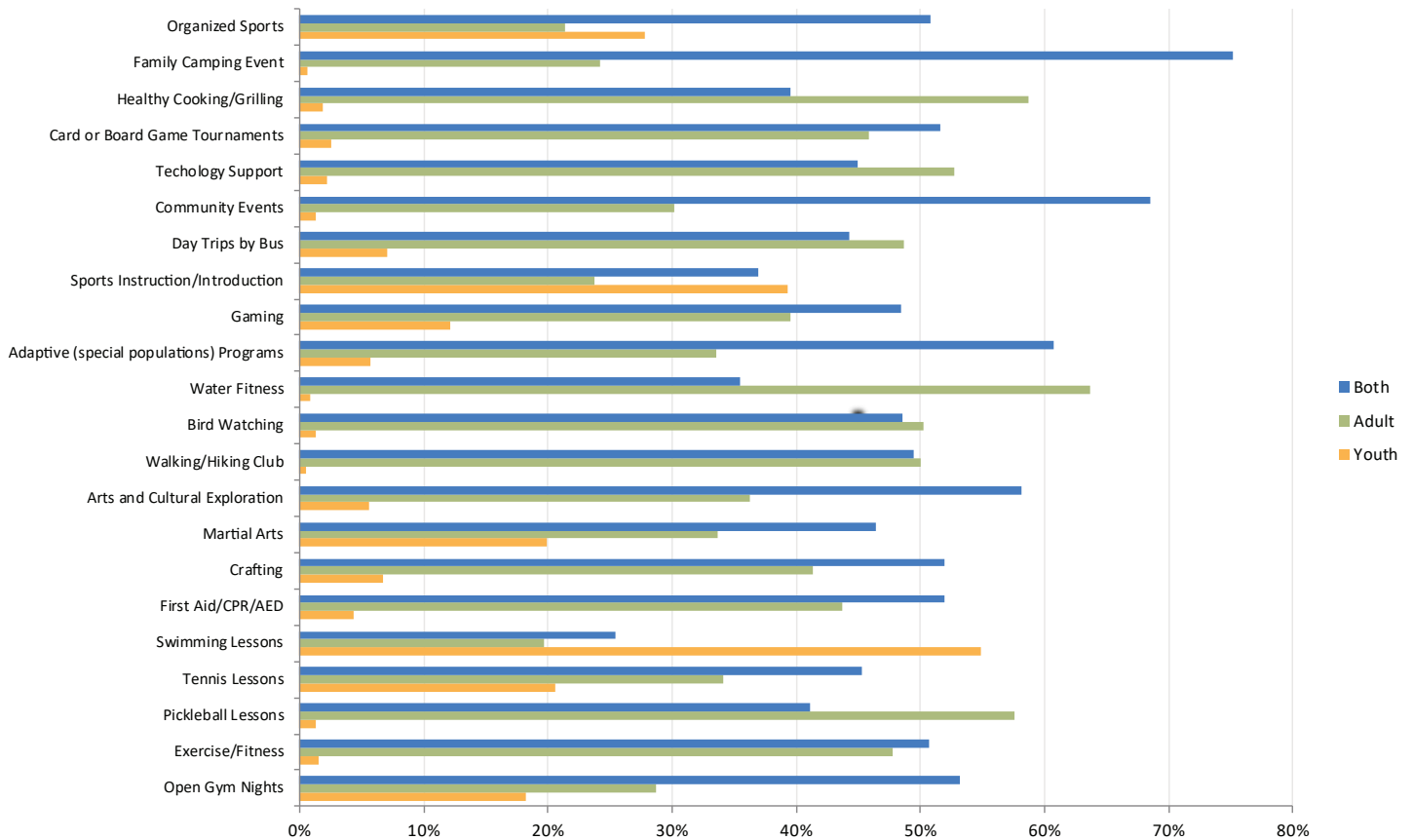
Only 7.2% of the votes cast within all categories were for less spending, indicating support for maintaining and improving the County outdoor recreation system. Within the spend more responses, acquiring additional land for forest units or parks received the least priority among the eight categories.



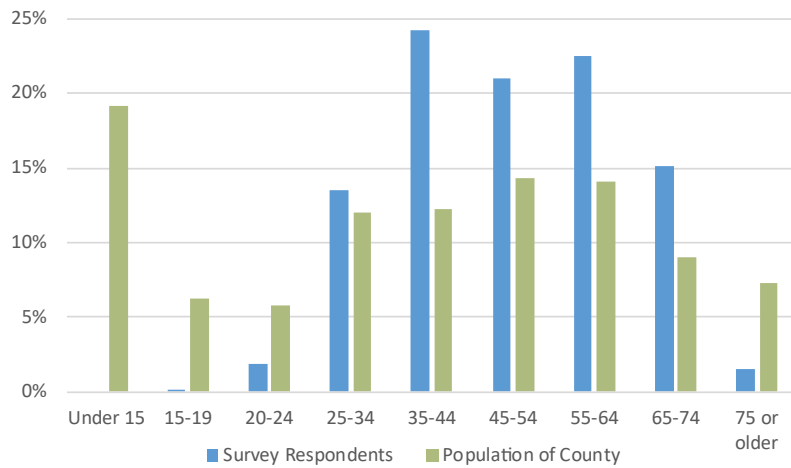
Q14 PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS THE NEED FOR EACH OF THE RECREATION PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW (843)



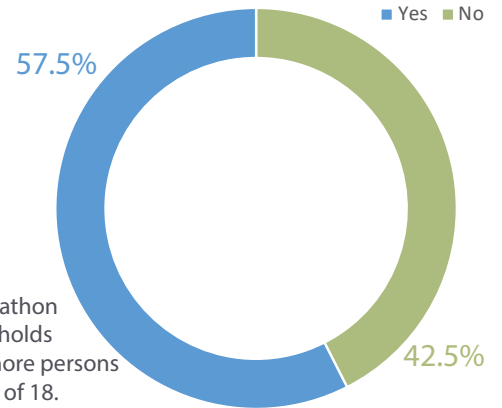
Q14 PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS THE NEED FOR EACH OF THE RECREATION PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW, INDICATING YOUTH ADULT OR BOTH (843)



### Q16 WHAT IS YOUR AGE? (989)

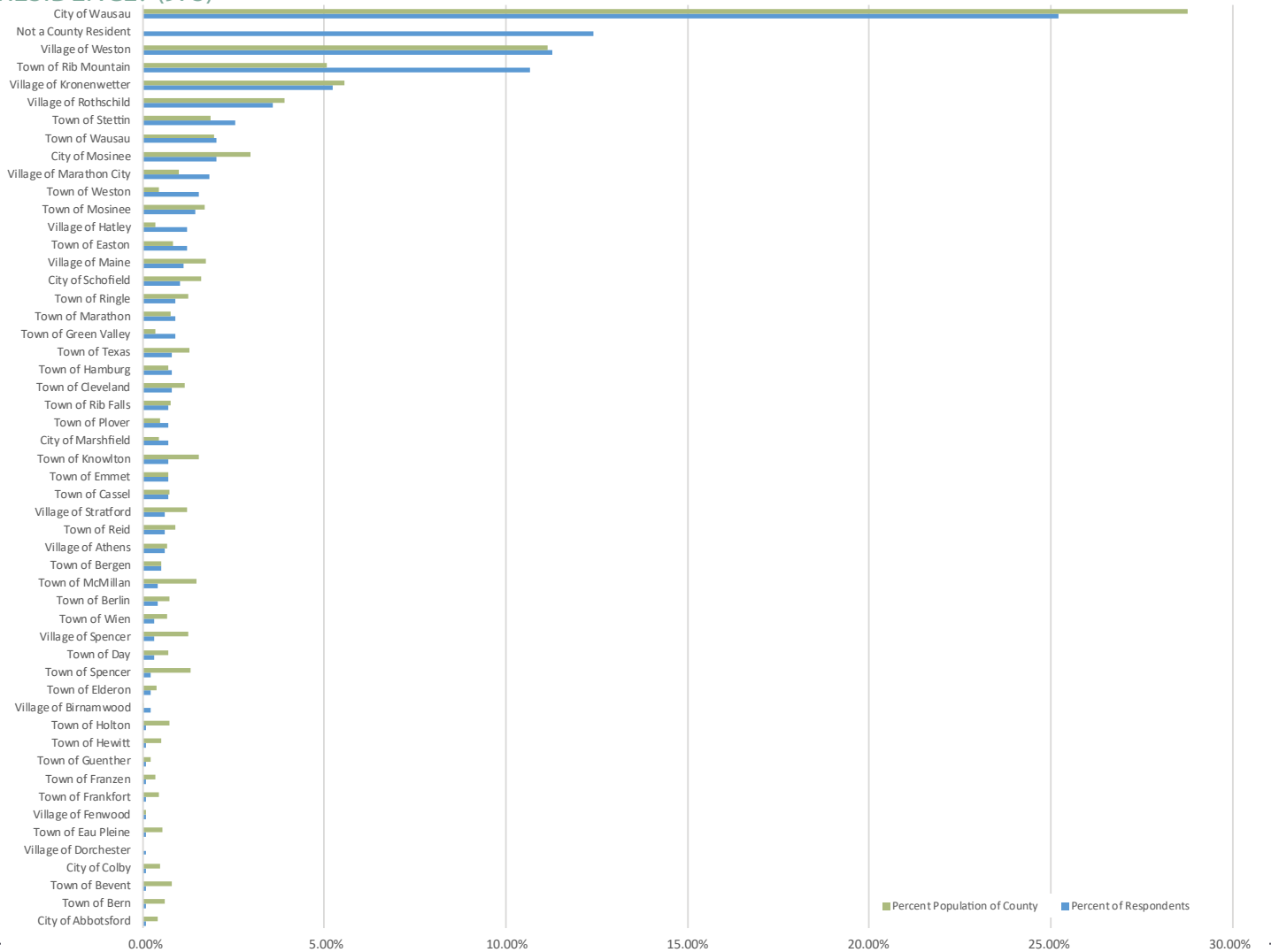


### Q17 ARE THERE ANY PERSONS LIVING IN YOUR HOME THAT ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 18? (981)

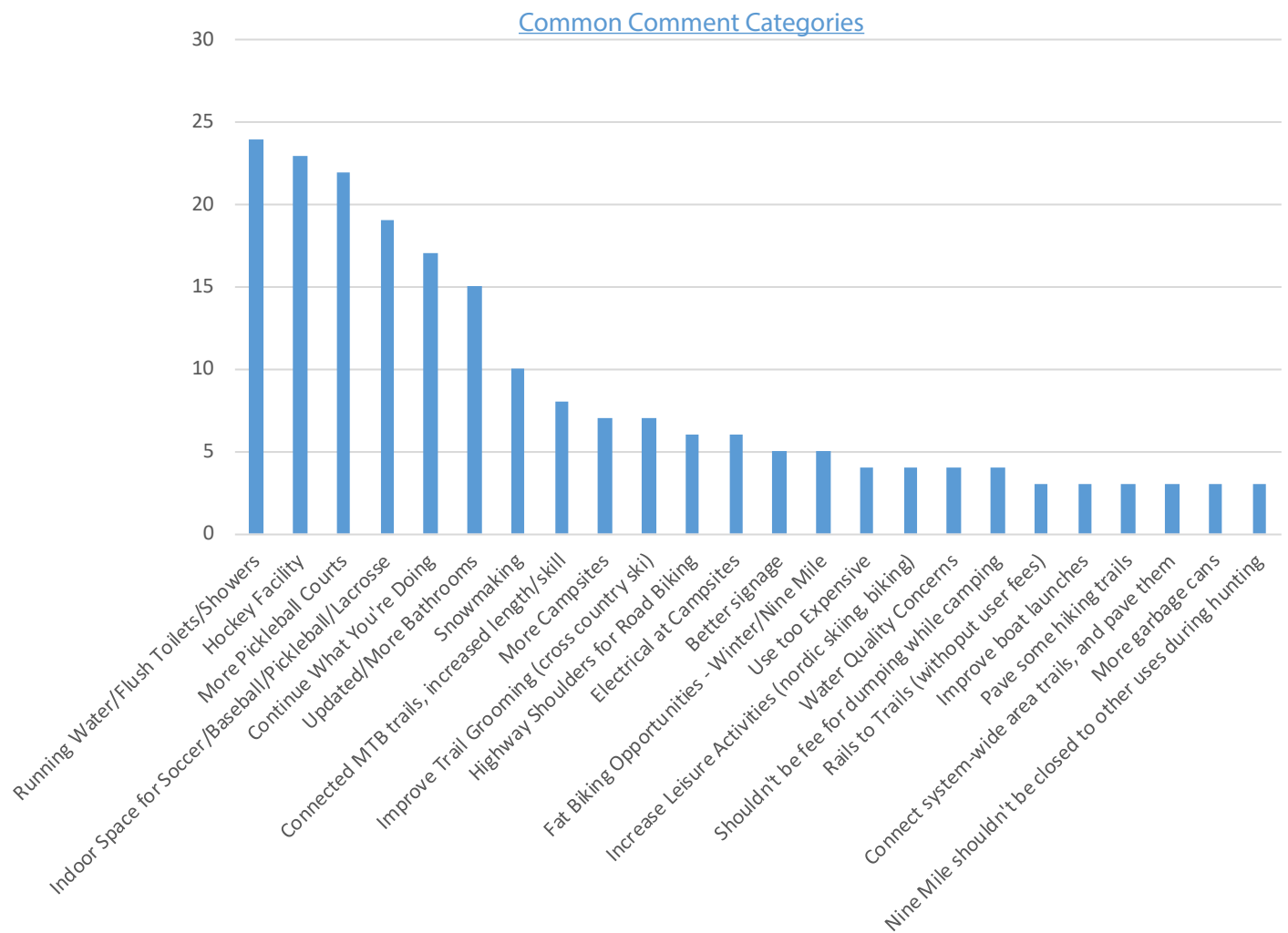


27% of all Marathon County households contain 1 or more persons under the age of 18.

### Q18 IN WHAT COMMUNITY IS YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE? (975)



## Q15 PLEASE PROVIDE ANY OTHER COMMENTS (OPEN-ENDED) (289)



## Q15\* FULL COMMENTS (289)

- ◇ Snow making at 9 mile
- ◇ Limit motorized vehicles - such as ATVs
- ◇ We need shoulders on county highways that have lots of traffic and that are good bike routes and connections.
- ◇ more camping sites at all county parks are needed -
- ◇ The pricing for the park facilities has rose significantly. We used to book these park facilities for activities like a birthday party to get our families to utilize the parks and to be outside. However, we can no longer afford the current pricing structures of these facilities, which is unfortunate.
- ◇ New bathrooms bluegill park, more equipment at parks that target older kids 8-12 year old range!
- ◇ Make Seating available for families inside marathon park hockey rink spent far to many night and weekends there and no where to sit for eating or to sit between games. Updated concessions stand definitely need more room in this one. Same as above 3rd rink at marathon park
- ◇ We would benefit from off road bike trails connecting communities along rivers or rail trails. Marathon City, Athens, Edgar etc.
- ◇ With the growing Pickleball players, we need more courts. With only 3 courts,we sometimes have as many as 30 to 40 players
- ◇ more sites available with water and electric.
- ◇ Indoor sports facility would allow typically outdoor sports (ie, soccer and baseball) to practice indoors when the weather/outside field conditions are not conducive to practicing outside. There is limited indoor space right now, and the athletes are negatively impacted by this shortage
- ◇ Love the parks for walking the dog, exercise, etc. They're some of the best features of Marathon Co. quality of life!!
- ◇ Keep up the good work.
- ◇ There is a need for additional park personnel and oversite
- ◇ Some non- technical ( not mountain bike ) free county bike trails might be nice. Any old rail beds around?
- ◇ I should get a free pass for mountain bay trail for the amount of time I spend cleaning it up.
- ◇ 1. Increase miles for mountain biking. Need at least 1 trail system with 20+ miles in length to attract people to come and move/travel here.
- ◇ 2. Reduced fees for X-C skiing and snowshoeing
- ◇ 3. Allow fat biking on snow shoe trails at 9 mile
- ◇ 4. Better signage for cross country skiing
- ◇ Blue Gill park needs more restrooms - preferably modernized.
- ◇ We are avid XC skiers. The quality of the grooming at Nine Mile could be improved. The desk staff is great, but the overall appearance of atmosphere of the Chalet could be improved as well. Winter Park in Minocqua could be a model for what we could/ should have here in a much more populated area with a much bigger draw. Food concessions should certainly be considered and an equipment outlet could do very well here, especially considering the lack of local quality access to XC ski equipment. Thanks
- ◇ I feel the county parks are very good. I think the charge for cross country skiing at 9 mile is too much. The sled hill is marvelous.
- ◇ See comments on Question 13. Maybe more groups, young and old have trail or park clean ups.
- ◇ We're lucky in this County

- ◇ Please consider improvements to “life-long” sporting activities like Nordic Skiing and Biking. These typically are participants that continue to invest in these activities for much of their able lives. These are also activities that people from outside the area will travel here for if you provide the value and experience.
- ◇ The camping area at Dells of the Eau Claire should have a dump station, where are the campers disposing of their waste water?
- ◇ Some parks would be greatly improved with the addition of running water and flush toilets, but I am aware it may attract more unwanted use and adds additional maintenance and up keep costs
- ◇ Add more mileage to 9-Mile mountain bike trails, and don't cut as much time off for hunting. Very few hunters use the area, there is so much other better hunting land available for them. Another thought is when there is logging at 9-Mile, mark some trees right next to the trails for the loggers to leave behind rather than a complete clear-cut.
- ◇ flush toilets restrooms and showers
- ◇ Running water to sites and showers at the DEC n the Big Eau Pleine campgrounds. Spend some money Marathon County n get it done. Thanks
- ◇ Stop being a catch all to everyone. Stay with maintaining outdoor nature sites and create more public access. Stop trying to be social activities catch all. You are not good at it and you waste money trying to do it.
- ◇ Man-made snow under the lights at 9 Mile would provide more days/hours for people to get off the couch and into the great outdoors burning calories and being rejuvenated so they are ready for whatever life brings next.
- ◇ I do not live in the county so I only use camping in Marathon Park which influences my answers or lack of answers.
- ◇ Upgrade your camping electrical!!!!!!!!!!!!!! AMPS NEED TO BE UPGRADED TO 50..... you barely have 30 amps on five sites combined FIX IT !!!!!!!
- ◇ Charging separate fees for camping, boat launch, and dump station is ridiculous - when camping, one fee should cover it all. Also, the firewood policy is nonsense - since there is no known way to actually stop the emerald ash borer, and firewood can be transported all over for private land use, not allowing firewood to be brought into the campground does nothing but punish the campers.
- ◇ Better bathrooms
- ◇ Please continue to have staff drive and observe campsite areas for safety concerns and for observing rules are respected by campers. thanks
- ◇ Full hook up sites in eau claire dells
- ◇ See previous comments regarding lake water quality
- ◇ more camping sites that accept reservations, able to cancel reservations on line.
- ◇ Keep clean, policed, and managed.
- ◇ Showers at campgrounds
- ◇ Add shower facilities to the Big Eau Pleine Campground.
- ◇ Campground should be first come first serve and be able to get them out at camp parks not just going through computers because not all of us have computers to able to do that for campgrounds and campers
- ◇ Shower facilities at campgrounds, even if pay to use.
- ◇ More opportunities for volunteers.
- ◇ More activities and spaces for people to spend time outside-
- Marathon County has a beautiful system of parks that we are lucky to have. People are eager to be outside enjoying our beautiful state.
- ◇ With Pickleball growing more popular daily, more courts are needed and would draw visitors to our area for tournaments, etc.
- ◇ Overall, quite please with the quantity and quality of Parks and forest lands available in the county. We are lucky to have such treasures. It is important to keep multiple use forest units for timber production, recreation, hunting and the general public's use. Less people can afford their own land and it is important for people to recreate and be in the outdoors so they appreciate and support natural resource conservation.
- ◇ Continue to offer the diversity of facilities and programs and adapt facilities and programs to keep current with trends...and the needs of the upcoming generations.
- ◇ Take care of and improve what we already have!
- ◇ Trail signage at Dells of the Eau Claire is sadly lacking. At least add some Ice-Age-Trail-style slashes or markers on trees.
- ◇ Indoor facility.
- ◇ Keep publishing in the information you do because it's great. Will be buried in more online to get information for the summer programs for adults and grandchildren under five. Thank you for making out the survey hope you get some great answers
- ◇ Limit new trail and building/facilities to absolute necessity! Leave the forests to be forests, not trails, buildings and concrete slabs with 'trees between' like Rib Mountain!
- ◇ Would like to see additional Pickleball courts
- ◇ extend the pave trail from Ryan street to camp Phillips road in the village of Weston.
- ◇ Add additional 6 Pickleball court in Marathon park.
- ◇ Establishing greenway corridors to connect park and forest areas would be awesome.
- ◇ The amazing outdoor access to places like Nine Mile are the reason we live in Marathon County.
- ◇ Appreciate the renewed efforts to improve the premier hiking experience on the Ice Age Trail along the Ringle segment. I hope the future will provide opportunities to reduce the amount of road walk miles.
- ◇ Snow making for cross country skiing
- ◇ Continue to build and connect road bike trails across the county. The improvements made over recent years have been fantastic and people from other areas are taking notice!
- ◇ I would like to see more bike trails for both mountain bike and leisure. I would like to see more county forest campgrounds with electric facilities.
- ◇ The recreational activities listed in question 13 are currently available throughout our community whether through the YMCA or other various organizations. I would prefer to see funding used to enhance/improve the parks in Marsthon County rather than support programs.
- ◇ Please extend the mountain bike season at 9 mile into November.
- ◇ Indoor pickleball facility for winter/bad weather days. Improve tennis courts at Marathon Park and tennis/pickleball courts at other tennis court locations. Unsure what conditions are like at the Oak Island tennis courts.
- ◇ Additional facilities for hosting trail based events outside of Nine Mile
- ◇ How about a permanent orienteering course?
- ◇ We could use another sheet of ice for hockey, total of 3. We could use one sheet to be an all year round facility. The other buildings could become a field for indoor soccer on inline skating when the ice is out. The location could be moved in the park so not interfere with fair.
- ◇ Marathon County has the potential to be a cycling destination on par with the CAMBA system and Marquette, MI. More mountain bike trails, bicycle friendly routes to trailheads, and more cycling paths are needed to achieve this and the ROI would be significant.
- ◇ A permanent space to hold practices and play the sport of roller derby would be so beneficial to the county and could expand the sport to youths if there was dedicated space for it. Please consider it.
- ◇ See previous, please improve the Rink 1 & 2 “barns”
- ◇ Marathon park needs a new or updated indoor hockey venue.
- ◇ Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation. We need a indoor facility to support this growing sport with up to at least 8 courts.
- ◇ Eliminate or drastically reduce the launch fees for boaters. The fees for the landings in Marathon County are as high or higher than landings in Brown, Oconto, Marinette and other counties with landings and facilities that are substantially bigger and have significantly more amenities (large public bathrooms, 6-8 lane boat launches with docks, fish cleaning houses, etc.). The Marathon County boat landings have had no major improvements for many years yet the boaters are the only ones that have to pay a daily fee to use the majority of the parks. Other activities (frisbee golf in particular) have had significant improvements over the years and can use their portion of the parks for free everyday.
- ◇ Another inconvenience for the

