

Planning and Development

SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

<i>Value of new construction, land use permits (QT 1-3)</i>	27.5 million YTD
<i>Number of acres planned for Nutrient Management</i>	19,292 acres

SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Continuing to work with Amish farmers on the issue of the hog farm “gutters”. This has also led to our recent Nutrient Management Farmers Education (NMFE) grant award to work with the Amish on Nutrient Management
- Awarded grant from Xcel Energy Natural Resources Fund for this winter’s purchase of a no-till drill (planter). These funds will be used in conjunction with multiple discharger variance (MDV) funds, and donations from Pheasants Forever and an anonymous donator, to purchase the drill without tax-levy dollars
- 2 unused manure pits were properly abandoned. One site was used as an area wide-training opportunity. This site also utilized the recently awarded DNR Targeted Runoff Management (DNR-TRM funding source
- Water Quality Trading (WQT) agreement (with funding) with the City of Augusta has been signed, and a site for practice installation identified and preliminary survey work completed
- All EM program requirements have been completed and submitted to Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) prior to the conclusion of the Federal Fiscal Year.
- Completed first phase of County Comprehensive Plan update, including background report, revision of vision statement, SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis, adoption of Public Participation Plan, and development of community survey
- Received a \$1,000 grant from UW-Madison Center on Wisconsin Strategy (COWS) to assist in public outreach efforts for the County Comprehensive Plan update.
- Work continues with the Zoning Code Update with the county’s consultant.
- Conducted a fall electronic waste recycling event in collaboration with First Choice Computer & Electronic Recycling. 64,965 pounds of e-waste was collected from 554 customers, including 649 TVs and computer monitors.
- Completion of the ESRI enterprise project -This included a new foundation for all of our future GIS needs, internal and public facing.
- Completed review of Trilogy Preliminary Plat.
- Survey Staff taught a Field Methods Class session with UWEC Geography Professor Dr. Munshi Rahman.
- Still proceeding with remonumentation work in Town 26 North, Range 6 West and have had some excellent finds:



ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

- Supporting the 2020 Census efforts. P&D staff will serve as a liaison on the Complete Count Committee to ensure every Eau Claire Citizen knows about the census count and why its important to be counted.
- Various municipalities have reached out about the need for more exercises and training with regards to natural disasters following the EF-3 tornado in Chippewa County. We have a planned Emergency Ops Center training scheduled later in 2019 and will conduct a natural disaster exercise in spring 2020.
- Reports of increased deer population have led to increase in requests for deer shooting permits, and CWD
- Wet weather and depressed farm economy continue to plague our ag industry
- Time constraints regarding meeting the demands and needs of the general public. Public sector timelines often conflict with private timelines regarding the regulatory and permitting processes.
- Spending a significant amount of time working with the 980 Committee for the placement of sexually violent persons.
- Land use and UDC permitting activity starting to slow (this is typical of the fall season).
- Depressed agricultural economy is holding back on commitment for installation of conservation BMPs
- ESRI has shifted all their development efforts to the new ArcGIS Pro version of software, the County will we need to start thinking about our transition to Pro.

CURRENT COLLABORATIONS (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

- Staff is assisting the Broadband Committee to develop a plan to serve rural Eau Claire County with improved broadband services.
- Survey staff continues to collaborate with the Highway Department on collection of survey data for road projects.
- Planning and land use staff are providing continual coordination, collaboration, and support for Town partners planning and zoning activities (e.g. attending meetings related to and providing staff support for development activities in the Town of Washington).
- Multiple program staff are involved in the planning efforts for the 2020 Farm Technology Days (FTD).
- Internal collaboration by P&D staff and Corp. Counsel continues with the Zoning Code Rewrite.

GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

- Coordinate with Advanced Disposal regarding possible relocation of Seymour recycling drop-off site adjacent to the current Seven Mile Landfill trash drop-off location.
- Complete the Seymour Comp Plan Update (expected adoption date November).
- Work with ProWest on an ArcGIS Hub site solutions for apps, maps, and to publish map services.
- Working with Transcendent and IS to implement the department's new permitting and real property solution (ongoing until implemented), this includes the Real Property Lister cleaning the address data for it to move to the Transcendent Platform.
- Set up system/structure to inspect mine sites; progress on draft ordinance with Title 18 Comprehensive update; continue to enhance InspectWiz (building permit software) for efficient use for the general public.