

GRANT COUNTY
CONSERVATION SANITATION AND ZONING DEPT
150 West Alona Lane, Suite #1, Lancaster, WI 53813 608/723-6080
Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee

THE GRANT COUNTY CONSERVATION, SANITATION AND ZONING COMMITTEE will call the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Grant County Board Room #264 in the Administration Building. Please use the following procedures to access the meeting remotely. Log into this site: <https://co-grant-wi-gov.zoom.us/j/84415647681?pwd=S0Njp3mD6XUI43mZQBxvMKOApeVDjT.1> Call in number will be 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 844 1564 7681, Passcode 126350. Please use the following procedures to access the meeting remotely. Please contact our office at 608-723-6080 with any questions. Consideration will be given and/or action taken on any or all of the following agenda items:

- Call to Order
- Open Meeting Law
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of February 5, 2026, Minutes
- Review and Accept Bills
- NRCS Report - Mike Adams
- FSA Report –Emily Schildgen
- Zoning/Sanitation Report
- Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit
#CUP26-002 Rutkowski Brothers Land LLC, Ellenboro Twp. +/- 27.66 ac. PIN:014-00759-0010 to allow for the continued use of nonmetallic mining under section 3.14 (2) (a) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.
- Petition #26-02 Ordinance Adoption request to establish a zoning ordinance for the regulation of Large Solar Energy Generating Facilities.
- Petition #26-03 Ordinance Adoption request to establish a zoning ordinance for the regulation of Small Solar Energy Generating Facilities
- County Cost Sharing - Brady Bartels
- SWRM Cost Sharing -Brady Bartels
- FPP Report – Brady Bartels
- Storage Permit Approval
- MDV Priority List
- CSZD Report
- Set Date for Next Meeting
- Adjourn

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- PUBLIC HEARING ORDER**
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| Statement | 3. Public | 4. Applicant's Rebuttal |
| 1. Zoning Office Statement | -In Favor | 5. Committee Discussion |
| 2. Applicant's Statement | -In Opposition | 6. Close Hearing |
| | -In Interest | 7. Recommendation to County Board |

COMMITTEE MEETING

February 5, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Room #264, Grant County Board Room, Administration Building
Lancaster, Wisconsin

The Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee meeting was called to order on February 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. by Joe Mumm, the Conservation, Sanitation, Zoning Committee Chairman in Room #264, County Board Room of the Administration Building.

Board members present in the County Board room #264: Joseph Mumm, Brian Lucey, Gary Northouse, and Roger Lange. Pat Schroeder and Larry Jerrett, Excused. Others present in the County Board room; Annette Lolwing, Keith Lane, Lucas Finley, Brady Bartels, Adam Reed, Shane Drinkwater, Robert Keeney, Mark Lasko, Ron Brisbois, Pete Morris, Molly Mangan, Dave Hottenstein, Sharon Bontreger, Steve Morgan, Mark Schwarz, Matthew Clark, Jan Schwede, Richard Schwede, Sue Krause, Dan Cray, Jenny Dietzel, Angie Gerndt, Lochlan Gabel, Bryce Bartels, Lincoln Morris, Kristin Conley, Adina Vesperman, Andrew Taylor, Melodie Betts, Gavin Jackson, Jennifer Jackson, Deb Draheim, John Rindy, Lisa White, Doug Schauff, Derek Furrer, Steve Luchs, and Don Myers ZOOM: Grant County Board Room, Robert Keeney, Shane Drinkwater, Keith Lane, Mike Adams, Emily Schildgen, Jim Bergles, Mike Bennett, Steve Smith, Joleen Ackerman, Jerry Schwab, Pam Booth, Joe Eckstein, Ray Schink, Amanda Bailie, Stephanie Watson, WKOW 27 News, Andrea Noethe, Brianna Frear, Tiffany Ehlen, Steve Ferrell, Elizabeth Runde, Renee Baker, Kendra Schwab, Kyle Roesch, Sara Zarling, Tonya White, Don Adams, Jessica Wright, Jenni Petersen-Brant, Kaitlyn Weber, Lucas Ruchti, Matt Porter, Donna Swanson, Madison M Pete Moris, Cody Schluenz, Diane Boswell, Immune Systems Work, Carol Beals, Prescott Balch, Ryan Allbee, Kyle Bueller, Jill Langmeier, Steve Hagen, Norbert Dittman, Lucas Finley, Jess Webb, Deb Adrian, and Suzanne Holzman.