paying boaters is the trailer-only parking. Several times a week or more, non-trailer vehicles are parked in these areas with no consequence. Even after contacting the Parks Dept and Wausau PD numerous times, few if any, parking citations are written. On summer nights during baseball season it is common to have no available trailer parking stalls at a couple landings due to the additional vehicles attending the games. These vehicles are not paying a daily use fee and the boaters have to sometimes park a long distance away and still are charged a launch fee.

- ◇ Also, please put a street light up near the boat launch at Memorial Park. Trying to launch or land a boat there after dark is difficult with no lighting or painted lines for guidance. This again only affects the paying boaters.
- ◇ Feel Marathon Park would be an excellent park for Christmas lights
- ◇ Survey covers the important suggestions.
- ◇ Really, really need more pickle ball courts.
- ◇ Return ice rink to review, it's a disgrace that it left, there were people there ALL the time in weekends, kids, moms, families, teenagers, hockey, figure, pleasure skating, it was "Norman Rockwellian" unlike what the was buildings an grounds guy said, just a shame low down n dirty, how long will the bike polo fad last? And they have hockey boards????!!!! Wtf, a lso lacrosse is one word it's not like the Wisconsin city.
- ◇ More Pickleball Courts. 3 courts for 50 players doesn't
- ◇ work very well, standing and waiting isn't much fun.
- ◇ Thanks to the Park's Department offering a lot of 'invisible' support which contributes so much to quality of life in wider Wausau area.
- ◇ I am a pickball player, so I use the Marathon Park courts pretty much every day when weather permits.
- ◇ Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US. We are missing out on drawing commerce to Wausau due to lack of facility development. We are woefully behind other communities of similar size.
- ◇ We desperately need indoor soccer space. Right now, soccer families travel outside of our region to play soccer during winter. Lots

of tournaments are in green bay, private coaching and practices in green bay. Lots of money is leaving the area. We have no place in Wausau for indoor soccer besides gyms which isn't the same.

- ◇ Hockey and Lacrosse-two of the fastest growing sports are under emphasized and need new facilities!
- ◇ We need more pickle ball courts -- it is the fastest growing sport in the country. Great exercise for all ages. Way too much obesity in the country.
- ◇ I think the marathon skating facilities could use some major updating
- ◇ Year round ice arena is needed in Wausau
- ◇ Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry has always done a great job.
- ◇ Please add more outdoor skating. Our family was super disappointed that the Thom field rink wasn't put in this year!
- ◇ Find away to get some more money to come into the state, to improve on the parks and the facilities we have already. Getting them up to date so the all people and families can enjoy them. So that families know that their children are safe when using the equipment. Get bathrooms up to date so they are not so gross
- ◇ We do not want to pay more in taxes for any expansions
- ◇ Snow-making at Nine Mile would be beneficial for reliable snow throughout the winter.
- ◇ Continue to improve signage and gateways to facilities
- ◇ We need access to ice year round. The fact that our hockey players in wausau have to travel to other rinks to play spring and summer hockey is embarrassing and puts our players at a disadvantage.
- ◇ Wausau really needs indoor fields for soccer and lacrosse. We are at a competitive disadvantage from a youth sports perspective. Teams will pay for rental and there is significant revenue opportunities with winter tournaments and leagues.
- ◇ One area of safety concern for the sport of ice hockey is the current status of the hockey board and glass at Marathon Park. It is my understanding that these are 40+ years old and it is time for an upgrade. The current technology in

the new/newer board will provide a better more safe environment for the users of the facility.

- ◇ Geese are becoming a bigger problem every year and more needs to be done to keep them from taking over.
- ◇ It would be nice to see if the area could support a facility like the new community center in Marinette, WI to replace the ice facilities at Marathon Park.
- ◇ I think users fees should be charged for the horseback riders for maintenance of the trails. Electricity at the BEP should be updated as well as trail signage.
- ◇ Indoor soccer facility would help preserve fields and give the teams a place to practice.
- ◇ Please plan/approve an indoor soccer facility
- ◇ love marathon county parks system. would like to volunteer to help with maintenance
- ◇ An indoor facility with a turf surface would be an excellent addition to the Wausau area, and likely a space that would be utilized often.
- ◇ Please help to continue to grow and encourage the MC Sports - Baseball, Basketball, Football and especially Soccer. The Eastbay Fields are well known and respected around the state for the playing surfaces and overall facilities.
- ◇ Thank you for keeping lands accessible for the public to enjoy shorelands and landscape views. We like to keep land natural for wildlife and native plants also.
- ◇ Could use an indoor sports facility for soccer as the weather often does not cooperate in the early spring and later fall. Hard to scramble and hold practices last minute- hard to find gym space/time. East bay closes early and opens late with regards to soccer season. But it is a beautiful complex!
- ◇ • Maintain Mountain Bay Trail
- ◇ • Get a big dog park in the Wausau area with plenty of space and trails, tree covered. The one in Rib Mountain is too tiny and the one in Weston is just ugly, but big enough.
- ◇ • The biggest need for the Wausau area at this time is a large indoor athletic facility with turf that could be used for multiple sports. I know our soccer club

would use it multiple times weekly over the winter months for practices, skills sessions and I could foresee hosting a weekend tournament or two, bringing families from other areas to the Wausau area to eat, shop and stay.

- ◇
- ◇ The second area that could use improvement is outdoor activities for the pre-teen/teenage age group, such as rock climbing opportunities, or a ropes course, a larger waterpark, mini-golf, etc. It would be nice for the kids who don't need direct supervision anymore to have a safe and fun spot to meet up with friends and enjoy outdoor activities.
- ◇ Lastly, I would love to see additional bathrooms (at the north end of the park) and parking at the Eastbay Sports Complex. Another play area or obstacle course, even if it's small, at the north end of the complex would be nice as well. As a parent with small children, it would be nice to be able to watch my older child's soccer game while keeping an eye on the younger kids at the playground, which isn't realistic from the north side of the complex based on where the current play area is!
- ◇ Indoor soccer facility
- ◇ winter is long in Wausau. we need a large indoor clear span facility for sports like soccer, tennis, la crosse, football, climbing wall, golf driving range. the building should include a second story bar and restaurant for the parents to view the sports while the children play below.
- ◇ Due to Wisconsin weather, it would be very beneficial to have an indoor sports complex for spring soccer and baseball games/practices. A larger venue for festivals and concerts would be nice. (400 Block is great too)
- ◇ We really need an indoor complex for a growing soccer population. My son had to skip from gym to gym all winter and playing on gym floors is not ideal. If we want to complete at the highest level with team say from Iowa that are outside 5 weeks before us we really need to invest in a winter indoor venue.
- ◇ I think the park/rec/forestry department is doing a great job by involving the community in decision making. The budget



needs to be increased so more can be done for maintenance, upgrades and acquiring more land for people to enjoy.

◇ I would think that more improvements to the ice rink would be in the future. The rink is old, needs more space. We have a great program here but or facility does not show. You have done great with the soccer fields and more improvements and add on's are great.

◇ Fat biking at 9mile would certainly be a plus!

◇ remove geese from all parks

◇ Excellent work on mountain biking trails in past 3 years. Would like to continue to move towards IMBA ride center. Ski trail grooming improved at 9 Mile the past few years.

◇ My main concern is the water quality

◇ The community has a significant need for an indoor sports facility.

And more fields at Eastbay. We are very lucky to have such a great parks system.

◇ We need to take advantage of all the waterways we have in the county. More trails along the water, similar to the Dells of the Eau Claire. Also, more readily available lists of safe, family friendly kayaking stretches on those rivers along with more access to those spots would help.

◇ 1. I don't hunt, but many people do, and I want to continue supporting them. We need more public hunting land, and I'd suggest expanding mainly the Kronenwetter Forest Unit, along with all other forest units that the County Board Committee that oversees parks and forests would agree with.

◇ 2. We need a large park within the Wausau urban area. I came from Milwaukee County, and Dretzka Park is a large park that also has a golf course in it. I'm not saying we need another golf course that the County creates, but this amount of land could be used for golfing, baseball, soccer, or whatever fields come into high demand. This Dretzka Park sized parcel exists in the Village of Kronenwetter to the northeast of the CTH X and CTH XX intersection. WRIG owns the land directly to the east of the parcels I'm thinking of. We could call this Bender Park, because the people who own most of this land have the last name of

Bender. It could also be called Cedar Creek Park.

◇ 3. Consider cooperating with Everest School District to have their Kronenwetter school forest building open to the public on at least Saturdays from April through August. And I mean open like the Mead Wildlife Visitor's Center is open, with an interpreter staffing the building, and maybe regularly scheduled walks or talks during that day.

◇ 4. We need to buy all the former railroad right-of-way for a shared use trail between Wausau and Marshfield, and traveling through Marathon City, Edgar, and Stratford. The shared uses should include walking, bicycling, and snowmobiling, but could also probably accommodate ATVs (UTVs may be too wide.). Once we have this as a trail, then it should become a state trail.

◇ expand the Corbin range to 1000 yds, and extending 300 yd range to 400

◇ I've hosted law Enforcement training w attendees from around the State of WI. Everyone loves shooting here. The Trap Range has to be closed to conduct shoots or training on the 600 yd range. I feel the trap range should be relocated to avoid conflicts w the 600 yd range. It would be a win win for Trap shooters & 600 yd range use

◇ water levels and alge in Big Eau Pleine

◇ Snow making at 9-Mile would lengthen the cross country ski season and bring in users and revenue from outside Marathon county.

◇ Handicap water access

◇ Need a better skills park area for mountain biking, and improve the skatepark at oak island

◇ See previous comments

◇ Pickleball is the most popular sport to impact the public in 20 years. It keeps all populations healthy, active, and HAPPY. We would love to have a Highway 29 Challenge pitting clubs from Eau Claire, Wausau, and Green Bay.

Alas, our outdoor facilities are currently inadequate.

◇ I believe that building and maintaining great parks will do more for attracting people to them than spending money on programs to try and bring them there.

◇ More MTB trails on rib mountain.

◇ Indoor swimming and recreation is required.

◇ More changing rooms and cleaner restrooms please.

◇ Love our parks and enjoy them all year round. Well maintained and safety all around.

◇ Would like there to be more bathrooms.

◇ clean showers at campgrounds big eau plaine

◇ Improve boat launch esp BEP

◇ Paved hiking trails

◇ Perhaps give equestrian's options to circle around in a park by connecting trails instead on riding up and back on the same trail. Like at Eau Plene. Do the same at Leathercamp and Kronnenwetter.

◇ Marathon park needs to be policed more as it seems to be a hang out for drug users.

◇ The county needs to take a more active role in promoting, expanding, and maintaining what the systems it does have. As a mountain biker Nine Mile, and Sylvan are prime examples of sites that get to maintenance and very little (to none) active promotion. Granite Peak is also largely a wasted resource in the warm months. Very much in stark contrast to how other counties and states manage their resources.

◇ Possibly keep adding to and connecting blacktop, non-motorized trail systems in and around the Wausau area. It's wonderful when you can access many areas with these trails without using streets and roads.

◇ Thank you for take the public opinion into consideration while moving forward with the choices.

◇ Showers and or hand sanitizer

◇ We are big snowmobile and atv/sxs riders. Would like to see more roads and areas opened to ride ATVs and sxs' in the summer. Green valley needs to open don't more so we can connect to eau Pleine township and west toward auburndale.

◇ Mountain bike trails other than nine mile. Too much time and effort is put into those trails and they're still pretty piss poor boring trails. Places like sylvan draw more excitement and willingness to travel to from all over the state

◇ The creation of more bike trails has been nice. I would like to see more camping facilities especially near the bike trails

◇ The mountain bikes trails are awesome, should make more. More hiking trails as well

◇ More pickleball courts needed

◇ The more we invest in outdoor space where families and individuals can get out and enjoy themselves the stronger and more attractive the community becomes.

◇ I think there are plenty of opportunities for Parks & Forestry recreation in Marathon County. Opportunities have come a long way over the past 10 years and not many new programs are needed to accommodate our community. Just promote the programs currently in place not all of the community may be aware of the programs that currently exist

◇ Re-iterating the need for an updated space for skateboarding. Merrill is making a big push to build quality park that will be attracting many people to their town. I feel like Wausau is being left behind. All the additions to mountain biking in the area have been amazing, please continue on that path. Roads are in need of safety updates for bikes.

◇ Fat bike trails at Nine Mile need to happen. It can and will work with XC skiers and snowshoers. Look at other organizations that allow both to work together such as the Noquemenon Trail networks Marquette,MI.

◇ Furthermore, there was no skiable snow at Nine Mile until late January. Plenty of great biking to be had if it weren't for the risk of a huge fine.

◇ More gravity mountain bike trails!

◇ Most of the parks I visit could use a bit of updating, recycle bins, fresh paint. But in general I think the parks are awesome, and diverse. Our parks dept does a good job keeping them from looking shabby.

◇ There seemed to be a need for groomer maintenance/repair at Nine Mile County forest in the later part of the ski season. Artificial snow making may also help Wausau to become a cross-country ski destination for people from out of town.

◇ we think these programs are outdated and are not relevant or needed in in todays environment.

◇ Consider flush toilets/showers at campgrounds. Build additional



campground/sites leaving foliage between site. Great parks already!

- ◇ I live in the far SW part of the County. Their is not much very close to us. I would like to see more with McMillan Marsh, maybe easier Kayak access. Bike trail is nice but not open after Sept. 1. I know that would have to be worked out with the DNR. Thanks!
- ◇ Allow more access for bow and rifle hunting to forest units.
- ◇ mile markers and signs.
- ◇ ATV Trails
- ◇ Western side of Marathon county gets little attention.
- ◇ NEW bike and walking trails must be kept separate! even the new trail by WOW is too narrow to accommodate more than one family at a time. WOW must be held to the same standards as other businesses and move their nasty dumpsters (WASTE on the WALTER?) to behind enclosures. Also the new parking spaces at WOW along the new park equipment are way too narrow to park and allow access to the car seats when trying to get the children out
- ◇ Please do a better job during winter and post winter snow melting phase in Marathon Park.
- ◇ Strongly encourage the addition of Pickleball courts. It's the fastest growing sport in the country. Several areas around us (eagle river, three lakes, sayner) have provided very nice facilities.
- ◇ Having better parking would make areas more accessible, especially plowing parking areas in winter. It's so hard to get out for winter activities with no where to park.
- ◇ The county really needs to spend more on our facilities. We are falling behind.
- ◇ Would be really great if there was camping at those of the Eau Claire away from the county road that is a major detractor And I probably would not camp there again although we love that park
- ◇ We should have areas for people to do low impact sports and recreation. There is too much money spent on maintaining specific sport facilities and most people cannot afford to do those sports. (Hockey, figure skating, cross country skiing). We should support life long sports with low impact to the environment

- ◇ Fee for dumping waste at is not acceptable at the Big Eau Pleine park since there are no flush toilets available & it is normally included with reg. at other parks.
- ◇ Sunnyvale softball complex rental fee is craziness.
- ◇ Big Eau Pleine needs showers and flush toilets
- ◇ Snow making for XC ski
- ◇ Paved trail for dryland training
- ◇ Do it
- ◇ Garbage cans to collect the trash.
- ◇ Better, and more bathrooms.
- ◇ Add more Pickleball courts
- ◇ Add shuffleboard courts
- ◇ Seriously need additional pickleball courts for all age groups expanding interest in the game
- ◇ some attention to deer population control
- ◇ A pickleball complex would be an excellent draw for the Wausau area.
- ◇ Our county is lacking in outdoor pickleball facilities. In comparison to other counties we are lagging way behind. We need about 9 outdoor courts at least to hold tournaments that will draw others to come here. It is an amazing sport for all ages. We have only three at Marathon Park that are in good shape. Lots of waiting to play on them.
- ◇ Concerts on the 400 block are nice but could be rotated to other parks
- ◇ Ice Rink and facility is quite frankly embarrassing. I have a photo of a home tournament of over 45 people sitting on the floor of the "lobby" with lunch purchased elsewhere. No tables, no chairs and the floor is dirty always. Not to mention the leaking roof. I realize the rink is indeed a ice rink but rink one is ridiculously cold. Rink two heats nicely but the cage or fencing doesn't allow fans to see the whole game. What wouldn't I change about this facility would be the question to assure a much shorter answer.
- ◇ At some point we need to have a pickleball facility to provide for the growing number of players and to host tournaments and social play, other cities in Wisconsin have done great things in this area and though the Wausau pickleball association was one of the leaders in the state five years ago, we have taken a back seat due to lack of fa-

ilities. Marathon Park facilities are very nice but lack the court space for growth as they are at present.

