

**SECTION SUMMARY
CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

<u>Department/Program</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Estimated</u>	<u>2018 Approved</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Economic Development	\$ 88,000	\$ 88,000	\$ 88,000	\$ 88,000	\$ 88,000	0.00%
Innovation Center	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.00%
Momentum Chippewa Valley	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Land Conservation	424,783	365,737	462,415	425,000	426,173	-7.84%
Housing Authority	1,120,477	1,150,810	1,280,982	802,584	-	-100.00%
County Forest	299,060	387,521	387,033	387,443	343,069	-11.36%
Land Conserv. - Water Shed Projects	<u>350,601</u>	<u>112,416</u>	<u>138,400</u>	<u>110,400</u>	<u>156,600</u>	13.15%
Total Conservation and Economic Development	<u>\$ 2,295,421</u>	<u>\$ 2,116,984</u>	<u>\$ 2,369,330</u>	<u>\$ 1,825,927</u>	<u>\$ 1,026,342</u>	<u>-56.68%</u>

HIGHLIGHTS

LAND CONSERVATION

- Consolidation of Land Conservation Division within the 3rd floor suite of the courthouse better serves the public and has maximized efficiencies of operations between Planning & Development and the public.
- Implementation of the 9-key element Eau Claire River Watershed Plan through various efforts, including continued collaboration with our Lake Districts, outreach and best management practice implementation with landowners, and coordination with other agencies, municipalities and adjacent counties encompassed within the watershed.

COUNTY FOREST

- Continue Forest Road improvements and tree planting in county forest.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Providing programming to enable entrepreneurs.
- County funding is provided in partnership between local governments, private sector and not-for-profits.

CHIPPEWA VALLEY INNOVATION CENTER

- Incubation facility that is currently holding 6 businesses that are making the transition from startup to established business.

MOMENTUM WEST

- Development of a regional strategy to tackle the current and pending workforce issues.
- Working with the state and region to develop entrepreneur resource roadmap including available public and private resources.
- Launch of the reborn Northern Wisconsin International Trade Association (NWITA) - advice for overseas expansion.