Certification of Open Meeting Law

Annette Lolwing sent the agenda to the County Clerk's office to post in the Administration Building, Courthouse, and on the County website. An agenda was also posted in front of the Ag Service Center Building. An agenda was also sent to Bob Middendorf, WGLR. Media notices were sent to the County Clerk's office, Herald Independent, Muscoda Progressive, Boscobel Dial, Fennimore Times, and Bob Middendorf.

Approval of Amended February 5, 2026, Agenda

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve the Amended agenda to move the Discussion of Data Center Development in Grant County to follow the CSZD Report. Motion carried.

Approval of January 8, 2026, Minutes

Motion by Roger Lange, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve January 8, 2026, minutes. Motion carried.

Review & Accept the January Bills

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Lange, to accept the January bills. Motion carried.

NRCS Report – Mike Adams

Mike mentioned that they had the Duck's Unlimited – Grazing Specialist stopped by the office. They will be working on some grazing plans this summer. They keep working through the EQIP applications that they have. Hopefully they will find out about the funding in the next couple of months.

FSA Report – Emily Schildgen

Emily Schildgen went over her report that she had passed around. She went over the Dairy Margin coverage (DMC) Program. DMC had a small margin that triggered for December 2025. The margin came in at \$9.42 which means producers who elected the \$9.50 coverage will get a \$0.08 per cwt payment for December 2025.

The 2026 sign up opens on January 12th and closes Thursday, February 26, 2026. With One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) provisions, all dairy operations are required to establish new production history using the highest of 2021, 2022, and 2023 production.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) – With a change to policy a few years ago, there are spot checks being done after establishment as well as within the last 2 years of the contract expiring to see if the cover is eligible for re-enrollment. See Attachment A

Zoning/Sanitation Report

Keith presented the Zoning/Sanitation report.

Sanitation permits: For the month of January 2025, through February 28, 2025, there were 7 sanitary permits issued. For the month of January 2026, through February 28, 2026, there were 3 sanitary permits issued.

Zoning permits: For the month of January 2025, through February 28, 2025, there were 19 zoning permits issued. For the month of January 2026, through February 28, 2026, there were 6 zoning permits issued.

Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permits

Chairman Mumm opened the Public Hearing

#CUP26-01 Timothy & Patrine Post, Muscoda Twp., are requesting a Conditional Use Permit on PIN:042-00906-0060 +/- 1.073 ac. to allow for an accessory structure prior to the establishment of a principal structure under section 3.07 (2) (a) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

In Favor: Muscoda Twp. approved on January 14, 2026.

In Opposition: None

In Interest: No conditions were placed by the Township on this parcel.

Applicant Rebuttal: None

Committee Discussion: None

Chairman Mumm closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Gary Northouse to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit, seconded by Roger Lange.

Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Ordinance Adoption

Petition #26-02 Ordinance Adoption request to establish a zoning ordinance for the regulation of Large Solar Energy Generating Facilities. No wording has been changed. Public Notice has been published for 2 weeks. If approved by this committee it then goes on to full County Board for approval. Roll Call: 4 Yes, 0 No, 2 Excused. Motion carried.

Petition #26-03 Ordinance Adoption request to establish a zoning ordinance for the regulation of Small Solar Energy Generating Facilities. No wording has been changed. Public Notice has been published for 2 weeks. If approved by this committee it then goes on to full County Board for approval. Roll Call; 4 Yes, 0 No, 2 Excused. Motion carried.

WDACP Deer Damage Claims

Greg Cerven reported that he has 4 deer damage claims that need approved. Wes Beeler, Loss of \$44,000.00, claim \$10,000.00 Clem Dressler, Loss of \$3,378.72, claim \$2,878.72. Dan Hershberger, Loss of \$9,099.79, claim \$7,897.83. and Lynn Kirschbaum, Loss of \$21,641.88, claim for \$10,000.00. Motion by Brian Lucey, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve all 4 claims. Motion carried.