- ◇ Add more Pickleball courts
- ◇ Please add more opportunities to play hockey and lacrosse to make it more accessible to more people! Thank you!
- ◇ We need to update the local hockey facility. Adding the Riverwolves has placed a strain on the arena. And, with empowerment of girls to hockey, there needs to be a place to skate.
- ◇ In addition, Pickleball has taken off, and is much more relevant than tennis. Let's get money and space allocated for it.
- ◇ Hockey is such a big part of our community, I feel that this area needs to be addressed as we don't have enough room and ice time for our youth.
- ◇ Marathon Park should be allowed to have camp fires while camping!
- ◇ Pave Marathon Park parking lot
- ◇ Baseball complex
- ◇ I would love to see Wausau have a new multi-field baseball complex, a BMX track, and especially a new or improved Ice hockey arena.
- ◇ Keep up the good work
- ◇ Integrate Fat Tire biking at 9 mile. Too much area to not take advantage. County is losing out on \$\$.
- ◇ Lack of swimming area on river. Lake Wausau needs nicer beach or swim areas. Bluegill Park perfect for this.
- ◇ Walking and bike trail systems rather than county highways.
- ◇ Acquire land and green space. Expand 9 mile
- ◇ Id like to see the county accept the old railroad bridge west of Sunnyvale and make a connection from Sunnyvale to County NN as a paved bike and hiking trail. This would provide a good route to bike to the village of marathon
- ◇ I think there should be running water at facilities that have campgrounds.
- ◇ garbage cans
- ◇ ranger at big eau plaine has made our experience (7 camper units) so bad we not be returning for our annual week long camping trip that we have done for the last 10 years, we are done with him, you wont replace him so we replaced you, really a campsite in this day and age with no running

water and no shower facility how sanitary is that.

- ◇ My biggest gripe is with the bathrooms at Mission Lake park that I stated earlier.
- ◇ The landings at Eau Pleine Park are nice, but the park attendants I've encountered in the past have not been so friendly. Even when I've already paid and have a lading sticker or pass, they've given me the third degree. Had one guy practically chase me into the lake to ask if I had a pass, instead of looking at the sticker on my trailer.
- ◇ Also, if you're paying to camp at Eau Pleine. Why doesn't that include a pass to use the boat landing? Just seems like an extra cash grab to me. I know a number of people who have stopped camping there for this reason.
- ◇ Disappointed in grooming at Nine Mile
- ◇ Need more parks & camping options
- ◇ Year round ice at marathon park
- ◇ Don't care just don't take the rights of people away...meaning don't ban smoking from them don't ban dogs don't ban alcohol
- ◇ Year round indoor ice arena is a must! If marathon park does not improve you will continue to loose out on money and people.
- ◇ Year round ice arena!
- ◇ Great spaces, well cared for, good staff. Keep up the good work!
- ◇ I left spending recommendations blank, as I do not know what is currently allocated where, but we LOVE the trails through wooded areas and along rivers. Our favorite spots are ones where regulations regarding usage are relaxed and we can fish/walk/let the dog run/swim, etc.
- ◇ Power and lights in the restrooms
- ◇ There is a very rude male worker at the Big Eau Pleine on weekends. I believe he said he was a manager. Not a people person at all.
- ◇ Thanks for ALL you do to provide Marathon County residents and visitors with FREE and low-cost recreation opportunities to get out and get active. It's our own fault if we don't make time to take advantage of all you offer us.
- ◇ Firewood more accessible.
- ◇ It would be greatly appreciate if shower and flush toilets were installed. I bet they would pay for

themselves very quickly.

◇ Many of the above mentioned programs sound fun and entertaining, and I may attend one if offered, but they are not “needed.”

◇ Pave our bike trails. We would use them more instead of going elsewhere. AND, hook them up to other trails

◇ Snow making equipment at Nine Mile.

◇ Make Wausau a mountain bike destination location by connecting more recreational areas the county has unique geology to attract users. Make Wausau a paddling destination with water trails on the Wisconsin, Rib River Eau Pleine and Eau Claire rivers. Connect municipalities with trails and create longer connected routes. Add facilities to underutilized forest units. Add more Nordic skiing locations.

◇ I don't understand why Mountain bikers need to pay a trail fee. Local Mountain bike club maintains all of the trails and the building isn't open/staffed at all in summer. If mountain bikers pay a trail fee, shouldn't hikers, hunters, horse riders, etc pay a trail fee as well? Also I don't see the need to close the trails during hunting season. No other surrounding counties close trails during Hunting season. I love to hunt, but isn't it supposed to be multi-use? I also think fat biking should be allowed on the singletrack at 9 mile during winter (Multi-use). Works great at other locations example-WinMan trails up in Winchester, WI. Thanks!

◇ It would be meaningful for myself and my family if more time were put into grooming Nine Mile Ski Trails. The current groomer is ok but not attentive more grooming all of the trails regularly when the snow conditions allow. If possible we would appreciate a groomer who would take their time and groom all of the trails (including the alps section of Nine Mile) when conditions allow. I appreciate what the county does for the community and all of the work that is put into making everything run. Our family is very happy to have the bike path on county road R and appreciate the continued push in the community

to make the roads more bike and pedestrian friendly. It is important for my family to be active and these resources afford us a better chance to attune to that. Thank you for allowing a space to add suggestions!

◇ Dump station fees should be included in the campsite rental. This is how all other county campgrounds are setup.

◇ I've always wished for an expansion to the Nine Mile chalet and for that it to be open year-round. An opportunity for an indoor break during MTB would be appreciated, especially for the youth MTB group and race team practices. There are still needs for meeting as a group, normal bathroom, changing clothes, refilling water, cooling down and an escape from the heat. Lack of chalet personally shortens our visit to Nine Mile during the “off” months.

◇ Would love to see more of a paved trail for XC ski training during “off” months. My child's ski team practices on streets in Rib Mountain in the dark, and it's a HUGE safety issue.

◇ Grooming nine mile for xc skiing

◇ Clean cob webs from shelter flush toilets

◇ Lighting in camp ground toilets.

◇ As I said previously showers would be nice at Big Eau Pleine county park

◇ Add showers to Big Eau Pleine

◇ NA

◇ Would be great to have (1) paved trails for roller skiing and (2) snow making at Nine Mile

◇ Water & dumping at Dells of Eau Claire

◇ Some of these facilities I was not aware of until this survey.

◇ Add sewer hook ups to RV and trailer camping sites

◇ Big Eau bathrooms could be a bit more welcoming-come mid-season they are pretty gross.

◇ We need multiple dog parks!

◇ We usually get a lake site, when we camp at Eau Pleine. The rate per night has raised from \$17 to \$20, & this year our site will be \$22 per night. I hope the rates don't raise again. Thank you.

◇ Forgot to mention we also

frequent Veterans Memorial Park - Jack Lake. Great county park.

Wish there was something similar in Marathon county

◇ Add 30amp electric to all camping sites.

◇ showers at the Eau Pleine campground would be wonderful

◇ Big eau pleine is beautiful.

Would like to see group camping for large campers like 5th wheels. Showers facilities would be nice too. Holding tanks could be installed to accommodate the showers.

◇ More modern

◇ Cleaner restrooms

◇ Nine Mile Forest needs to be marketed more. It could become a larger drawing card for our community. The new signage on South Mountain Road is helpful, and having a specific person overseeing the cross country skiing aspects is also very important.

◇ Have workers who groom xc trails to learn how to ski so they can groom educated, or hire skiers to groom.

◇ Increased opportunities for more use of Nine Mile

◇ less hunting

◇ Would be nice if the bathrooms could be updated, in the middle of a hot summer the pit toilets get really nasty stinky

◇ We like using the county parks for camping - cause they are wooded and you are not on top of each other...Some upgrades would make it great.

◇ I would appreciate having more lighted trails at 9 mile.

◇ Clean up what you have.

◇ Thank you to all the park employees who work so hard!!!

◇ Would like to see improvements at County Camp grounds in regards to electricity and amenities. Wood sales should be all day with an honor system like other surrounding counties.

◇ Would love to see more single track MTB areas, like maybe in Brokaw.

◇ Facilities are, overall, quite nice, however pit toilets seem to be emptied with less frequency than they had in the past.

◇ Aside from that, more trails would be a great asset to the county and to the region.

◇ improve their reservation policy

◇ With the climate changing, adding snow making to 9-mile makes sense. This could be a destination for skiers for early season

◇ As a previous resident of Marathon County, we now visit for approximately 3 weeks per year & camp at Marathon County Park. We love the accessibility to all that we want to do & people to see.

That being said, the restrooms in the campground are atrocious.

I think Marathon County has a gold mine in that particular campground, & if updated, could only approve its quality.

◇ Pools are awesome...staff could use better supervision.

◇ I feel that the cost of camping should also include the cost of the dump sites. Most campgrounds if you camp at their facility for \$21 a night you don't pay extra for dumping. I feel that Marathon county parks are a little unfair in that aspect

◇ I would like to see the development of linear trails to take advantage of our scenic river and biking systems already in place. Pickleball courts are also at a premium

◇ None at this point.

◇ Help the Ice Age Trail Alliance to acquire land to complete the trail.

◇ Would be nice to have more trails in Forestry units.

◇ We love the parks around town especially the Airport Park. We would love to see a splash pad in the Weston area so we don't have to go all the way to Marathon Park.

◇ I truly believe that a city and county are only as desirable as their amenities. The city of Wausau has done a good job dedicating money to the improvement or parks and creation of new ones. I believe the county and other municipalities should follow suit and make their amenities desirable.

◇ Our neighborhood park Pleasantview park desperately needs updated equipment!

◇ I would like to see indoor plumbing/showers at Dells of the EC. Some shelters need a new roof.

◇ Paved road biking trails would be awesome. They can be used all year round whether it is biking/running/walking as well as winter sports for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. We have the old railroad tracks that township's just gave back to landowners for pennies. Buy them back and make a safe place for people to enjoy the outdoors and bring business to the

area.  
◇ Live eau pleine park. Gem!  
◇ Atv trails would be great  
◇ Spend more money cleaning up the lakes and rivers around the area. Also restock some of them as they are too heavily fished  
◇ Improve your boat landings  
◇ There is a tremoundous need for some sort of County facility in the southwestern part of the County.



## Wausau & Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry

## Other Open-Ended Comments

### Q4 Which of the following amenities would you like to be added, improved, or expanded either by public, non-profit or private entities within the County?

- ◇ Paved shoulders for biking and walking on busy county roads
- ◇ Bike trails/shoulders on busy roads
- ◇ Paved shoulders for biking
- ◇ Paved shoulders on county roads for bike routes
- ◇ beach/swimming areas
- ◇ Marathon park could really use a 3rd rink would be nice to have ice available year round!!
- ◇ water and electric on sites.
- ◇ Restrooms open during all season; bike trails suitable for senior riders and families, not technical single track but in wooded areas; especially at base of Rib Mountain; a trail to Merrill and Marathon along the Wisconsin and Rib Rivers; I make many trips to the Boulder Junction area trails. Update signage along the paved trail at Cedar Creek; need culverts under flooded areas on Eau Pleine trail and separate horse trails since bike hike trails suffer much damage from horses on wet trails. Keep some restrooms open in winter. Thank you!!!
- ◇ Safer commuter routes
- ◇ Kayak/canoe launches
- ◇ Outdoor tai chi for seniors, 3 times/week
- ◇ vending at more sites so seniors can rest and watch pickleball, tennis, etc. easier.
- ◇ Would love a place at dells of Eau Claire to either tube or kayak to the beach
- ◇ Snow for ski trails
- ◇ Snowmaking is needed on 9 Mile Cross Country Ski Trails
- ◇ no other
- ◇ Need motion sensor lights that go on when entering the bathrooms. Scary at night using a flashlight. It's very dark in the restroom at night and personal safety is stressful for me. I worry that someone could be hiding in the bathroom upon entering the dark restrooms.
- ◇ water hookup for camping
- ◇ Big eau pleine beach water quality
- ◇ Mountain bike trails to utilize granite peak
- ◇ work with the State on allowing snowmobiles the use of walking paths during winter months
- ◇ Shower facility at Big Eau Pleine Park
- ◇ Paved bicycle trails and a trail system like the Green Circle trail in Stevens Point
- ◇ Off-highway Motorcycle trails or motorcycle access to ATV trailers
- ◇ SAFE bike paths - HWY U is not safe for drivers nor bikers - too busy and too many hills (blindspots).
- ◇ dog sledding trail, Large multipurpose building for indoor sports such a dog shows, horse show, etc., trails set up for visually impaired hiking/snowshoeing , smaaler size multi purpose building for dog training,etc.
- ◇ Native vegetation with signage, pollinator gardens, rain gardens, shoreland restorations, signage for common invasive species like buckthorn and garlic mustard. Educational signage for not only plants, but for animals as well or geographical features to give people to ability to better appreciate our natural resources.
- ◇ Off road motorcycle trails,
- ◇ I would really like to see Handicap Hunting season in the Big Eau Pleine Park
- ◇ In general, make retro-fit the community to make it more walk, bike & running friendly. Connect sidewalks, make sure traffic lights have walk signals, and open public bathrooms in a timely manner.
- ◇ more lighted ski trails
- ◇ Bike parks (urban)
- ◇ Roller skating (inline & quad) facilities (indoor and year round)
- ◇ Indoor pickleball courts
- ◇ Additional indoor complex could provide for MANY needs, all year round
- ◇ Indoor soccer complex is badly needed
- ◇ Bicycle paths
- ◇ handicap playground
- ◇ Ice arena parking lot- blacktop
- ◇ Indoor and outdoor Lacross complexes
- ◇ Swimming Beach
- ◇ indoor play structures for children ages 1-10
- ◇ Indoor Soccer facility
- ◇ Eliminate geese. They have taken over a large number of our beautiful parks. Aggressive behavior & grounds unwalkable due to mess. This is an awful problem.
- ◇ More ATV trails.
- ◇ turf futsal courts
- ◇ Indoor complex, Indoor complex, Indoor complex :-)
- ◇ New Hockey Arena
- ◇ Water quality of the Big Eau Pleine
- ◇ rollerskating/rollerblading
- ◇ Duane Corbin Range
- ◇ Duane Corbin Shooting Range Park. Extend the 600 yd range to 1000 yd. Move the trap shooting area so as not to conflict with the current 600 yd range & future 1000 yd range. Lengthen the 300 yard range to 400 yds. I've hosted WDNR officials interested in expanding State ranges. I suggested they follow the Marathon Co range w wits concept due to is efficiency & safety
- ◇ Public beach/swimming area
- ◇ Maintenance needs 50% improvement
- ◇ Fishing area/spots
- ◇ swimming beaches
- ◇ Better access to public hunting land perhaps limited at use. As we get older many places we used to hunt are not accessible. Also consider we are losing paper land.
- ◇ skateboard facilities
- ◇ Extra emphasis on the skatepark, Oak Island is in need of an update.
- ◇ E-bike accessible trails
- ◇ More and Better Grouse/Woodcock Hunting Areas
- ◇ Improved boat docks and parking esp at Big Eau Pleine Park. And showers. That is all time favorite county park
- ◇ Oak Island has a great skate park. but it could use a clean up! Also a sign that stated if you aren't skating keep off
- ◇ Outdoor beer garden (with food) like the Milwaukee Park system runs during the summer
- ◇ Ice Age Trail improvements
- ◇ Wster quality
- ◇ Better bike trails in city
- ◇ Playgrounds/green space in neighborhoods that aren't within walking distance of one
- ◇ Over all park maintenance; snow removal, water control on sidewalks/overall park, better quality sidewalks and dog feces removal.
- ◇ picnic areas
- ◇ Horse camping areas
- ◇ Meditation/Yoga classes offered over the lunch hour
- ◇ Replacing the sand on the playground with something like soft tiles or flooring that's usually made out of recycled rubber.
- ◇ Skatepark
- ◇ snowmaking for xc ski
- ◇ paved parking lot at marathon park ice arena
- ◇ replace the unused tennis courts with pickleball courts
- ◇ Paved parking lots and roads
- ◇ Snow bike trails at 9mile
- ◇ Fix eau pleine park road
- ◇ Blacktop around Marathon park hockey rinks
- ◇ Additional boat launch and parking Bluegill Park
- ◇ Chirstmas lights
- ◇ Less ATV usage in Forest Units
- ◇ More geocaches
- ◇ Year round ice at marathon park ice rink
- ◇ Have Park access all year around
- ◇ offer group fitness classes, add more garbage cans & ashtrays so people can dispose of their dog waste and garbage rather than leave it on the ground
- ◇ Allow skjoring at 9 Mile. The oval set in the snowmobile parking lot this season is ample and quick to groom. Perfect!
- ◇ Year round ice arena, we are failing youth hockey in our area big time.
- ◇ Running trails
- ◇ Shovelboard
- ◇ Snowmaking capabilities at Nine Mile County Park
- ◇ We would really like a dump station and a place to get water. The sites are beautiful and



spacious.

- ◊ Flush toilets showers
- ◊ snow making at Nine Mile
- ◊ RV type camping sites with sewer hook ups
- ◊ wifi access in campgrounds
- ◊ Snow making capability at 9 mile ski trails
- ◊ 30amp electric at all campsites
- ◊ Showers at big eau pleine
- ◊ Beach
- ◊ More on road biking lanes, man made snow for cross country skiing
- ◊ Clean bathrooms
- ◊ I would like the reservations standard to be assessed. Many weekends I'm told there isn't any available sites, but, when I drive through there are several unoccupied sites.
- ◊ Showers are very important to our family.
- ◊ Clean what you have now
- ◊ Snow making at 9-mile
- ◊ Flush toilets
- ◊ Eau Plaine county park needs updated electric on West side
- ◊ benches
- ◊ More handicap accessible areas
- ◊ Beer Garden
- ◊ Road biking trails
- ◊ Road biking paved trails
- ◊ Outdoor Pool for Adults (21+ with a bar)
- ◊ Jeep trails
- ◊ Indoor winter playground

**Q6 If you indicated you did NOT visit or use County parks, forest units or trails in Q5 please tell us why?**

- ◊ No time unfortunately
- ◊ Road bicycling is my sport and go and return to my house.
- ◊ Need more areas and activities for older adults
- ◊ Total lack of good camp grounds
- ◊ Personal schedule to busy
- ◊ I prefer to stay home and enjoy my yard
- ◊ No time
- ◊ Ice Age Trail Hiker
- ◊ No camping sites
- ◊ Unsure on what's exactly available in the town and I moved here a year ago
- ◊ No time
- ◊ new to area
- ◊ I never thought about visiting them. We usually go to our local park.

**Q9 Do you or members of your household commonly (average of 4 times per year) drive somewhere outside of Marathon County to use the same specific park, recreational facility or program?**

- ◊ Nose lake trail. Birkie trail, abr, bikr trails in point, iola country ski washburne sk trail
- ◊ Veterans Memorial Park (Jack Lake)
- ◊ Green Circle Trail, Bearskin Trail. Hiking and biking.
- ◊ Hickory ridge trails to mountain bike
- ◊ Winter Park-skate skiing
- ◊ Boulder junction paved bike trails.
- ◊ I meet a friend half way between here and Madison to hike, run, and snowshoe. We meet near Wautoma - WI Dells. Example: Roche Cri, Red Granite, etc.
- ◊ State and County Parks in Door County for hiking
- ◊ county campgrounds
- ◊ "Boulder Junction area, camping, swimming and fishing.
- ◊ Wolf River area Nicolet National forest, camping, swimming and fishing.
- ◊ Three Lakes area camping, swimming and fishing."
- ◊ Standing Rocks, Portage Co. Parks. Washburn Lake, Oneida Co. Parks
- ◊ "All over for hockey, outdoor water parks,
- ◊ "
- ◊ When children were younger -10 years ago, we did soccer out of the county and went to fields in other counties.
- ◊ other counties camping and atv facilities.
- ◊ Green Circle biking, Bouler Junction biking, Levi's Mound hiking, IAT segments everywhere hiking snowshoeing, BWCAW, Porkies hiking/snow shoeing ski, WinMan trails, SHT hiking, canoeing out of the county, Sylvania Wilderness hiking canoeing, Gartzke snowhoeing.
- ◊ "Schmeekle -- Stevens Point (Portage Co)
- ◊ Council Grounds -- Merrill (Lincoln)"
- ◊ Mead wildlife center

- ◊ Marinette County, Green Bay, Upper Peninsula for trails, wildlife, etc.
- ◊ Underdown, Levis mounds, standing rocks, Winman, Copper Harbor/Marquette MI
- ◊ Eagan, MN parks and trails
- ◊ Paved bike trails in Vilas County, WDNR boat and kayak launches in Vilas County.
- ◊ Council grounds Merrill as well as too many to list in Oneida county.
- ◊ Solberg county park,camping and picnics .Lake Emily county park fdr camping and walks.
- ◊ Council Grounds SP & other state parks
- ◊ Cycling, hiking and XX skiing trails, various locations
- ◊ "State and County parks,camping.
- ◊ camping or fishing
- ◊ A lot of parks in the state .....we like Geocaching and many, many geocaches are in local, county, state and Federal Parks and also on state and county trails . West Bend has a weekend Mega Event in August in their town park and surrounding parks and recreational areas in the area.
- ◊ Lake Emily, or Jordan
- ◊ Vilas county for biking kayaking and camping. Prairie Dells mountain biking.
- ◊ Camping fishing
- ◊ "Marion Lake National Park, Watersmeet Mich.
- ◊ Lake of the Falls. Mercer, Wi
- ◊ Lake Wisota, Hartman Creek, Lake Emily."
- ◊ Crystal Lake & bike trails- Vilas County
- ◊ Camba mountain bike trails; Birkie ski trail; WinMan; Levis.
- ◊ Waupaca county
- ◊ Mountain biking, cross country skiing, hiking, kayaking
- ◊ state parks for camping
- ◊ Wood County
- ◊ Langlade county camping atving Clark county camping atving Wood county camping Oneida County camping atving Lincoln county camping atving
- ◊ State camp grounds
- ◊ Cross-Country Ski Trails with man-made snow on them - Lapham Peak Unit Kettle Moraine State Forest
- ◊ Door county peninsula state

- park and the crystal lake/trout lake paved bike trail
- ◊ Langlade County- Veterans Memorial Park
- ◊ We don't live in Marathon County, so we go to many State Parks.
- ◊ Merrick State Park - Camping
- ◊ Dubay county campground
- ◊ Peninsula state park, camping
- ◊ Lake Dexter
- ◊ Door county
- ◊ In the U.P. with my daughter's family.
- ◊ Portage County Parks
- ◊ Camping, kayaking, swimming, hiking, biking
- ◊ Kettle Moraine skiing and swimming
- ◊ "Camping
- ◊ Lake Dubay county park-camping and boating
- ◊ Camping in other counties
- ◊ Several campgrounds along Oconto county ATV trail system.
- ◊ lynn anns camground, big st. germain WI, biking boating, paddle boarding, camping. Big arbor vitae campground, Arbor vitae, wi boating, biking, paddle boarding, camping 50 miles of paved bike trails
- ◊ Wood County camp grounds.
- ◊ All over the state for camping
- ◊ camping
- ◊ "Veterans Memorial Park. They raised the prices so much a family can no longer afford to go there more than a couple of days. They have a lot of good things in the park. dump station , water , showers and flush toilets but then the price goes way up. After all you are camping and don't need all this.
- ◊ We like to try all campgrounds door County Shawano mountain all over
- ◊ Camping at DuBay or Northern Highland American State Forest
- ◊ Camping Lake DuBay
- ◊ Camping in surrounding counties
- ◊ Minocqua to camp hike and visit the wild life park
- ◊ Bond Falls in the UP. Devil's Lake State, Pewit's Nest, Willow River, etc
- ◊ Mayflower lake rv park. Birnamwood
- ◊ Camping all over the midwest
- ◊ "WI River, camping, fishing,

boating, tubing.

◊ Other County Parks for the above reasons”

◊ We are avid pickleball players and have travelled to communities both north and south of Wausau to use their courts. Also, when grandchildren visit we go to play areas at parks that offer things for them.

◊ I cross country ski outside of the county frequently. It would be nice to have some more trails at county units, they don't need to be the level of nine-mile, just have the trail groomed for both types of skiing a few times each year so we don't have to break trail every time.

◊ Bicycle trails in the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest, Portage County, and other counties. Cross country ski areas in other counties with snow. Kayaking on lakes in Northern WI.

◊ Nicolet National Forest, hiking, camping

◊ Off Highway motorcycle trails (for a dual sport street legal/emissions compliant motorcycle. ....Marathon County should at least allow those types of motorcycles on ATV trails...they don't cause any more noise or erosion than ATVs

◊ Underdown - mountain biking

◊ LaCrosse field

◊ Lake DuBay

◊ Rapids-Point

◊ “Cultural activities the Hmong holiday.

◊ To see grandchildren play soccer or hockey inside.”

◊ Mead Wildlife Area - Hunting and Meeting Facility.

◊ Florida, pickle ball

◊ As the Oak Island skate park is in horrible condition, we drive to literally any other one in the state and it's guaranteed to be a ton better than our Wausau one. What you're doing for mountain biking trails is amazing (we love Sylvan Hill!), but you're completely disregarding the skate park. We are lucky to have Central Board Shop right on the 400 block, but it's a bit embarrassing to then have Oak Island as the only local skate

park. Skateboarding is such an amazing, positive sport for people to get in, kids especially, it's disappointing that Marathon County completely disregards this. I know so many kids, now adults, who would not have had a safe, encouraging group of friends without the community and comradery skateboarding offers. Please fix Oak Island up or build a new, safe skatepark! Oak Island is in such bad shape it's dangerous!

◊ Bay Beach in Green Bay.

Amusement Rides

◊ Horse trails outside Marathon County

◊ Between the spring and summer months my family and I travel to outside counties as far as Eagle River, WI to use indoor hockey arenas. We spend a ton of money to do this and what love to stay in our own community and have other counties visit us and make us money.

◊ Hartman Creek State Park for camping, hiking, and kayaking on the chain-of-lakes. Devils

Lake State Park for hiking.

◊ Hiking, cc skiing, trails

◊ We are a hockey family, and routinely go to other communities to play hockey at their rink.

◊ Stevens Point Green Circle and Skatepark

◊ Rhinelander

◊ Merrill-council grounds for swimming and hiking

◊ Hike the Ice Age Trail

◊ Otter Lake, Stanley, WI.

Camping, boating, swimming, fishing, canoe, kayak & paddle boarding.

◊ cross country skiing Minocqua Michigan

◊ I drive out to Levis Mounds near Neillsville for the mountain-biking trails as often as I get a day off in the Summer. Nine Mile and Sylvan Hill in Wausau are good biking but they can't hold a candle to Levis Mounds.

◊ Hurley, Mercer, boulder junction. Camping bike riding kayaking utv trails

◊ Hiking

◊ Go to various locations North for X-country ski trail options

especially the classic only trails in the Rhinelander area

◊ The paved bike trails in the Boulder Junction area.

◊ Several state parks, Levi's mounds, mountain bike trails and camping

◊ Shawano county park -- swimming

◊ “Just A Game Fieldhouse (Wisconsin Dells) - basketball

◊ Lighted Baseball Fields (Plover, Marshfield, Pulaski) - baseball”

◊ Prairie Dell's/ Underdown

◊ Ice Age Trail hiking & snowshoeing, kayaking

◊ Various mountain bike trails or bike parks: Levis Mounds, WinMan Trails, CAMBA Trails,

◊ Clark, Chippewa and Eau Claire counties mostly for mountain bikes and UTVs

◊ Bay Beach amusement park

◊ “Winn-Man Mtn bike trails and Copper Harbor Mtn bike trails

◊ tomahawk- pickleball

◊ All over Wisconsin to visit parks with biking and hiking trails; especially those with developed facilities (chalets with bathrooms, water, bike wash, etc)

◊ Levis Mounds Trail, CAMBA trail system in Hayward/Cable

◊ I go to Portage and Wood Counties to roller skate (practice and play roller derby) and disc golf.

◊ when traveling

◊ North highland american legion State park

◊ We camp at state parks, in particular Northern-Highland American Legion State Park at Crystal Lake area. We like to bike, hike, and swim in this area.

◊ “Boating in Minocqua. I am not a resident of Marathon County.

◊ We never went to a park until we took up pickleball; we travel elsewhere to play

◊ Piss off that's my business

◊ Eau Claire, Green Bay, Oshkosh and West Bend/ All Pickleball.

◊ “Waupaca Mountain Bike Trails

◊ Boulder Junction Area paved trails

◊ Lake Nokomis, Lake Dubay,

Lake Minocqua for watersports

◊ Gleason, Long Lake area, Ice Age Trail

◊ Pickleball- Eau Claire, Green Bay, Oshkosh, Rhinelander

◊ Grouse hunting north

◊ We travel out of Marathon County frequently for disc golf. We go to Standing Rocks and Yulga near Stevens Point, Wilderness near Montello, and several other courses in the Madison area.

◊ Harrison Hills ATV trail.

◊ County parks in Marinette, Shawano, and many other counties. also, several State parks all over the state monthly sometimes weekly

◊ Hockey Program...area rinks

◊ Na

◊ “Hockey rinks and soccer complexes. Our hockey rink is one of the most dated in the state. Marathon county needs an indoor soccer facility with turf.

◊ I have had 5 kids in soccer and hockey from youth to college. The east bay complex is awesome. Greenheck has an excellent rink. Marathon county is poor compared to almost all I have been to over the past 25 years.”

◊ Up north

◊ Indoor Ice Hockey

◊ Hockey rinks

◊ “Underdown- ski -hike pick berries -bike- hunt

◊ Newwood -hike - hunt - pick berries -bike

◊ 3 Eagle - ski hike -bike

◊ Big Lake state forest, camp, swim, bike on paved trails

◊ Washburn Lake ski trails Onieda co.

◊ Rib Lake area ski trails”

◊ Tomahawk area - camping

◊ Peninsula state park- biking and hiking

◊ Wisconsin River Road, HWY 35, along the Mississippi. Great scenery, possible sighting of barges, Lake Pepin, etc.

◊ Ice arenas in other counties

◊ Northern Highlands

◊ Soccer complexes for children's soccer games

◊ We travel to go to other ice arenas after the MP ice arenas are out

◊ Devil's lake



- ◊ Memorial Park, Tomahawk summer concerts and ski shows
- ◊ "Several hockey arenas around the state
- ◊ Several soccer fields around the state
- ◊ Several LAX fields around the state"
- ◊ Traveled Route 66 and Florida
- ◊ Green Circle, Portage County
- ◊ Portage and Langlade Counties - Campgrounds since they have reservable sites and with showers, better set-up than Marathon County campgrounds
- ◊ Camp Bike Hike State Parks
- ◊ "Wittenberg indoor pool
- ◊ "
- ◊ Wildwood (zoo) and Griese (soccer and trails) parks in Marshfield. Also, Hamus and Weber parks for trails in Marshfield. McMillan Marsh trails. Boat launches in Stevens Point and at Lake DuBay, also Minocqua and Lake Winnebago.
- ◊ Scheels Park in Appleton for Soccer Tournaments. The two indoor soccer facilities in Milwaukee/Waukesha.
- ◊ Camping to Porcupine Mountain area in the UP of Michigan, Bayfield and Madiline Island.
- ◊ Soccer
- ◊ Marshfield wild wood zoo
- ◊ Bird watching in Merrill Council Grounds, Tech School in Rhinelander for talks on canoeing, birding, hiking.
- ◊ Door county
- ◊ Appleton and Milwaukee for indoor turf soccer games.
- ◊ Other county parks, soccer complex, indoor facilities, fishing areas
- ◊ Indoor soccer complexes
- ◊ Milwaukee, Madison, Oshkosh, Appleton areas several times per month to indoor soccer facilities. Both hard and turf facilities.
- ◊ Soccer tournament/games
- ◊ bird watching areas
- ◊ Council Grounds. Camping
- ◊ Milwaukee for indoor soccer complex
- ◊ Soccer tournaments throughout the state
- ◊ Turtle-Flambeau Flowage, Willow Flowage, Chippewa Flowage-camping, fishing, boating
- ◊ Taylor and Lincoln county forests: Hunting, kayaking, biking
- ◊ Go to Shawano to go to their beach
- ◊ Door County, Waupaca
- ◊ Copper Falls
- ◊ Hockey Rinks
- ◊ To camp in facilities that have electrical hooks available. Many time this is not on option in Marathon County Campgrounds
- ◊ Yes - due to the limited number of outdoor pickleball courts in Marathon County, on a weekly basis I have to travel to Rhinelander, Eagle River, Three Lakes, Green Bay, Madison or Eau Claire to play. It is unfortunately that I can't call the Wausau area my home "club", but is a reality when you simply three courts or a 40' X 50' area to service such huge demand.
- ◊ Portage County
- ◊ "WINMAN mountain bike and ski trails are awesome
- ◊ several other mountain bike and ski trails due to lack of snow"
- ◊ Various soccer facilities
- ◊ Kayaking.
- ◊ Stevens Point and Minocqua for their kayak launch points.
- ◊ "Shore fishing off of a municipal pier in Minocqua on the island.
- ◊ Biking in Vilas County on the paved bicycle trails out of Boulder Junction."
- ◊ Door county Washington Island school house beach Bailey harbor ridges
- ◊ "Wolf River at Langlade WI for kayaking.
- ◊ Keweenaw for camping, mtn biking & kayaking.
- ◊ Nicolet Forest for mtn biking."
- ◊ glacier woods golf course
- ◊ Clear lake, copper falls
- ◊ Camping on lake chippewa in hayward to go fishing and mountain biking
- ◊ LAKE DUBAY ON THE PORTAGE COUNTY SIDE
- ◊ Copper falls, clear lake, Norrie lake,
- ◊ I travel to Green Bay, Oshkosh, Eau Claire, and Chippewa Falls to compete in pickleball tournaments at outdoor courts.
- ◊ Black river falls state forest - group camp site
- ◊ Portage County campgrounds. Northern WI bike trails.
- ◊ "Horse riding
- ◊ Hiking
- ◊ Camping "
- ◊ For skateparks or hiking. Stevens point skatepark and the long walking trails there are great. Our river are could expand into a great path throughout the rest of the city and if it had a beautiful skatepark on it like stevens point it would be a great addition.
- ◊ upland bird hunting
- ◊ Standing rocks county park, portage county
- ◊ Children's museums
- ◊ "mountain biking
- ◊ hiking"
- ◊ Lakewood Cross Country Ski Trails, Lakewood WI
- ◊ Camping recreation
- ◊ Levis Mound, by Neillsville, WI for hiking and mountain biking.
- ◊ Merrill under downs, Marquette MI, Rhinelander trails. Mountain biking trails.
- ◊ We take kayaks down the Plover river in Portage County
- ◊ clean showers at campgrounds
- ◊ Green circle trail for hiking and biking. Iverson Park for kayaking.
- ◊ Have gone to the Underdown and Wiouwash State Trail/ Mountain Bay Trail for horseback riding.
- ◊ "Standing Rocks, Plover, mountain biking
- ◊ Underdown, Merrill, Mountain biking
- ◊ Levis Mound, Neilsville, mountain biking"
- ◊ Yes, bike, ski and hiking trails.
- ◊ I dont live in Marathon County, so going there is for vacation. Your parks are great and worth the drive up from Adams County.
- ◊ Birkie Trail for Nordic walking/ Nordic skiing; ABR in Ironwood MI for Nordic skiing
- ◊ Underdown. Washburn. Levis Mounds
- ◊ WinMann, Manitowish Waters. Bike trails in Boulder Junction and Manitowish areas.
- ◊ Willow Flowage, Wood Lake and Camp 8 in Taylor County to camp and fish. The cost to use these facilities is less expensive and allows for family bonding time in which camping should be about. God has given us natural resources and humans have the strong responsibility to maintain a healthy environment. More campsites with REASONABLE fees should be available in Marathon County.
- ◊ Portage County Parks standing rocks, disc golf, cross country ski.
- ◊ Mountain bike trails
- ◊ Mountain biking
- ◊ Many state park campgrounds, Levi's mounds, Madison area single track trails and paved bike paths, jack lake
- ◊ "Winman trails for Trail running, mountain biking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing
- ◊ Copper harbor, mountain biking
- ◊ Neilsville - mountain biking
- ◊ Cable- cross country skiing"
- ◊ "Underdown Rec Area, Lincoln County for MTB, hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and camping.
- ◊ Veterans Memorial Park, Langlade County for MTB and cross country skiing.
- ◊ Rausch Preserve, Taylor County for cross county skiing .
- ◊ Many others..."
- ◊ stevens point skateboard park, sturgeon bay skateboard park
- ◊ Winman bike trail, Paved Vilas County bike trail. Green circle trail in Stevens Point
- ◊ Usually biking trails such as the Boulder Junction area trails or other state trails. Cross-country ski trails in northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.
- ◊ Sawyer county forest and Oneida county forest for mountain biking and Xc skiing
- ◊ Copper Falls
- ◊ Standing Rocks, Jack Lake, Hartmann Creek
- ◊ Stevens Point Skatepark, They have a great skatepark right along their river and walking path.
- ◊ Gravity mountain biking
- ◊ Wolf River, Waupaca Chain of Lakes

- ◊ Mountain bike
- ◊ We frequently drive to Minocqua Winter Park for better snow conditions for cross country skiing. We also frequent the outdoor skating rinks in other counties since the outdoor rink closer to our house stopped receiving funding 2 to 3 years ago.
- ◊ camping north wisconsin
- ◊ "Mountain bike trails all over state.
- ◊ Wi Dells Devils Lake State Park
- ◊ state camping in northern highland forest/utv in iron cty and Lincoln cty/camping and fishing out of state
- ◊ Dane County Parks and State Parks and Forests throughout the state
- ◊ Lincoln County Forest for Grouse/Woodcock Hunting
- ◊ Camping, fishing, kayaking
- ◊ Council Grounds State Park
- ◊ Bear skin bike trail, Minoqua. I walk and run on the trail. I do not bike. We also kayak and or paddle board on E. Horsehead lake.
- ◊ Merrill and Tomahawk: sports facilities
- ◊ State and county parks in numerous counties. Hiking, biking, snowshoeing, kayaking, boating, camping
- ◊ copper falls for hiking, devils lake for hiking
- ◊ Lincoln, portage and Wood Counties for bow and rifle hunting.
- ◊ ATV trails
- ◊ Boating
- ◊ Pettenwell, Castle Rock
- ◊ There is only one place in Marathon County to go 4-Wheeling. We go almost every week into Clark county. We would use a trail in Marathon county if there were one. We don't like going to Clark county but we have no other choice.
- ◊ Council Grounds in Lincoln County. Peninsula State Park in Door County and Koehler
- ◊ Devils Lake - Swimming, hiking, camping
- ◊ Green Circle - Stevens Point
- ◊ Kenosha county lakeshore
- ◊ MONDEAUX DAM: MY FAMILY RESIDES IN THE AREA, AND WE HAVE A CABIN THERE.