County Cost Sharing: Beginning Balance \$48,067.75 / Ending Balance \$46,662.50

Brady presented a final approval request for county cost sharing for a well decommissioning project for Greg Martin, Ellenboro Twp., \$405.25. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Lange to approve the payment. Roll Call: 4 Yes, 0 No, 2 Excused. Motion carried.

Brady presented a tentative approval request for county cost sharing for a well decommissioning project for Cooper and Samantha Kilberg, Liberty Twp., \$1,000.00. Motion by Roger Lange, seconded by Brian Lucey to approve Kilberg's request. Motion carried.

2025 DATCP Cost-Sharing Requests: Beginning Balance \$49,272.62/ Ending Balance \$43,625.19

Brady presented an extension request for 2025 DATCP cost sharing on a stream crossing project for Charles & Debra Kratochwill, Castle Rock Twp. for a 6-month extension to August 5, 2026. Motion by Roger Lange, seconded by Gary Northouse to approve the 6-month extension. Motion carried.

Brady presented a final approval request for 2025 DATCP cost sharing on a stream crossing project for Herman Maier, Fennimore Twp., \$5,647.43. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Lange to approve payment. Roll Call: 4 Yes, 0 No, 2 Excused. Motion carried.

2026 DATCP Cost-Sharing Requests: Beginning Balance \$72,000.00 / Ending Balance \$72,000.00

None to report

FPP Report – Brady Bartels

Brady reported that he has one cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance for RJ Foley Holdings LLC, Clifton Twp. They have turned in an approved nutrient management plan and are eligible for the 2026 tax credits. Motion by Brian Lucey, seconded by Roger Lange to approve the cancellation of Notice of Noncompliance. Motion carried.

Storage Permit Approval – Brady Bartels

Nothing to report.

CSZD Report

Conservation: February 2026 overview...

Annette and Keith provided a power point presentation for the poster contest. Grant County did not have any winners in the SAA judging.

Keith went through a few of the highlights from the February overview notes that were handed out.

1. Keith mentioned that we have 118 tree orders turned in for 8,975 trees and shrubs. We added a 5' tree tube without a stake that can be purchased through our department.
2. There will be a Nutrient Management Plan procedures/writers meeting with DATCP on February 9th.
3. Taylor and Brady are still working on the construction plan for the County Farm Project.
4. Keith has submitted the DATCP annual report. Keith needs to provide the SWRM grant numbers by April 15th.
5. There was a 2-day nutrient management plan writing assistance outreach class at the Youth & Ag. There were 16 people that attended.
6. There was a request for a landowner to change his conservation plan on his CREP easement acres to allow him to take one crop of hay off the field. Information in the packet.

Zoning:

1. Keith reported that Adam has completed 11, 2023 post construction inspections and 23, 2024 post construction inspections and 2 pre-construction/3post construction 2025 inspections.

Sanitation:

1. Keith reported that there were 2 tank installations in January.
2. Jim had two new permits but are waiting for five people that need further information provided to him.
3. There will be a DSPS audit on February 13th.
4. Still have a significant list of outstanding sanitation – construction projects that have not been closed.

Other items in the meeting packets: Grant County Federal Holidays vs. County Holiday schedule.

Alliant announced that they will be putting in a BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) at their Cassville facility. For the MDV program there are some parameters that need to be addressed. Copy of Jefferson County's brochure.

Grant County has \$118,000 to put toward conservation practices.

The extension office reached out to do a state-wide survey on insect trapping. Looking for landowners to participate in the cut worm survey.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board room.

Discussion of Data Center Development in Grant County

Joe stated that this is discussion only with the committee members. There is no public comment on this.

Keith provided in the packet some information on FACTS vs FICTION on Data Centers in Wisconsin.

Keith mentioned Crypto Mining has also come up associated with Data Centers.