SWIMMING, FISHING, HIKING, HUNTING, BOATING, ETC

- ◊ lake Emily county park portage county
- ◊ We travel all winter to warmer destinations and are passionate about Pickleball. We always seek out communities where pickleball is available and have played at spectacular facilities that are provided by city or county parks. Wausau/ Marathon County could benefit by providing additional Pickleball facilities for health and wellness as well as revenue from the possibility of providing tournaments.
- ◊ Waupaca for kayaking
- ◊ Shawano co, use small parks for getting together with friends/family for a couple of hours - just sitting at picnic tables
- ◊ We travel north for UTV trails
- ◊ Ice Age Trail in Lincoln County - Grandfather Falls Segment and Turtle Rock Segment
- ◊ Horseback riding and camping. Hiking.
- ◊ Door county: camping, orchards, restaurants, shopping, etc (Potowatomi SP and Peninsula SP)
- ◊ Tomahawk parks
- ◊ Active Backyard Retreat (ABR) at Ironwood, Michigan, for cross country skiing & snowshoeing. Green Circle in Stevens Point for biking.
- ◊ Door county parks both county and state. Harrison Beach state park. Trails, beaches, overlooks, and picnic facilities.
- ◊ Lake Dubay county park, camping
- ◊ Council Grounds State Park - camping, fishing in a better part of the river, hiking
- ◊ Camping and softball areas.
- ◊ Clark and Wood County for camping
- ◊ Porcupine Mountains, hiking, camping, yurts, rustic cabins, sight seeing, music festival, etc.
- ◊ Portage and Langlade county parks for camping
- ◊ "Bay Beach-Brown County
- ◊ Pamperin Park-Brown County"
- ◊ Oshkosh YMCA ice arena & pool

- ◊ ECDells and Rib Mtn
- ◊ Lakewood Cross Country Ski Trails in Lakewood WI
- ◊ Shawano County for snowshoeing and camping. Postage county parks for camping.
- ◊ Door county, fishing and seeing parks.
- ◊ Pickleball in Oneida county
- ◊ Stevens point tennis courts
- ◊ "Minocqua Winter Park
- ◊ ABR
- ◊ Birkiebeiner trails"
- ◊ ice Age National Scenic Trail - especially in Marathon & Lincoln counties.
- ◊ Boating and camping portage, vilas, Oneida, Lincoln counties. Atv Lincoln, Langlade, and Oneida mainly.
- ◊ Pelican lake
- ◊ Rhinelander or tomahawk to play pickleball
- ◊ Hockey
- ◊ Clear lake
- ◊ Grandad's Bluff-hiking, sightseeing
- ◊ For hockey we visit many other facilities, there are not many in worse condition inside and outside (parking lot) or lack of general things like tables and chairs then Marathon a park Ice Arena.
- ◊ Merrill ice rink for open skate
- ◊ "Pickleball in Allenton, Westbend and Germantown
- ◊ "Indoor rock climbing
- ◊ Ice skating
- ◊ Beach
- ◊ Kayaking
- ◊ Ultimate frisbee"
- ◊ Camping
- ◊ We travel to DC Everest ice area to play hockey and ice skate year round.
- ◊ Dexterville Park for camping. Minocqua for camping.
- ◊ "Multiple Ice arena's- hockey
- ◊ Wisconsin Rapids- CW BMX
- ◊ Rhinlander- Hodag BMX"
- ◊ Campgrounds and hockey rink
- ◊ "Greenheck Field house for ice skating.
- ◊ Crystal lake and plum lake"
- ◊ cycling paved Trail system between boulder junction, manitowish, sayner. Kayaking at lakes up north
- ◊ Northern Highland State Park. Paved biking trail connector

systems. ATV usage. Mountain Biking and hiking. Camping

- ◊ Lincoln country rifle range
- ◊ All the way to mashfield to see the lights, why not have that ere La crosse as lights also.
- ◊ camping
- ◊ I frequently fish both up north in Vilas / Onieda County areas and use their boating and camping facilities. I have also used quite a few Portage County boat landings as well. Specifically the Lake DuBay landing. Since it is very near my home.
- ◊ "ABR, Winman, Winterpark, Razorback Ridges, Washburn Lakes, Three Lakes, Birkebeiner trails, Rhinelander trails, Northwoods golf course, Greenwood Hills golf course, Seeley Hills, Timm's Hill.
- ◊ All for cross country skiing when Nine Mile is closed or has bad conditions."
- ◊ Mountain Bike/Hike trails in Lincoln County (Underdown)
- ◊ "CW BMX in Wisconsin Rapids
- ◊ Multiple ice hockey rinks all over Wisconsin/Minnesota
- ◊ State parks geocaching
- ◊ Green circle.
- ◊ Buffalo lake campground for camping/fishing/swimming/ hiking/kayaking
- ◊ Birkebeiner Ski Trail
- ◊ Sawyer, Bayfield and Onieda counties have cross country ski trails that allow dogs for skijoring
- ◊ Four wheeling
- ◊ Year round ice arena
- ◊ Mosinee, Weston, Stevens point, every other hockey arena open year round.
- ◊ Sorry, we just moved here a year ago and I can't remember all the names, but we love all the parks and biking trails in Stevens Point in particular.
- ◊ County parks in Portage County, state parks throughout state
- ◊ Portage county parks and Shawano county campground
- ◊ Underdown Trails
- ◊ Camping
- ◊ Pickleball
- ◊ Camping at South Wood County Park, Dexter Park, Lake Emily, Hartman Creek
- ◊ Minocqua WInterpark, xc ski,

- Raven Trails, Minocqua, hike/xc ski
- ◊ We have camped at Lake Dubay County park and at Crystal Lake State Park and Merrill Consel Grounds.
- ◊ Wildcat mountain, camping
- ◊ UP or Winter Park
- ◊ Camping
- ◊ Wood County Parks, Dexter, North Wood County. State Parks, Wissota, Willow River, Council Grounds, and Federal park, High Ridge Campground
- ◊ Lake DuBay Park and Landing for boating.
- ◊ Snowshoeing at multiple parks in and around St Germain/Sayner/ Star lake. Gartzke flowage. Harrison hills. Biking all over the state where there are paved trails.
- ◊ Wood Lake - fishing
- ◊ Shawano county private camping
- ◊ Various other Mountain bike and Cross country trail systems.
- ◊ Up north, I don't know all of the names, but a LOT of stuff up there.
- ◊ paved bike trails in Vilas and Onieda counties. Ski center and trails in Portage,Vilas,Onieda, Oconto,Iron counties
- ◊ camping
- ◊ "Use paved trails in Manitowish, Bolder Junction Area for biking
- ◊ Use Ski Trails at Minocqua Winter Park and WinMan near Winchester/Manitowish for skiing"
- ◊ Hiking, Devils Lake, Door County
- ◊ Iola Winter Sports winter trails
- ◊ Fishing in the Bittersweet Wild Lakes Area
- ◊ Rib Mountain Area
- ◊ "Veterans Memorial Park
- ◊ campgrounds
- ◊ Council grounds and other county camp grounds
- ◊ North wood county
- ◊ "Dells
- ◊ Councils grounds"
- ◊ We camp in several different state parks, county parks and private camp grounds
- ◊ Mountain biking
- ◊ We drive to Stevens Point to use the green circle bike loop/trail
- ◊ Camping Oneida Co
- ◊ Yes - outside the county for early season cross-country skiing due to lack of snow here
- ◊ Camping-Woodruff, Marshfield
- ◊ Northwood County and Dexter Campgrounds. Camping trips and bike riding.
- ◊ all over WI.
- ◊ Deer Trail park campground
- ◊ Nordic skiing on man mad snow or good early/late snow conitions
- ◊ RV camping with sewer, electric and water hook ups
- ◊ Lincoln/Oneida UTV/ATV Trails
- ◊ "ATV trails langlade county
- ◊ Camping"
- ◊ campgrounds
- ◊ "When family members visit we try to attend some of these parks
- ◊ "Portage Count parks and Door County Parks
- ◊ Wood Lake Campground
- ◊ Lincoln, oneida , portage counties
- ◊ Northern Highlands camping, biking, boating, swimming, fishing
- ◊ Northern Highland American Legion State Forest. We go to campgrounds in this state forest, in Minocqua, Boulder Junction, Sayner, & near Eagle River,
- ◊ Castle rock county park, Maidstones for camping
- ◊ Chippewa county park (pine point) for camping
- ◊ Camping, at different places in wisc.
- ◊ wood county,Dexterville county park for camping. Clark county,Snyder county park camping n ATVing. Langlade county Veterans Memmorial Park,camping n hiking
- ◊ "North wood county to camp where there are showers. Water is not good there.
- ◊ Snider by neillsville for the 4 wheeler trails."
- ◊ Camping, hiking and biking.
- ◊ Nicolet National Forest, hiking
- ◊ Conover WI camping
- ◊ Peninsula State Park-biking. Boulder Junction bike trails. Birkebeiner cross country ski trails. Pishtigo River - canoeing. Muscoda, WI River - canoeing.
- ◊ Camping at Lake Emily in portage county
- ◊ Lake DuBay County Park to camp, kayak, bicycle
- ◊ cross country skiing trail Minoqua, ABR, Rhinlelander, Houghton, MI, door county for biking and skiing
- ◊ South wood Co. Park Camping
- ◊ "Winter Park, Minocqua xc skiing
- ◊ ABR Hurley Ironwood"
- ◊ Camping and atv
- ◊ Shawano County
- ◊ Camping
- ◊ Underdowns, Watersmeet,mi for fishing
- ◊ "North of Wausau for cross country skiing
- ◊ Allover Wisconsin for paddling and bicycling"
- ◊ Goose island for fishing and camping,
- ◊ Wood County camping
- ◊ We go to to Lake Farm County Park
- ◊ "Biking, hiking, boating, golfing
- ◊ We use the biking and hiking trails up north, Bear Skin Trail, Boulder Junction and St. Germain area
- ◊ Boating on Lake Nokomis
- ◊ Golfing in Tomahawk area"
- ◊ Wood county
- ◊ State parks and other county parks for camping and hockey
- ◊ "Hartman Creek, Underdown/Prairie Dells, Standing Rocks, Win Man, and various other mountain biking facilities.
- ◊ Underdown for xc skiing."
- ◊ Dexterville - County Campground, Dane County - Mendota Campground, Clark County - Schnider Campground
- ◊ Many. Levis Trow Mound. CAMBA Trails. Underdown/Prairie Dells trails. State parks/county parks in Door County.
- ◊ mostly cross country skiing in early season when ours is closed due to hunting or lack of snow.
- ◊ Dubay county campground
- ◊ Camping
- ◊ Ski areas in Wisconsin and UP. Hayward area ski trails, winter Park, rib falls, Washburn ski area
- ◊ Hartman Creek
- ◊ Portage county camping
- ◊ "Mostly camping
- ◊ Waupaca
- ◊ Postage
- ◊ Vilas
- ◊ Iowa"
- ◊ Up by boulder junction, paved bicycle trails
- ◊ North Wood County Park
- ◊ Camping at Portage County Park
- ◊ Camping in Wood county
- ◊ Summer months for camping
- ◊ "Bike trails
- ◊ sugar camp disc course, standing rock disc course, others disc courses in Rhinlelander area
- ◊ veterans campgrounds Langlade co. camping, swimming, fishing, and hiking.
- ◊ Milwaukee, Green Bay for skate parks and bike trails.
- ◊ Crystal Lake in the Northern Highland forest area and we use the extensive biking trails in that area as well. We snowshoe and ski in the Minocqua area.
- ◊ Peninsula Park in Door County, Devil's Lake both for camping, hiking, swimming, kayaking, biking.
- ◊ Camping
- ◊ Timms Hill, Boulder Junction area parks, Door county parks
- ◊ Mostly or birdwatching, but that is because of certain habitats, not what the parks offer.
- ◊ "North Shore municipal public Camp Grounds, Two Harbors, Mn.
- ◊ . . . Houghton, Mi. municipal Camp Grounds also"
- ◊ Camp Luther, Three Lakes WI - summer camps
- ◊ Mead
- ◊ We often visit Council Grounds State Park in Merrill. It is well kept and offers great boat landings.
- ◊ Oneida/Tomahawk snowmobile and atv/utv trail system
- ◊ Camping
- ◊ Waupaca for boating, trails and biking
- ◊ Landmarks and Hiking trails
- ◊ Parks in Stevens Point area
- ◊ Wood County
- ◊ Iverson park, bucholt park, Stevens point
- ◊ Snowmobile trails
- ◊ Paved bike trails from Chippewa Falls to Cornell. Also paved bike trails in Boulder Junction area.

- ◇ Dells area, Minocqua area
- ◇ "Stevens point, horseback riding
- ◇ Waushara County, horse camping"
- ◇ Devils lake state park for hiking and the ability to do more than hike at the park.
- ◇ Chippewa River State Park Trail, we go there for the paved road biking trails. It is a wonderful thing with people running/walking and mountain/road biking on these trails. The best part is everyone feels safe because you are separated from the vehicle traffic on streets. I currently live in marathon and have almost been ran over by semi trucks and other vehicles due to the lack of room on the shoulder of roads. My wife actually refuses to bike on the county highways due to the lack of safety. I road bike with many other people and all of them say the same thing. We constantly take trips elsewhere with nice paved trails to exercise and enjoy each others company. We have old train track areas that could be used for this sole purpose. For 1 is almost perfectly flat and is a perfect area away from normal vehicle traffic for safety. Many other counties have areas like this, this year we will be going down to the Madison area to try out their paved trails and enjoy an extended weekend road biking. We have old train tracks that run between marathon and edgar we should repurpose this space for good use. The only park I use is the Eau Plaine for the disc golf course.
- ◇ Clear lake woodruff
- ◇ Council grounds merrill
- ◇ Kettle Moraine for hiking and up by Saynor for the great paved biking trails
- ◇ Harrison ATV trails
- ◇ Pamperin Park, Green Bay Wi
- ◇ Wyalusing State Park - camping, hiking, etc.
- ◇ "Stevens Point, K.A.S.H. Park,
- ◇ Stevens Point, Iverson Park
- ◇ Stevens Point, Sculpture Park"
- ◇ Minoqua area parks
- ◇ Devils Lake
- ◇ other counties to camp
- ◇ Clark county for camping

- ◇ Manitowish Waters/Boulder junction bike path
- ◇ Will travel every other weekend. To mountain bike trails within 5 hrs
- ◇ We go camping usually at Rivers Edge Campground because of the pond and nice camping area.

**Q10 In which of the following recreational activities do you and your family participate at County parks, forest units, and trails?**

- ◇ Enjoying scenery and nature.
- ◇ pickleball
- ◇ Letterboxing
- ◇ no other
- ◇ Just started camping last year after camping years ago. Now taking grandchildren.
- ◇ stand up paddle boards
- ◇ Camping
- ◇ It's nice weather I like to be outside
- ◇ Skateboarding. Please fix Oak Island or build a new skate park!!
- ◇ None
- ◇ Roller derby
- ◇ Pickleball
- ◇ Berry Picking - some county forest lands could be maintained to promote better picking
- ◇ Trail running
- ◇ Soccer
- ◇ Volleyball
- ◇ skateboarding/rollerblading
- ◇ I'd love to see jojos jungle take off and start construction ASAP
- ◇ pickleball
- ◇ Skateboarding wasn't an option. Any time of safe activity areas for our youth and safe trails are great.
- ◇ Skateboarding
- ◇ Hiking
- ◇ Grouse/Woodcock Hunting
- ◇ use of the grill
- ◇ Will do more when toddlers get older
- ◇ Pokémon GO events
- ◇ Relaxing - enjoying the view
- ◇ Rock hunting
- ◇ Snowshoeing
- ◇ scuba diving
- ◇ Hockey
- ◇ Pokemon Go
- ◇ feel unsafe hiking at sunnyside with the male stalkers

- watching all the time
- ◇ Wisconsin Valley Fair at Marathon Park
- ◇ We are from Texas so we don't get to Wisconsin too often
- ◇ Snow fat biking
- ◇ 7
- ◇ Roller skiing on highway "R" paved trail.
- ◇ Rock climbing
- ◇ Hiding painted rocks
- ◇ Road biking (paved paths)
- ◇ Nature photography
- ◇ Skatepark

**Q11 How satisfied are you with the appearance, maintenance, cleanliness, safety, and accessibility of Marathon County's parks, forest units, and trails?**

- ◇ It seems the parks have been overgrown and unkept this past year or two.
- ◇ The bathrooms often need cleaning.
- ◇ At BEP: downed trees, horse damage and manure, with pooled water on trails much of the year so travel goes around the mud and damages more of the sides of the trail. Some small drainage culverts would help a lot.
- ◇ Not too impressed w/ maintenance of Mountain Bay trail, too many ruts & could use more grooming & trimming. I pick up more branches etc. than county employees do in the area of trail where I live near Hatley.
- ◇ Accessibility is an issue at most of the parks.
- ◇ "Often, maps and posters at trailheads are often faded even torn. Sometimes garbage cans are not emptied or they're are not enough of them.
- ◇ The Dells of the Eau Claire is a beautiful park and also has a wonderful campground and swim area . We love to go hiking there and have shared it with many of our friends and family. Have also used the campground and enjoyed that too. Bathrooms at campground and swimming beach were very clean . But the restrooms at the park were awful ! You could smell them before you even got

- close , the garbage cans were full and the bathroom wasn't clean .I realize this is a very busy part but I don't think it was cleaned for a few weeks last summer ."
- ◇ "Maintenance: 9-mile ski grooming can improve/extend season
- ◇ Cleanliness: BEP pit toilets, wind-blown garbage in woods
- ◇ Safety: BEP, intoxicated visitors/foul language does not support family-friendly atmosphere.
- ◇ Accessibility: 9-mile land-use season/dates don't align with best-use activities. No need to hunt there with other better-suited areas available. This would allow this unit to have silent-sport focus/enhancements that would provide great income opportunities. "
- ◇ It would be helpful to have a form or number to call if problems are found-ie. if when biking a tree is over a trail, so issues can be addressed earlier.
- ◇ Generally satisfied, however Marathon Park has issues with maintenance, cleanliness at times (ice arena, park bathrooms). We don't have special accessibility issues but I could see where some parks wouldn't be very user friendly to young and old needing mobility assistance (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.). e.g. no paved paths for them to even just be nearer to play areas if they are going with a group or family, even if they can't, or wouldn't need, to participate in the playground (because it's not an all-inclusive play area, or if they are a grandparent just wanting to sit and watch).
- ◇ I feel fatbiking should be allowed at Nine-Mile Forest, on the singletrack/snowshoe trails. Fatbikers and snowshoers coexist very well at other facilities throughout the state (WinMan and Washburn, for example), and cause no noticeable damage to XC ski trails when they cross.
- ◇ I just don't feel that the areas are kept up nicely.. they seem messy and things aren't fixed or



cleaned up

- ◊ big eau pleine - would like to see flush toilet restrooms and showers
- ◊ Just need more camping availability
- ◊ The bathroom at Eau Claire Dells is disgusting the one by playground. A dump station n running water would be nice in camping area this park has had so little improvement in so many years. Come on Marathon County dooo something with it . The trails n waterfalls are beautiful so many visitors come to see it .
- ◊ Not enough daily clean up. To many county employees just driving and or sitting around Instead of active work efforts
- ◊ Would enjoy better bathrooms
- ◊ Showers at Marathon Park need to be cleaner at the floor/lower levels where mold acquires
- ◊ The grooming at nine mile was variable at times, even when their was plenty of snow late in the winter. I think more collaboration between the ski club and groomers would be helpful.
- ◊ The bathrooms at the dells and Eau Pleine are terrible. We often go to Dubay because of the bathrooms and on site dump station.
- ◊ Would like available bottled water stations or possible areas to purchase additional ice for coolers.
- ◊ Bathrooms very yucky. Mold in showers ( men's & womens
- ◊ The water at the beach at big eau Plains was very nasty, smelly, chunky. I did not even want to kayak there, much less let my kids swim in it. This is a shame because we absolutely love everything else about that park. For this reason alone, we will not have our large group camp there this year...first time in 7 years we are going elsewhere.
- ◊ At the Dells of Eau Claire park last year there was a huge ground wasp nest next to the play area, making it really unsafe for the children to play especially children that

are younger and lower to the ground.

- ◊ Big eau pleine, camping the electricity goes out. Boat landing needs some work done.
- ◊ BigEau Pleine bathrooms camping sites need repair
- ◊ I have stayed at Dells of Eau Claire park numerous times where the electricity has failed due to inadequate power supply for the number of sites. The bathroom/shower facilities also had some repair issues.
- ◊ "Eau Claire dells I would like water access and dumping but not if the price goes way up. We are a family with a limited budget and love to camp. It is the cheapest vacation for a family with children that you could have and so good for families. If price goes to high they can no longer do that.
- ◊ The park rangers could be more friendlier not just come in and ride around and leave
- ◊ More areas that provide a decent shower house and electricity. WIFI options are things we've noticed in the other places we camp.
- ◊ Restroom cleanliness is extremely poor
- ◊ We had an experience of nearby campers at the site of Dells of Eau Claire getting drunk, belligerent and threatening towards other nearby campers. There was no site person there and we had no cell reception. It was a scary experience especially since we were there with our 5 year old daughter.
- ◊ "Marathon Park needs:
- ◊ -New, better and more restroom facilities (it's an inconvient walk way over to current ONE SET available)
- ◊ -Blacktopped parking lots and pathways to pickleball courts"
- ◊ Pickleball is not always available and gets closed far earlier than park events take place. Due to park usage and when the event is over, there can be garbage that needs to be cleaned up.
- ◊ They are to the level I hope for, not overly maintained but not in poor shape either.
- ◊ There will always be places

that are not accessible to wheelchairs and the county should continue to be INCLUSIVE for all disabilities and adapt facilities to accommodate all. Thank you for making the county facilities as accessible as possible!

- ◊ Marathon Park Multi Purpose building (hockey rink) Lobby is often dirty in appearance (the floors) and there is very few places for people to sit and wait for their kids to finish practice. Things have improved some since the RiverWolves came in but there is still very limited seating for people to wait. I strongly encourage the county to consider purchasing multiple tables/chairs for families to sit at while waiting. Thank you!
- ◊ marathon park courts.
- ◊ As stated above, Oak Island is embarrassing and actually dangerous because it's in such disrepair. Fix it or build a new one! Wausau is big enough that a new skate park would absolutely be utilized. We're lucky to have Central Board Shop, but there's then no where safe to go anymore in Marathon County to actually skateboard.
- ◊ The hockey arena boards are completely unsafe- during games I have seen classmates almost fall onto the ice. The leaking water is also a safety hazard in lobby area of the ice arena. I also feel the parking lot could use some more road base to avoid the many pot holes.
- ◊ The hockey rink at Marathon Park has been neglected for years, and even with the recent improvements, remains well behind our neighboring communities. We need new boards and some more investment into the facility. We also could use a longer ice season, as our program is growing very rapidly and ice time is becoming very scarce to spread around among our various teams.
- ◊ It is frustrating when the bathrooms aren't open. People are active in all types of weather—not just mid-June through August. Our family often has to stop what we are

doing and leave early for a bathroom need.

- ◊ Not a complaint, but I want it to be noted: Mission Lake facilities are maintained incredibly well. Thank you!
- ◊ Tennis/pickleball courts are in poor condition.
- ◊ too little experience to rate.
- ◊ I would say necessarily dissatisfied but I think there is an opportunity to spruce things up.
- ◊ The facilities at Big Eau Pleine are run down
- ◊ Specifically, Marathon Park. Buildings are in disrepair, roof leaks, parking lot is a swampy hole all winter and is only better when it is covered in ice and snow to level the parking lot out. The rink itself all winter has little cleaning, inc floors, bathrooms. Hockey boards are old, heaters rarely turn on and mostly blow cold and dusty air.
- ◊ No nearly enough pickleball courts in Marathon Park. If you drive to smaller cities such as Eagle River or Tomahawk; you will find six or more courts available during the summer.
- ◊ The hockey rink at Marathon Park needs an upgrade. We need more lobby area, tables set up for people to eat, and a general make-over. It is out-dated and unappealing. There is hardly room to move around especially when a tournament is being held.
- ◊ Primarily concerned with Marathon Park. Feel the park is underutilized and safety of the rink is below average. Overall space could be improved.
- ◊ "The Pickleball courts are in OK repair.
- ◊ I have never seen anyone play tennis anymore; need to convert tennis courts to Pickleball courts...
- ◊ Fastest growing sport in USA. For small investment Marathon park could be the Pickleball center of WI!"
- ◊ We have to pick up the trash from the basketball courts and empty the trash cans
- ◊ Maintenance on existing tennis and Pickleball courts is sub par. Investments not being protected.



- ◊ Only speaking for the Marathon Park Ice facility-needs updates!!! Even the simple things like a properly stocked First Aid kit.
- ◊ Marathon park ice rinks-Leaky roofs.
- ◊ Things are not very well maintained or taken care of
- ◊ "just would like to see a playground for disabled children - ie JoJo's Jungle
- ◊ I think Wausau is ready for a dedicated and expanded ice arena to support our youth hockey programs. We continue to travel outside of our area to find ice time and pay for clinics that could be offered locally. A paved parking lot or better graded lot would also be a positive addition.
- ◊ Marathon park ice arena is very outdated. The gravel drive and parking area turns into a mud pit in the thaw and icy slushy mess in snow.
- ◊ Older facilities appear neglected and crumbling (specifically asphalted trails within Marathon Park)
- ◊ Na
- ◊ Rib mtn pit toilets are scary
- ◊ Up keep and maintain needs to be held to a higher standards. Depending on what parks people are working and if and when you can find them. Is when things sometimes get done or you get what you need. Plus the staff isn't always the friendliest when you need questions answers. Plus the update of bathroom at many parks is quite gross. We need to update for safety reasons the rink at Marathon Park for the safety of the players too. That is before someone really gets hurt. More lightning in some areas of the parks as a whole would be good too, for the safety of people using or in the park.
- ◊ No
- ◊ Marathon park specifically, then parking lot is horrible. Especially during the winter
- ◊ "All areas need to be evaluated for invasive species and a plan to control them. 9 Mile- locust trees.
- ◊ Need to make urban bike and walking paths more connected

and accessible.

- ◊ Some grooming money at 9 Mile needs to be re-allocated to High Use days (weekends) and to do more of the grooming in the late evening so that the trails have more time to freeze up before the skiers come in the morning. Skiers quickly degrade the trails when grooming is being done the same time as when skiers are using the trails."
- ◊ Many parks do not have accessible garbage canisters along walking paths or near shelters.
- ◊ A lot of parks in the area are overrun by geese and their poop is everywhere. Its hard to enjoy parks that are covered in poop. Plus some of the geese can be very aggressive and will often chase or try to attack you.
- ◊ I would love to see prettier parks with more flower gardens and lighted trails. I thank you for all your good work. I do love the parks!
- ◊ All of the parks other than Marathon Park would rank very high in the above categories. I would rank Marathon Park low based on our use of the facility during youth and high school hockey seasons. I think the staff and parks department as a whole has done all they can with the aging facility. I ranks towards the worst arenas and facilities in the state for skating and hockey. The parking lot is always a mess with ice, slush and potholes. The building itself is maintained ok, but it's not an attractive venue.
- ◊ Amco with no cell service is very dangerous if in a life threatening situation someone need assistance. I'd also like to see that park kept a bit cleaner.
- ◊ However, the BEP campground needs some updating in some areas especially with the intense summer usage.
- ◊ bluegill park, eliminate the geese.
- ◊ No buses near to the forest units and trails.
- ◊ Geese population is ruining Bluegill, Eagles Club and Rookery Park. Boat launch at

Bluegill, need another and more trailer parking. Do we have any sandy beaches anymore?

- ◊ "Sylvan Hill Park: trees are falling over the trails and aren't taken care off. Littering everywhere around the shelters.
- ◊ The grass gets so long at the parks in the summer. Often times my kids can't even play soccer because the ball doesn't roll in the grass.
- ◊ Bathrooms
- ◊ The Sunnyvale Softball complex has not been updated in many years.
- ◊ Airport park bathrooms dirty.
- ◊ The walking trail along the river - area near library/ underpass. Lots of homeless people, sometimes harassing.
- ◊ The hockey rink was dirty, leaking water, not well lighted.
- ◊ Marathon Park Facilities could use an update!
- ◊ need to control geese in all parks that they are currently present in
- ◊ Maintenance of the ball diamonds are some of the worst I have ever seen.
- ◊ As far as safety, lighting major trails would make them safer for all users.
- ◊ The Marathon Park Rink parking lot and rink are a black eye on our community
- ◊ Given the shortage of pickleball courts, we try to play on available tennis courts, but they are in such poor condition both at 3M and Marathon Park, that they are a safety hazard. For some odd reason, the trash is never emptied from the cans around the three pickleball courts at Marathon Park.
- ◊ There are few easily accessible kayak launch points and there are no readily available lists of kayak friendly places to launch a kayak. Kayaking is getting more and more popular and it serves as a draw for many people. At least a couple times a years I plan kayak day trips with out of town friends to locations outside Marathon County.
- ◊ The paved walking trails in Marathon Park need to be raised out of the water when the snow melts in spring. Maybe rain gardens need to be created to

drain the water.

- ◊ "I'm really excited to see Jojos jungle inclusive and accessible playground go in at brockmeyer
- ◊ I hope the city and county will get behind that to start the project ASAP. It is a significant need in our area.
- ◊ I'd love to see something even more expansive modeled after the Hammil Family Play Zoo in Chicago come to the area. We could be a local destination "
- ◊ dog droppings often found at these facilities.
- ◊ Handicap accessible kayak launches at lake Wausau behind the old Drott, hwy J, Ross Ave so that my parent can go with us
- ◊ MOST CLEANLINESS ISSUES INVOLVE THE RESTROOMS AND LIKELY NOT DUE TO STAFF BUT RATHER IRRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE MISUSING THE FACILITIES AND PARKS.
- ◊ Handicap kayak landings, Ross Ave, hwy j, lake Wausau behind old Drott building, off hwy n and eau claire river road
- ◊ Our pickleball club members regularly empty the garbage near the courts because of the smell and the hornets and the overflow.
- ◊ Most of the forest trails are clean, but the closer you get to urban areas I feel like not much effort is made to keep it clean.
- ◊ The park's buildings at Marathon Park are simply dingy. There are so many great assets, but they have not been maintained well.
- ◊ Maintenance and upkeep of park buildings(roofs, rockwork and etc.) and restrooms leave a lot to be desired. Also beach grooming and park grass mowing areas need be started in some cases or more attention to grass areas in other areas. Fees in campground could be increased slightly, and offer boat launch fee(additional charge) along with campground fee at time of registration. Launch fee would have to be as long as camp fee. Could reduce charge one day( Some way a reduction of cost) if paid with camp registration. At least 2/3,s of park fees should stay with

the park generated from for its continued improvement. General revenue funds may be needed to bring the parks back to where they were ten years ago, and bring them up to standards expect this year and into the future.

◇ "Year after year the quality of the XC ski trail grooming at Nine Mile gets worse.

◇ County should look into snow making at Nine Mile or partner with the Wausau Nordic Ski Club to put in snow making on part of the lighted trails."

◇ clean showers at campgrounds big eau plaine  
◇ Marathon park, found drug needles. This park needs to be patrolled by police more.

◇ Nine Mile; county does no trail maintenance.

◇ I am greatly dissatisfied that Nine Mile is closed to mountain biking for half of the year. All of the users should be able to use it year round peacefully with each other.

◇ Low cost camping is not available. I grew up camping every weekend throughout the state. Fees have deterred me from utilizing the parks and my 3 children are not as excited about the outdoors as it is not routine. Frankly, after paying for the campsite and firewood, you are paying half, if not more than half of a hotel stay. What person would choose to sleep outdoors with mosquitoes, chance the weather, and then wake up to make your own breakfast when they could sleep in a climate controlled environment and have a breakfast buffet waiting for them when they wake up? ME! But it has gotten more expensive and have not given my children the opportunities and have instilled the passion for the outdoors as my parents have due to the cost.

◇ I think bathrooms, conditions and smell are typically not the best at the park facilities. Not just Marathon co, but everywhere in this country.

◇ Park by sturgeon eddy - found syringes

◇ Pit toilets are often smelly and fail to have fly control. The

pit toilets at Dells of the Eau Claire campground have been overflowing.

◇ Bathrooms

◇ The bathrooms at the DC Everest Park are too dark and unclean. The ones at sunnyvale park are also dark and unclean.

◇ I walk in a lot of the parks and I am always amazed at the amount of garbage that is left on the ground, whether its plastic bottles, papers or the people who do not pick up after their dogs especially when its on the main path you are walking on. There are signs posted in most parks that you are suppose to pick up after your pet. Don't see it happening much.

◇ I wish there is an easier way to find the parks. Maybe advertising.

◇ Marathon park ice arena outdated.

◇ "The city of Wausau has a beautiful river through it, most places the river can not be seen since the trees and brush are not trimmed. IF parks can trim every tree along the roads every year then branches can be trimmed up along the river. I know there is an issue with shoreland protection, but the brush can be thinned and trimmed up 8 feet. the bike path along Wausau chemical, barker island and oak and fern island are overgrown. Barker island is dangerous with the crowd that hangs out in there.

◇ some urinals at Cherokee or Dells of Eau Claire have not been scrubbed for years!... appears just rinsed with chemicals..

◇ Bike trail on the fern or oak island has a bridge on the south side with steps still. also the trails on the island are so narrow, can not ride when anyone is walking on them"

◇ "Mainly Marathon Park is the problem.

◇ Please do a better job in snow removal next winter in Marathon Park! Please take care of the icy side walks in Marathon Park during the winter, at least add dirt or salt (if I fall again this winter in your park, I will sue the

city for thousands \$\$\$). Please do a better job in clearing the sidewalks of HUGE puddles or water during winter-melt, it prevents access to certain areas of the park. Please clean dog poop from the side walks and side grass areas or at least discourage pet owners from letting their dogs poop anywhere. That is all many of us ask.

◇ PLEASE keep the prostitution out of the park.

◇ Thank you but at same time; whoever is reading this won't give a shit anyways because they aren't being paid enough to care,

◇ Concern citizen of Wausau, WI  
◇ Trash, cigarette butts and broken glass at Marathon park and Blue Gill Bay.

◇ The road into the Big Eau Plane park needs serious work to get it back in shape. Major potholes & broken pavement.

◇ Most are good accept for the Camping areas. Very dirty, no flushing toilets or showers.

◇ Looking at the map, I realize that our usage of Marathon County Park systems is primarily limited to Nine Mile, Dells of Eau Claire and Marathon Park. We have some exploring to do!

◇ More lighting for evening hours

◇ Would LOVE snowmaking at Nine Mile to allow for accessibility for training and fun as early as December!

◇ It would be nice to have paved parking area for ice arena. This is the only place we have gone recently that does not have a paved parking area.

◇ We have had to clean our rented space at Marathon, Machmueller, and Sandy Meadow parks.

◇ "Cracks on tennis courts. Some courts have torn or non-regulation height nets.

◇ There is a lack of tennis & Pickleball courts in the area."

◇ Bluegill Park is heavily used but often needs lawn care, trail maintainence, garbage clean-up bathroom maintainence, upgrade to play equipment. The new fishing platform is a great addition but most of the

remainder of the park looks forgotten

◇ Restrooms at Cherokee need upgrading, also perhaps, at the Dells.

◇ Hockey rink is beginning to fall apart. Its brings a TON of people to the community. People would rather go to dc Everest

◇ Some parks like bluegill boat launch has no bathrooms. Paying to use a launch and can't even put a portable John out is annoying.

◇ Marathon Park Ice Arena parking lot is terrible!!! pot holes, more ice than the rink itself. needs to be paved

◇ Marathons parks Ice Arena is dirty, leaking roof and broken bleachers and benches. No tables and chairs for visiting teams or home teams to sit and eat or relax in between games. Restroom always smells horrible. Facility is small and could be so much better and clean.

◇ "Not enough pickleball courts. Long waits to play

◇ Marathon park- Pickleball courts are too few- we have 30 or more people showing up and can only have 12 playing at a time. The tennis courts could be used for Pickleball, but they are in such bad shape that they are unsafe. The pickleball players are often cleaning the garbage from the basketball courts and have had to take the garbage out for the entire season. So much more could be done with that area.

◇ "hiking trails not marked at all, very difficult to follow.

◇ downed trees on trails, have been there for years  
◇ send staff to trail building seminars so they know what they are doing

◇ Marathon Park Ice Arena has roof that leaks and nothing and I mean nothing gets done about it.

◇ FIX IT ALREADY!!"

◇ Issues at Big Eau Pliene Park camping. Highly monitored during the day for every silly thing. After 10pm it is no place to take a family...Loud music, yelling, domestic fights.

◇ The parks are not up to date.

We have 3 hockey players in our home and the marathon ice rink is very poor compared to others around us. Could use more seating. HEAT. Be open all year round. Paved parking lots. The park equipment is getting out dated and is very dirty most the time.

◇ Marathon parks parking lots are horrific for pot holes and lighting of the parking lots in the parking lot by the horse showing area is very limited. A lot of old buildings could be taken down and replaced with modern facilities that don't leak water through the roofs, would generate year round income due to ice year round. Same with an indoor pool like what The Grand Lodge Cedar Creek has.

◇ Potholes in marathon park are horrible

◇ "Marathon Park Ice arena: Would like to see an updated facility. The lobby area has very poor set up for families/skaters to hang out between games etc. Our family has been to a ton of rinks and ours by far has the poorest lobby situation. It would also be nice to have a paved parking lot. And year round ice!"

◇ Marathon Park parking lot in the winter was horrible as far as plowing snow. Cars getting stuck everywhere

◇ Marathon park ice arena in the winter time always has pot holes everywhere is ice over throughout the parking lots. The guys who work there do the best they can but during peak hours they are running the rink and cannot take care of the lot. There has been multiple times when people have fallen with kids with the slipery conditions. I we got to other rinks and they don't have this problem cause there parking lot is paved. Paving the road will make it easier for the workers and safer for the families entering the rink.

◇ "Bluegill Park great but too congested with limited boat launching and parking.

◇ Geese are destroying the local parks. Bluegill, DC Everest

Eagles Club. Cannot walk or bike through due to excrement all over the place. Very unsafe. It's a problem all over not just Marathon County."

◇ Lots of garbage at WI River unit

◇ The bathrooms are dirty and old with holes in the ground marked with yellow tape that was falling down and missing my daughter cold have stepped in it when she was running in the grass at bluegill park . Very dangerous.

◇ "really in this day and age a drop pit toilet, no showers, why would I stay there when other clountry parks have free showers, you are fooling yourself if you think people are not showering, they are usign campers and letting it run on ground, think I want to camp in someone elses waste?"

◇ The Mission Lake park needs a bathroom closer to the landing. Trying to find it and even get to it after dusk or before dawn can be a bit unsafe with all the tree roots and uneven ground.

◇ Signage in some areas is out of date - little or no maintenance given to assist in trails. Volunteers given all responsibility in most cases.

◇ Marathon Park Ice Arena- we need a better facility for MICYH and year round Ice!

◇ Bathrooms 90% of time are unclean.

◇ Marathon Park Ice Rink could use some cleaning and updating

◇ Parking can be an issue at the big eau planne

◇ Marathon Park has alot of Pot Holes

◇ We found a lot of trash around the Dell's of the eau Clare park from teenagers hanging around the rapids in the late evening. Picked up ourselves.

◇ "Buckthorn is taking over at a number of areas, I'm particularly concerned about Bluegill.

◇ While all days aren't bad there are many instances when the trail grooming at nine-mile is not up to the level of other area trails."

◇ Stop clear cutting all the county forests!

◇ Need a year round ice arena. Loosing out on money and people

◇ Things seem to be becoming worn down.

◇ Trail signage at Eagle Claire Dells needs to be improved.

◇ Only listed dissatisfaction because of serious concerns about river pollution at Big Eau Pleins....afraid to let kids swim there now because of it. Also concerned about safety at Marathon Park for camping. Would like to camp there, but rarely see any safety patrols, so avoid going. I love both places, but feel their quality is less than previously. Also, I have never heard of most of the other locations....

◇ Eau Plaine water was terribly green.

◇ Many county forest area lack facilities to recreate and are underutilized for recreation. Parks have aged facilities and need upgrading. Snow making at 9 mile would enhance the park as a destination.

◇ Power outage at Eau Claire

◇ Cross Country trail grooming at 9 mile county forest this year seemed worse than years past. Sometimes no grooming would occur for days after snowstorm.

Outer trails were groomed much less frequently than inner trails.

◇ Just a note. Rain damage from last year resulted in the response of satisfied only. Repairs were not yet done when we arrived.

◇ Safety - a lot of trails could use more lighting

◇ Too often ski grooming equipment breaks down and the quality of skiing is diminished more than at other outside of county sites

◇ Big Eau Plain campground. The ranger needs to relax and use a little common sense. People camp in groups and congregate at one campsite. Rules need to be a guidance as long everyone is safe. He is rude and not friendly.

◇ 9 Mile when compared with other Ski facilities like

lola Winter Sports Center, Minocqua Winter Park, ABR, and WinMan is not "consistently" groomed to the standards of the locations mentioned. Sometimes it's groomed well, sometimes it is groomed poorly, and sometimes not at all. This impacts our business. When there is not consistent standards met, people will go elsewhere where they know what to expect.