Keith also presented a handout for the key provisions of AB 840

Motion by Brian Lucey, seconded by Gary Northosue to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Annette Lolwing

Attachment A

FSA Notes – February CSZD Meeting

Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) Program – There was a small margin that triggered for December 2025. The margin came in at \$9.42 which means producers who elected the \$9.50 coverage will get a \$0.08 per cwt payment for December 2025. Those payments were processed by the office earlier this week and should be in bank accounts by the middle of next week.

The 2026 sign up opened January 12 and closes Thursday, February 26, 2026. With One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) provisions, all dairy operations are required to establish new production history using the highest of 2021, 2022, and 2023 production. Producers do need to come into the office to complete that sign up since we need to establish production history first, have that approved, and then we can complete the 2026 sign up. Basic provisions of the program remain the same. The producer selected the percentage of their production they want to cover and the margin level they want to cover it at. There is a \$100 non-refundable Admin fee still associated with each year's sign up that is due at the time of enrollment. One big change beginning in 2026 is that Tier 1 coverage was increased from the first 5 million pounds to the first 6 million pounds. Like with the Farm Bill in 2018, OBBBA is allowing the lock-in option again in 2026. If a producer selects to lock-in the coverage selected until 2031, they will receive a 25% premium discount each year through 2031. The operation must keep that same coverage selected in 2026 through 2031. There is a tool dairy operations can use to assist them in making their decision on if they want to sign up and at which level. That can be found here: <https://dmc.bozic.io/#/>.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) – With a change to policy a few years ago, there are spot checks being done after establishment as well as within the last 2 years of the contract expiring to see if they cover the eligible for re-enrollment. The office has been seeing a lot of violations due to the status review spot checks. I am currently working with Pheasants Forever and NRCS to plan a CRP weed management workshop for CRP participants in March in the Lancaster area to help them learn best management practices and times for common weeds in our area along with the FSA policy to keep in mind when managing their cover. We will be sending the meeting details to participants with the certifications we are mailing them the middle of February. I will also get information to Keith for the CSZD website once we have them finalized. No word at this time on a 2026 CRP sign up.

Grant County CSZD Accounts Payable--FEBRUARY 2026

Vendor	Account#	Description	Credits	Debits
Fees - NMM	10062001 443014		\$0.00	
Fees - Maintenance	10062002 443020		\$875.00	
Fees - Sanitary Permits	10062002 443010		\$3,000.00	
Fees - State & DNR	80100000 242940		\$1,000.00	
Fees - Misc	10062002 468200		\$2,050.00	
Fees - Zoning	10062002 443012		\$1,995.00	
Access Systems Leasing	10062001 581001	Copler Lease-Sharp		\$107.24
GFC Leasing	10062001 581001	Copler Lease-Canon		
Greg Cerven	10062003 521000	Service/Salary		\$1,000.00
Greg Cerven	10062003 531000	Office Supplies		\$37.50
Greg Cerven	10062003 533000	Mileage		\$128.52
Lancaster Ag Ofc Bldg LLC	10062001 553050	Building Lease		\$2,649.28
Morris Newspaper	10062002 532001	Public Notice		\$459.60
US Cellular	10062001 522004	Brady, Steve		\$68.48
US Cellular	10062002 522004	Jim, Lucas, Adam		\$102.72
USPS Meter	10062001 531001	CSV Admin Postage		
USPS Meter	10062002 531001	S/Z Admin Postage		
Kwik Trip Rewards	10062001 535001	CSV Fleet Fuel		\$81.13
Kwik Trip Rewards	10062002 535001	S/Z Fleet Fuel		\$260.11
WCCA-Renewal Membership	10062002 532005	Keith Lucas Jim Adam		\$130.00
Turning Point Systems Group	10062001 581001	Survey Equipment		\$16,930.00
Amazon Capital	10062002 531000	Lysol		\$11.19
Tandem Tire	10062002 524002	Adam--Oil and Lube		\$73.15
Non-Typical Food Plots LLC	10062001 539000	Tree Tubes		\$3,261.00
SOW-DATCP	10062001 468200	2025 SWRM C/S Reimbs--Nick Leibfried	\$20,500.00	
The Butcher Shop	10062003 539000	Deer Donation 2025		\$5,720.00
Cardmember Svcs	10062002 524002	Oreillys-wiper blades, Jim's Exploder		\$26.99
Cardmember Svcs	10062001 535001	Exxon Fuel, Oxford, Keith's Van		\$40.85
Cardmember Svcs	10062001 533006	L+W Conf Deposit		\$101.00
Cardmember Svcs	10062002 531001	Stamps.com Monthly fee		\$9.99
Herman Maier	10062001 575002	SWRM C/S-Stream Crossing		\$5,647.43
Greg Martin	10062001 575001	County C/S-Well Decomm		\$405.25
2026 Tree Sale	10062001 468200	Deposit #1	\$7,782.94	
2026 Tree Sale	80100000 242130	Sales Tax Deposit #1	\$428.06	
2026 Tree Sale	10062001 468200	Deposit #2	\$4,744.79	
2026 Tree Sale	80100000 242130	Sales Tax Deposit #2	\$260.96	
2026 Tree Sale	10062001 468200	Deposit #4	\$1,853.21	
2026 Tree Sale	80100000 242130	Sales Tax Deposit #4	\$60.54	
WCCA	10062002 533002	SPRING CONF--KEITH		\$200.00
Multiple Municipalites	10062001 435800	MDV	\$107,518.39	
DATCP	10062001 435800	2025 SWRM STAFF REIMBURSEMENT	\$134,033.00	
Access Systems Leasing	10062002 468200	CONTRACT BUYOUT	\$200.00	
Access Systems Leasing	10062001 468200	OVER PYMNT REFUND	\$107.24	
Totals			\$286,409.13	\$37,251.43
CSZC Initials:				
Approved by CSZC on:				