◇ Big Eau Pleine Park- Bathrooms are usually dirty, fire rings not cleaned out, Picnic tables not repaired

◇ Shelters could be cleaner and cob webs be removed

◇ Would love more electric camp sites

◇ We stay at the Big Eau Pleine county park. It is a great park but the only problem we run into with friends coming along is they need showers and pit toilets kind of scare them. So showers would be nice.

◇ Look at making single track trails one way and also not allowing runners or walkers on single track trails

◇ Marathon Park needs their Campground facilities cleaned a lot better. Spider webs in the bathroom and showers. Sites needed better cleaning after camper leaves.

◇ Wash outs on trails, not wheel chair friendly

◇ "Nine mile bathrooms should be cleaner and/or renovated.

◇ Trail conditions at nine mile we're poor this year due to inadequate grooming"

◇ Need wifi and cellular service is very limited.

◇ The grooming at the 9 mile cross country ski trails was not good a majority of the season. It improved in late February but before that it was not very good.

◇ Bad pavement (blacktop) at Big Eau Pleine, in and out!

◇ I have been camping at Eau Claire Dells, & the bathroom in the campground, wasn't very clean. The bathroom at the west campground of Eau Pleine, was excellent.

◇ Dells of the Eau Claire. Shouldn't charge for electric since the breaker continually

blows and campers spend more time resetting the breaker til it blows an hour later

- ◊ The bathroom at the Eau Claire Dells by playground area is horrible.
- ◊ The Nine Mile Forest shelter needs to be updated. Last summer's improvements helped, but a new paint job and some additional decorations would greatly improve the facilities. Also, it's time to have a vending machine there for hungry folks. Often the front desk people are busy and can't be asked to serve as food sellers as well as ticket sales people.
- ◊ The eau plaine west side. Bathrooms stunk no water in the tanks to cover feces or deoterizers in the water. Not well managed at all and maintained. Summer of 2018. Been there other years and it wasnt bad
- ◊ Mowing/ trimming/ grooming at Nine Mile
- ◊ We camp at Big Eau Pleine and the website to reserve sites at the beginning of year is a mess. This is the weekend we have a bunch of people camping and it was hard to get sites together cause the site keep crashing. The electric last year kept going out in the west unit. You need to upgrade and have at least a shower / fush toliet building at each campground - you can still have some pit potties - they are always clean.
- ◊ Trail maintenance in the winter is consistently poor
- ◊ "The restrooms we're filthy. The door locks were broken. Very little signage on where the R. V. Dump, or fresh water was, after the restroom locks were fixed no one was given the combination etc. etc
- ◊ Camping at Dells of the Eau Claire last summer - restrooms needed to be serviced.
- ◊ Bathrooms not always clean.
- ◊ 9 Mile needs more winter skiing and summer mountain biking signage. But thus is true no matter where the facility is, there is always a lack of signage.
- ◊ "Dells of Eau Claire - lack of updated electrical grid. Had

spotty electricity over the hot holiday weekend. Pit toilets were not clean. Wood fire sales were at bad times of day.

- ◊ Eau Pleine - lack of updated electrical grid. Had spotty electricity over the hot holiday weekend. Flush toilets and showers would be a huge improvement. Pit toilets were not clean. Wood fire sales were at bad times of day.
- ◊ Everything needs updating, picnic tables, grills, shelters, etc.
- ◊ Grooming at 9-mile is still below average compared to the rest of the state. Very disappointing
- ◊ Restrooms at Big Eau Pleine seem to always be in need of attention such as sweeping, knocking down webs, mopping the floor and maintenance addressing odor.
- ◊ Big explains - some of the restrooms are terrible
- ◊ I wish the forest units had more signs for the trails because I have to look at my Google Maps to know if I am still within the area and what trail I am on. Also, boardwalks would be great for Spring and Winter time when they aren't accessible because of the mud/snow.
- ◊ Electric needs to be updated at Big Eau Plaine West unit. Last year we were camping with friends and 3 out of the 4 sites we had lost power for over 16 hours
- ◊ Not enough benches or playground equipment in all areas.
- ◊ The toilet facilities at the eau plane Park Beach have been horrendous forever the smell is atrocious as you leave the parking lot and walk past.
- ◊ Bathrooms should be updated at all parks - running water and flush toilets, we'd stay longer if bathrooms were clean.
- ◊ The restrooms could use better ventilation.
- ◊ Garbage left at parks by user. Not necessarily fault of the park.
- ◊ Thee grass is unkept in parts of the park, making it un assessible to use those areas, parking lots are dirty and filled with trash.
- ◊ As always litter could be

better. Install cameras and fine those who are stupid enough to litter.

- ◊ Many places are hard for handicap with difficulties walking.
- ◊ "Bathrooms at eau pleune park
- ◊ Playground equipment in Marathon Park is old and beat-up. We love biking with the family from Weston and using MCP as a destination. The whole park/area could use a facelift to be much more than just the fair grounds and spot for community activities. With it's accessibility to all of the nearby employers and schools it could use new equipment, a better trail and a cleaner/ more modern appearance (like Doepke park in Rib Mtn)
- ◊ Would love more stroller friendly trails!
- ◊ Accessibility: it would be nice for all kids to have access to local parks including those in wheel chairs or those with special needs. Not all playgrounds in the area are equipped to meet everyone's needs.
- ◊ At mission lake there will be no pens or papers for filling out for payment sometimes and no toilet paper in the restroom
- ◊ "Big Eau Pleine should not allow horses on trails when wet. Even disc golf gets closed.
- ◊ Disc golf fees are too high... do not exist in other parks (?) this discourages new users to the sport.
- ◊ Events should pay fees.... senior rate?!"

**Q14 Please indicate if you or anyone in your household has the need for each of the recreation programs listed below by indicating Yes or No and Youth, Adult, or Both for each program? (Other)**

- ◊ Foraging hikes/instructors
- ◊ Geocaching events , like CITO Events...Cache In, Trash Out . People look for geocaches and pick all garbage
- ◊ +
- ◊ croquet or bocce tournaments/lessons
- ◊ I need/use both mountain bike and XC ski, but both are

well-served by existing clubs.

- ◊ Stick to providing public access to nature areas. Others in the cominities can provide social services
- ◊ More Days of Nordic skiing - Adult - Man-made snow would help to provide this.
- ◊ We are not in Marathon County.
- ◊ none
- ◊ Have gathering for kids to meet others and do games together. Have popcorn to hand out or icecream social.would like to see a few tables or benches that are permanently set up near Beach area to sit at.
- ◊ We would love to have more and well maintained pickleball courts. Other communities are offering many options but would love to have them right here. And great way to keep population active and invite tourism.
- ◊ Pickleball
- ◊ more cycling events
- ◊ Add more pickleball courts to Marathon Park and other recreation facilities (Rothschild, Weston). Too many people that have to wait for a court!
- ◊ All activities are needed in this area. We just need to find more qualified teachers and facilities.
- ◊ Skate boarding competitions. Central Board Shop is amazing for this but we need a new or improved skate park!
- ◊ cross country ski lessons
- ◊ Road biking
- ◊ Roller derby, both youth and adults
- ◊ Nice to add footsal and other such winter/indoor opportunities
- ◊ woodworking shop
- ◊ I don't understand...nobody NEEDS any of these, poorly worded question
- ◊ Indoor Soccer facility
- ◊ Indoor soccer facility
- ◊ Feel free to create a list of programs, and then have outside vendors provide the instructors, and then charge a fee for each participant to cover the instructor's time. Similar to Grebe's Chef Center cooking classes. Grebe's provides the space, finds local chefs, and



participants pay a fee for the materials and chef time.  
◇ Handicap kayak facilities  
◇ Horse back riding (Adult)  
◇ LOL, wtf even is this!?!? this is the worst survey I've ever seen. "Adaptive (special populations) Programs", is anybody going to know what this is?? What kinda of value do you think you are gathering from a complete disorganized cluster of a survey like this? srrrssly. Also recreation is not a need.

- ◇ Didn't know that marathon has all of these programs available.
- ◇ Na
- ◇ Mountain biking lessons-adult
- ◇ Bike safety and repair
- ◇ n
- ◇ Allabove answered for adults only
- ◇ Tennis & Pickleball tournaments
- ◇ Pickleball Tournaments
- ◇ Horseback riding

- ◇ are these not programs run by the city and not the county
- ◇ I VERY much appreciate spaces I am allowed to let my dog off leash (obviously under the proviso that it is a safe and well trained dog).
- ◇ Family sand volleyball
- ◇ Classes for sports officiating
- ◇ Bad question, too difficult
- ◇ NA
- ◇ Add a fill all option for questions like these
- ◇ Adults only camping

- ◇ Dog Park
- ◇ I think Marathon County is ready for a Bike Festival. It should be family friendly as well as for hard-core folks. A parade, ice cream, designated dedicated bike route, and a family friendly concert at the end of the day.
- ◇ not a big fan of organized activities
- ◇ Paved road biking trails



## Wausau & Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry



# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING RESULTS

## APRIL 30, 2019 PIM RESULTS

To encourage public involvement in the Marathon County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the County also hosted a public involvement meeting on April 30, 2019. The involvement meeting took place in three parts:

First, attendees were given the opportunity to review maps of parks, forest units, and trails adding comments coded to specific locations within the County park and forest system. These comments were classified by three different questions, allowing participants to categorize their type of comment by location. Categories included *General or Specific Improvements within Existing Parks and Forest Units*, *Areas where New Parks or Forest Units are Desired*, and *Areas where New Trails or Paved Shoulders are Desired*. Participants were also invited to share their *Big Ideas for Parks, Recreation, and Forestry* via the comment form.

The second section of the involvement meeting allowed for participants to mark on a trail map desired connections, additions, and/or extensions of trails within the County system.

Finally, attendees participated in a spending activity that allowed choice of where they would personally spend money within the park, forest, and trail system based on category of use or improvement. If desired, they also had the opportunity to further categorize investment by writing directly specific activities, locations, or uses the “money” would go towards within that category.

Responses and analysis in this summary include responses from all PIM attendees.

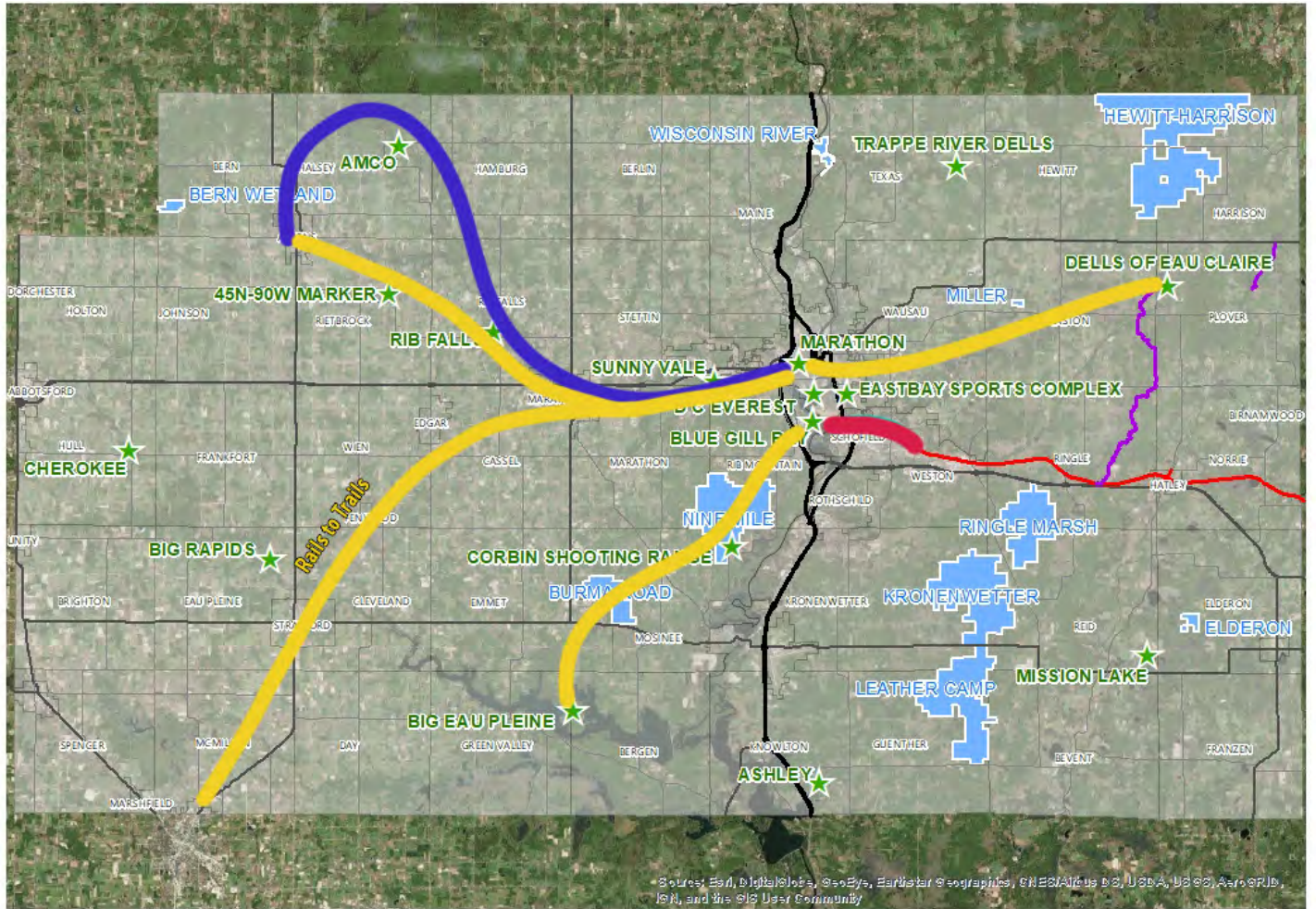
RESULTS OF COMMENTS, BY PARK, FOREST UNIT, OR TRAIL (72 COMMENTS)

Comment	Park
Kayak Launch	Amco
Ashley Park - how to find it? Some semblance of trails would be nice.	Ashley Park
Campsites need to be leveled, all slope to the bank-side.	
Big Eau Pleine is very populated with deer leading to forest & habitat degradation. Open it to hunting to decrease deer numbers	Big Eau Pleine
Eau Pleine is set up very nicely	
Blue Gill is overrun with deer and all native plants are degraded. Buckthorn has taken over the aspen. Herd reduction - please!	Blue Gill Bay
Develop Brokaw for Mtn biking	
Add a sign at the parking lot in Brokaw. Develop mountain biking trails in the Brokaw Hills (former cross-country ski area)	Brokaw
Mathey construction land north of Brokaw - new park / mountain biking?	
Bulma hiking/snowshoe trails/fat tire	Burma Road
More campsites and amenities	
Add large fire ring, water pump in grove campground	Dells of Eau Claire
Improve maps	
Athens to Marathon offroad bike trail for a "Marathon Route"	
More Trails	
Add Parking area	
Link via bike-ped path the conservancy area to an easement heading east.	
Just off the map is a brownfield - could this be redeveloped into fields or parking or artificial turf fields somehow connected to Eastbay?	Eastbay Sports Complex
Could redevelop this area into soccer/sports fields and/or parking to support Eastbay complex	
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Promote sections of ice age trail better	Ice Age Trail
Improve trails for Mtn biking	Kronenwetter
Improve trails for Mtn biking	Leather Camp

Add 6 pickleball courts	
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Ice arena updates - and focus on booking more "family" events	
Special concert events - hire an agency to book concerts to maximize the investment made here	
Enlarge dog park space in Marathon County.	
More pickleball courts	Marathon Park
Pave parking lot	
Update road signage highlighting events	
Raise the pedestrian paths so they aren't underwater in spring.	
Trails connect, but still lack a complete loop. All the area under the tree canopy should be a loop, not just small western loop.	
Marathon Park needs more pickleball courts. Add 6 courts ASAP.	
Develop biking trails at Mission Lake if not there already	Mission Lake
Allow fat tire biking at Nine Mile in the winter. Extend fall mountain biking, add snowmaking to a limited portion of the trails.	
Need to allow fat tire biking in winter along with the skiers	
Connector from Nine Mile to Rib Mountain S.P. - on snowmobile easement? Matt Black may have concept	
Make Nine Mile an economic draw/destination. Andy is a good first step - notch up the chalet.	
Remove the chains and allow parking here!! (near foxglove)	
More mtb trails / allow mtb during winter	
Make Nine Mile a special use area - make it a park - take it out of enterprise zone so \$ can be put into it.	Nine Mile
Add 4-season event shelter at Nine Mile to better program events and serve users.	
Mosinee Hill easements for trails	
Easement connect Nine Mile to school forest to Trillium Trail to avoid Hwy KK	
Connect Laurel to HWY KK at Nine Mile	
Expand opportunities for use	
Incredible trails, but grooming needs to be improved	
Kayak Launch	Rib Falls Park

Canoe/kayak landing	
Old fat tire trails should be used as snowshoe trails	
Develop biking trails through the woods	
Sunny Vale - develop hiking/biking trails along Rib River utilizing the old railroad & bridge to Marathon City.	
Bike Link from Sunnyvale to Rib Mountain	Sunny Vale
Sunnyvale - RR bridge repaired/improved to tie in with north and south areas for biking and snowmobiling	
Continue trails at Sunny Vale along Rib River to Rib Mountain park trails	
Increase access to Rib River	
Extend Ryan Street to Hwy X	
Trails in Eau Claire River Conservancy should connect to Schofield & Weston	
Trail connecting to NN across Black Bridge	
Extend Municipal St to Hwy X in Weston	
Extend Mountain Bay trail to Kent Street	
Increase length of railroad grade from Fenwood to Edgar	Trail Connections
More trail connections	
Designated bike routes on trails from metro area to Dells, Nine Mile, Burma, Big Eau Pleine	
New multiuse trail on abandoned railway. Could be ATV, bike, and walk.	
Pave shoulders of County Roads	
Establish access to Trapper River Dells via fottpath, at least.	Trappe River Dells
Have never heard of Trappe River Dells. How do I access it?	
Canoe/boat landing?	Wisconsin River

## DESIRED TRAIL CONNECTIONS WITHIN THE SYSTEM



★ County Parks    🏠 County Forest Units    🏘 Communities    🟪 Ice Age Trail    🟩 Mountain Bay Trail

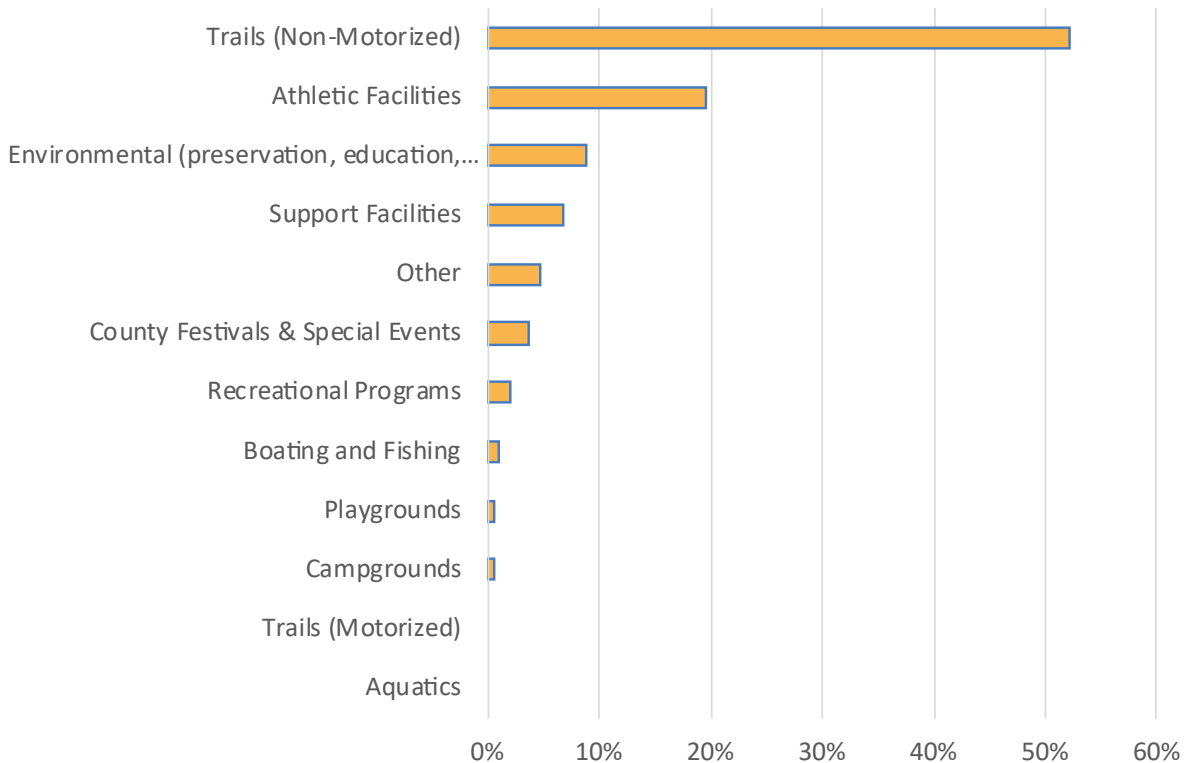
**Use the map to draw your own future trails or park locations.**



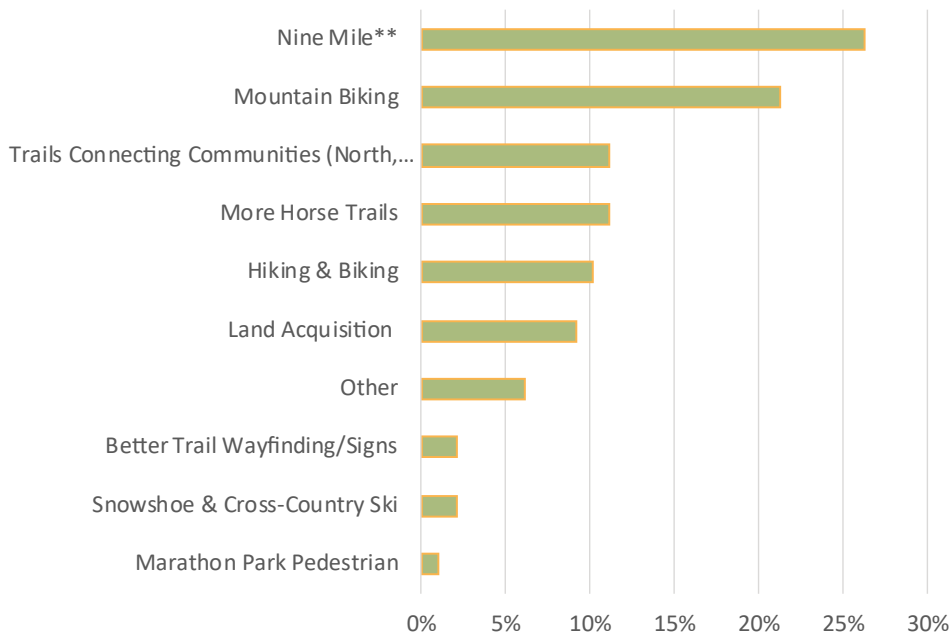
## PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY

Meeting participants were provided 10 \$1,000 bills and were given the opportunity to place any combination of the \$10,000 into 12 categories. The majority of participants favored investments in non-motorized trails, followed by athletic facilities, environmental preservation, and support facilities.

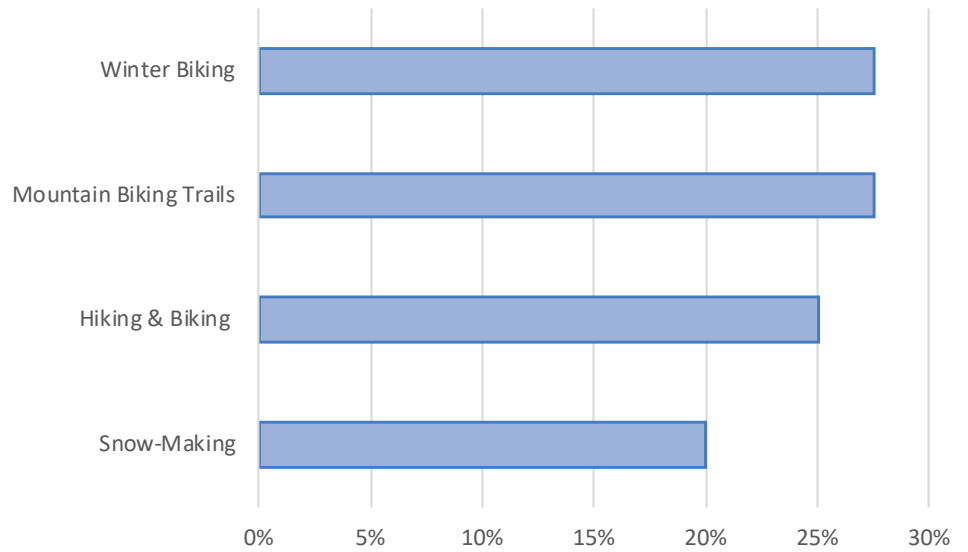
PIM Poll Results		
Where would you spend your money?		
Categories	Number	Percent of Total
Athletic Facilities	37	19%
Aquatics	0	0%
Boating and Fishing	2	1%
Campgrounds	1	1%
County Festivals & Special Events	7	4%
Environmental (preservation, education, restoration, etc.)	17	9%
Playgrounds	1	1%
Recreational Programs	4	2%
Support Facilities	13	7%
Trails (Motorized)	0	0%
Trails (Non-Motorized)	99	52%
Other	9	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>100%</b>



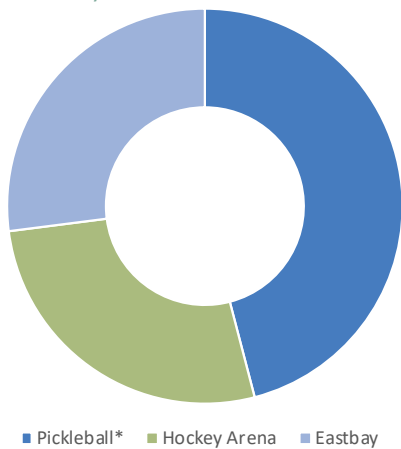
## PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY - NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS



## PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY - ALL MENTIONS OF NINE MILE



## PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY - ATHLETIC FACILITIES



\* Marathon Park specifically named in 6 responses

## PARKS, FORESTS, AND TRAILS SPENDING ACTIVITY - FULL SUB-CATEGORY RESULTS

PIM Poll Results		
Categories within "Athletic Facilities"		
Sub-Categories	Number	Percent of Total
Pickleball*	17	46%
Hockey Arena	10	27%
Eastbay	10	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Marathon Park named in 6 responses

PIM Poll Results		
Categories within "County Festivals & Special Events"		
Sub-Categories	Number	Percent of Total
Bike Festival	3	43%
More Events	1	14%
Other / General Festivals & Events	3	43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100%</b>

PIM Poll Results		
Categories within "Recreational Programs"		
Sub-Categories	Number	Percent of Total
Senior Programs	2	50%
Youth Programs	1	25%
Nature-Focused Programming	1	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100%</b>

PIM Poll Results		
Categories within "Support Facilities"		
Sub-Categories	Number	Percent of Total
Nine Mile	3	23%
Restrooms	2	15%
Other / General Support Facilities	8	62%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100%</b>

PIM Poll Results		
Categories within "Non-Motorized Trails"		
Sub-Categories	Number	Percent of Total
Nine Mile	26	26%
Mountain Biking	21	21%
More Horse Trails	11	11%
Trails Connecting Communities (North, South, & West of Wausau)	11	11%
Hiking & Biking	10	10%
Snowshoe & Cross-Country Ski	2	2%
Better Trail Wayfinding/Signs	2	2%
Marathon Park Pedestrian	1	1%
Land Acquisition	9	9%
Other	6	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>100%</b>

PIM Poll Results		
Specific Activity Mentions at Nine Mile		
Sub-Categories	Number	Percent of Total
Hiking & Biking	10	25%
Mountain Biking Trails	11	28%
Snow-Making	8	20%
Winter Biking	11	28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100%</b>

## COUNTY FOREST TOUR

October 10, 2019

9:30am – 3 pm

9:30 – 9:40 am	Welcome and Overview of County Forests – Tom
9:40 am	Depart 212 River Drive
10:10 – 10:30 am	Invasive Species Site -- Wisconsin River Forest Unit – Joe/Chad
10:30 – 10:45 am	Planned Park Development -- Wisconsin River Forest Unit -- Jamie
11:15 – 11:20 am	Red Bud Road – County Forest Road Aids – Tom
11:20 – 11:30 am	Wildlife Habitat and Projects on County Forests – DNR Brandon/Paul
11:30 – 11:45 pm	Balancing Competing Uses at Nine Mile and Other Forest Units – Tom/Dan
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	Lunch at Nine Mile Chalet
12:30 – 12:50 pm	Nine Mile Springbrook Road Pine Sale – Joe/Chad
1:10 – 1:40 pm	Nine Mile Oak Scarification – Joe/Chad
2:00 – 2:20 pm	Burma Road ATV Trail – Tom/Mitch
3:00 pm	Return to 212 River Drive



**Land Division and Surveying Ordinance  
Draft Code Language  
Environmental Resources Committee  
October 3, 2019**

**Summary:**

**Better Defined Access Requirements for Ingress/Egress to Proposed Lots in Certified Survey Maps (Policy change)**

- **Existing Ordinance:** Shared driveways, private roads, easements and access strips are not clearly defined and are used interchangeably. Access areas required to be a 33' width of ownership or a 66' width of easement.
- **Proposed Ordinance:** Shared driveways, private roads, easements and access strips are more clearly defined and handled individually with separate regulations on how they will be used and when they will be allowed.
  - Requires all access areas to be a minimum width of 66'.
  - Limits the number of lots to be served by a shared driveway or easement to 2.
  - Requires lots on CSM's with 3 or 4 lots to be served by either a private road with equally shared ownership or a public road. Maintenance agreements and WisDOT FDM construction standards would also be required.

**Proposed Language:**

**Section 18.004.03 SPECIAL LAND DIVISION CIRCUMSTANCES AND PROCEDURES**

**1. Special Circumstances and Procedures.**

J. *Private Roads.* Where it is proposed to create a private road or to extend an existing private road, the following procedure shall be followed:

(1) The subdivider and/or developer shall submit to the Administrator, a CSM which shows the location, length, and width of the proposed private road, the layout of the proposed lots, and the reasons for proposing the private road.

(2) The Administrator shall review the proposal and recommend to the subdivider and/or developer that the proposed road be a public road, improved, and dedicated to the public. The Administrator forwards the proposal and recommendation to the town for consideration as follows:

a. If the town and subdivider and/or developer agree to the public road, the subdivider and/or developer shall comply with this Chapter, and the road becomes an improved, dedicated, and accepted town road, **or**

b. If the town will not accept the recommendation for a public road, the private road is subject to review as follows:

1. If the town has a land division ordinance, the town approves or denies the land division with the private road pursuant to the town ordinance. If the town approves the land division with the private road, documentation of town approval and the requirements and/or standards for the private road shall be submitted to the county. If the town private road standards are less restrictive than private roads standards as set forth in Section 18.007.05, said county standards shall apply.

2. If the town does not have a land division ordinance, the roads standards as set forth in Section 18.007 shall apply.

**Section 18.007.05 PRIVATE ROADS (See Figure 3)**

1. **Proposed Private Roads.** In order to protect the town and the public from inadequate private roads, private roads are only permitted after review and approval by both the town and Administrator as set forth in Section 18.004.03, 1. J. subject to the following standards:

A. A minimum width of 66' and access to a dedicated, improved, and accepted public road serving no more than 4 parcels.

B. Shown on a CSM to the newly created lot(s) as follows:

1. Designated as an outlot.



2. Clearly labeled as a private road with town approved unique road name. All private roads shall be named and properly signed as specified by the General Code of Ordinances, Marathon County Chapter 9.20, Uniform Addressing System.
3. Total acreage shown
4. Width of road shown
5. Private road ownership statement shown as follows:

*“All lots served by said private road shall have equally-shared ownership by deed and are equally responsible or liable for the care, repair, or replacement of said private road. The owners for such development shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless all governmental bodies for any and all such claims of any kind or nature that may arise or be related to the private road.”*

- C. Shall meet [WisDOT FDM](#) minimum construction standards and procedures as specified in Sections 18.007.03 and 18.009.07.
- D. Shall have sufficient side and overhead clearances to allow ingress and egress and an adequate turnaround for emergency, police, fire, utility and school bus usage.
- E. Maintenance Agreement for private road recorded with the Register of Deeds shall address the following:
  - (1) Ownership statement exempting the governmental bodies from maintenance as provided in 18.007.05, 1.B.5.
  - (2) Utility easements
  - (3) Vehicle and pedestrian access
  - (4) Long-term maintenance and snow removal
  - (5) Emergency repairs
  - (6) Effective Term
  - (7) Amendments
  - (8) Any additional information as identified by the Administrator, town, and/or developer
2. **Existing Private Roads.** Private roads that are existing at the time of the effective date of this ordinance that are proposed to provide access to newly created parcels or an extension of the existing private road shall meet the requirements as specified in this Section.
3. **Requirement to Convert Private Road to Public Road.** Any additional parcels gaining access to the private road exceeding 4 parcels by way of splitting existing parcels or extension of the existing private road shall require the private road to become a publicly-owned dedicated roadway and meet the requirements as specified in Section 18.007.04.

### Section 18.007.06 DRIVEWAYS AND SHARED DRIVEWAYS (See Figure 3)

1. **Location.** The location of the driveways and/or shared driveways shown on a minor or major subdivision shall meet the following standards, as applicable:
  - A. Along a state roadway, an access permit is required from the Wis DOT.
  - B. Along a county roadway, an access permit is required from the county highway department.
  - C. Along a town roadway, a permit may be required by the town board.
2. **Limitation.** Shared driveways shall be limited to 2 lots and shall include a minimum of sixty-six (66) feet of ingress/egress to a dedicated, improved public road.
3. A shared driveway must be shown on a CSM and if ownership is shared, shown as an outlet.

### Section 18.007.07 ACCESS EASEMENTS (See Figure 3)

1. **Access Easements.** When an easement is required to prevent a parcel from becoming landlocked or where Section [18.005.03\(BB\)](#) applies, a recordable document detailing the terms and conditions of the easement shall accompany the final survey documents and shall be recorded concurrently with the survey document, unless an appropriate easement has been previously recorded. A maintenance agreement is recommended.
2. **Easement for Lot Access.** Every lot created under the terms of this ordinance that requires an access easement shall have a minimum of a 66 foot wide access strip for its entire length connecting directly onto a dedicated improved public road at a location where a driveway can be constructed. Such easement shall be free of structures.

3. **Easement for Real Estate Landlocked by Sale.** As set forth in Wis. Stats., [Ch. 82.27\(6\)](#), in a town, if the owner of land that is accessible or that is provided with an easement to a public highway subdivides and transfers any part of the land, the owner shall provide a cleared easement at least 66 feet in width that shall be continuous from the highway to the part of the subdivision sold.

## **Summary:**

### **Minimum Lot Size (Policy change)**

- o **Existing Ordinance:** There is currently no minimum lot size required. In towns with county zoning or town zoning, minimum lot sizes are specified in individual zoning districts and dependent on sewer and water availability.
- o **Proposed Ordinance:** Require a minimum lot size of one acre for developments served by POWTS in towns with no zoning with exceptions.
  - Ensures enough buildable area to construct buildings, install septic systems and wells, and provide adequate area for driveways and yard areas.
  - Encourages pre-planned buildable lots.
  - Minimizes confusion for the public when subdividing land.

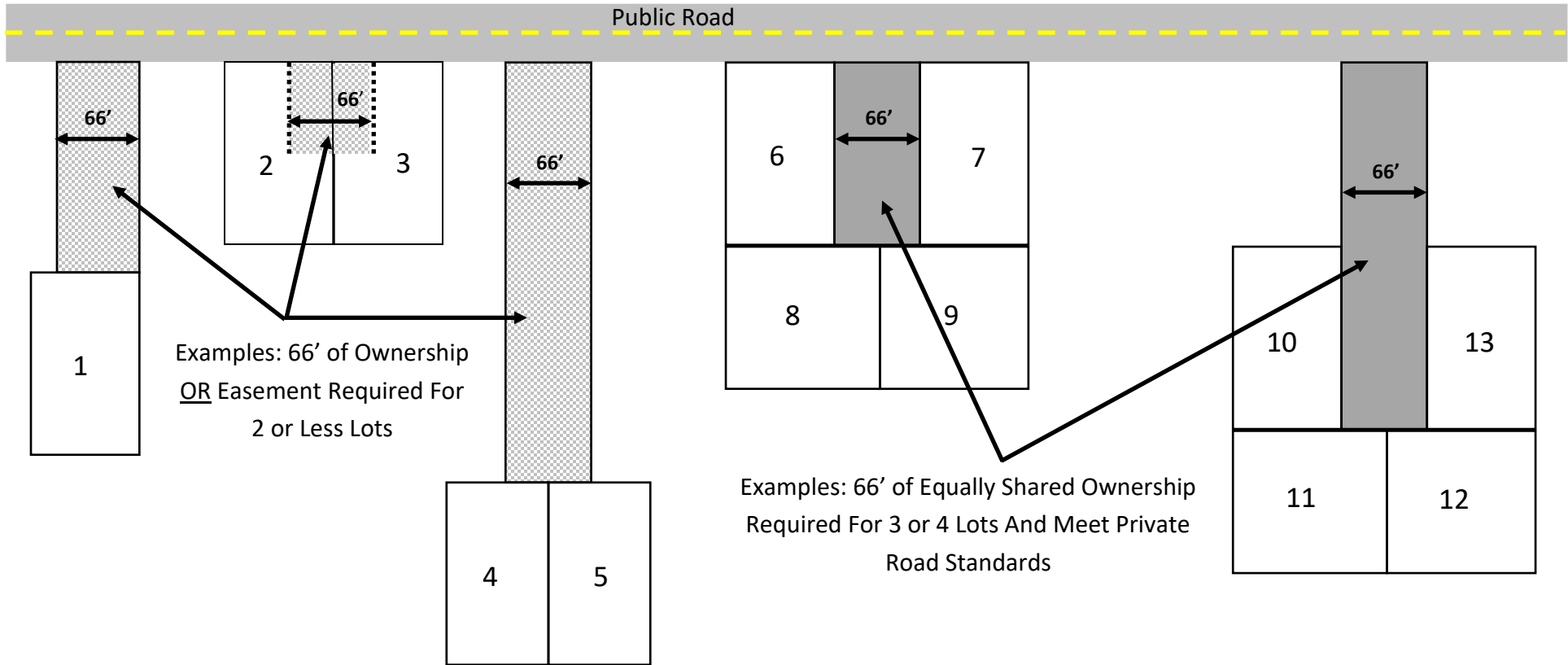
## **Proposed Language:**

### **Section 18.006.03 LOTS**

1. The size, shape, and orientation of lots shall be appropriate for the location of the subdivision and for the type of development and use contemplated.
2. **Zoning Conformance.** The lot size, width, depth, and minimum public or private road frontage shall conform to the minimum requirements of the town or county zoning code.
3. **Minimum Lot Size in Towns without Zoning.** The minimum lot size shall be one (1) acre with the following exceptions:
  - A. Lots to be served by public sewer may be reduced to no less than 20,000 square feet.
  - B. If a soil and site evaluation report indicates a POWTS could be installed and is approved by the department and the system area is shown on the survey, the minimum lot size may be reduced to no less than 20,000 square feet.
  - C. If the minimum lot size in a town land division code is larger than one acre, the larger size shall apply.



# Ingress/Egress Access Minimum Requirements for Proposed Lots in Minor Subdivisions (CSM's)



For visual reference only.  
Drawings not to scale.

All lots in a Major Subdivision (5 or more lots) shall have direct access to a dedicated public road.