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) – The national office mailed letters to anyone with CRP contracts set to expire on 9/30/2026 on February 13 informing them of their options for re-enrollment.

Continuous Signup 65 opened on February 12. Given the amount of acres currently enrolled at a national level and the nationwide CRP acreage cap in the Farm Bill, this will be a batching process again this year. Continuous offers will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with the first batching deadline being March 20, 2026. We will continue to accept continuous offers after that date, but there is no guarantee of subsequent batchings as they will be contingent on acreage availability. Producers interested in re-enrolling their current cover and/or putting new acres into CRP should call the office to be added to our inquiry list. The office will be processing inquiries in the order in which they are received. The office is trying to get through as many re-enrollment and new offers prior to the March 20 batching deadline, but this is a large workload as Grant County has about 150 current contract set to expire on 9/30/2026. Rental rates are similar to what they were for offers last year. For producers looking to re-enroll, their rental rate per acre is anywhere from \$30-\$50 less per acre. For new offers, producers must have owned the land for at least 1 year prior to offering it into CRP as well as meeting the cropping history of having at least 4 years of row crops or hay in rotation from 2012-2017.

General CRP Signup 66 was also announced and will be open from March 9 until April 17, 2026. General CRP offers are competitive and based on points. Once signup closes, a national office ranking of offers will take place to determine which offers are accepted into the program. Any accepted offers would begin October 1, 2026.

Grant County has scheduled a CRP Management Workshop for Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at the Schreiner Memorial Library at 4:30 pm. Britta Peterson, Farm Bill Biologist with Pheasant Forever, will be providing a 45-minute presentation on common weeds in southwest Wisconsin and tips to assist in controlling them with the remainder of the time for questions and answers. We are asking that producers RSVP. RSVP information is on the attached flyer.

Farmers Bridge Assistance (FBA) – Opened on Monday, February 23 and closes on April 17, 2026. Producers can sign up in a variety of ways – in person, requesting the office mail, email, or Box/OneSpan the application, or setting up a login.gov account via the farmers.gov website to sign electronically. The office had almost 30% of eligible producers sign up within the first 3 days the program was open. Payments are based on 2025 planted crops as reported on FSA crop reports. A complete list a eligible crops and per acre payment rates can be found here: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/programs/farmer-bridge-assistance-fba-program>, but the common commodities for Grant Co are as follows:

- Corn: \$44.36/acre
- Soybeans: \$30.88/acre
- Oats: \$81.75/acre
- Wheat: \$39.35/acre

Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC)/Price Loss Coverage (PLC) – Producers have been asking about this program for 2026 because typically we are completing sign up from January through March. At this time, we do not have any information on when 2026 signup will take place. Producers should watch their GovDelivery as any updated information and/or deadlines would be included in those monthly bulletins.

JOIN US

MARCH 18, 2026

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

CRP MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

Join us to learn about CRP management! There will be a presentation on general field management and recommendations for mitigating common invasives to Grant County as well as plenty of time for questions and answers.

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

TIME: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

PLACE: Schreiner Memorial Library
113 W Elm Street
Lancaster, WI 53813

RSVP: Leah Spurley
Phone: (608) 723-7697 or
Britta Petersen
Email:
britta.petersen@usda.gov



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE GRANT COUNTY
CONSERVATION, SANITATION & ZONING COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Grant County Board Room #264 in the Administration Building, 111 S Jefferson St., Lancaster, WI 53813 to consider the following items. If you are interested in reviewing the detailed land descriptions or would like to request additional information, please contact the Grant County Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Dept. (608) 723-6080. If you would like to provide written comment for the committee members, it must be submitted to our department five business days prior to the public hearing.

If you would like to participate in the meeting but can't attend in person, please utilize the following Zoom link or dial-in info:

<https://co-grant-wi-gov.zoom.us/j/84415647681?pwd=S0NJp3mD6XUI43mZQBxvMKOApVDjT.1>

Dial In: 1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 844 1564 7681

Passcode: 126350

PETITION #CUP26-002: Conditional Use Permit Request for Rutkowski Brothers Land LLC, PIN:014-00759-0010 to allow for the continued use of nonmetallic mining under section 3.14 (2) (a) of the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. This is for ± 27.66 ac on Lot 1 of CSM #775 located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ and the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 35, T4N, R2W in Ellenboro Township.

PETITION #26-02: Ordinance Adoption request to establish a zoning ordinance for the regulation of Large Solar Energy Generating Facilities. A copy of the draft Ordinance can be obtained from the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Department at 150 W. Alona Lane, Suite 1, Lancaster, WI 53813; or online at <https://gcinternetwebsite.co.grant.wi.gov/>

PETITION #26-03: Ordinance Adoption request to establish a zoning ordinance for the regulation of Small Solar Energy Generating Facilities. A copy of the draft Ordinance can be obtained from the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Department at 150 W. Alona Lane, Suite 1, Lancaster, WI 53813; or online at <https://gcinternetwebsite.co.grant.wi.gov/>

Lucas Finley, Zoning & Sanitation Technician
Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Dept.

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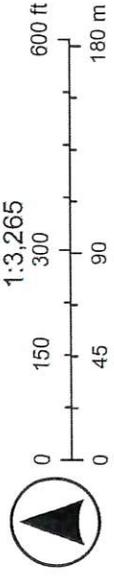
Parcel Reference Map

Grant County CUP for Rutkowski Brothers Land LLC in Ellenboro Twsp, +/- 27.66 ac



2/11/2026, 9:32:55 AM

- ▭ Tax Parcels
- PF Sections
- Grant County Roads
- LOCAL
- PF Section Quarter Quarters



Disclaimer: This map was printed from the Parcel Explorer App for Grant County, Wisconsin and is for advisory purposes only. This document is not a legal survey nor is it intended to be used as such.

Grant County GIS

BEFORE GRANT COUNTY
CONSERVATION, SANITATION AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
FOR RUTKOWSKI BROTHERS LAND LLC
7671 BUNKER HILL RD, PLATTEVILLE, WI 53818

FINDINGS OF FACT

The agency finds that:

1. Rutkowski Brothers Land LLC owns property located within the NE ¼ and the SE ¼ of the NE ¼, of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 2 West, Ellenboro Township, Grant County, WI. Such property consists of tax parcel number PIN:014-00759-0010.
2. On December 18th, 2025, the CSZD office communicated with John Rutkowski about the active CUP expiring on 3/4/26.
3. On February 4th, 2026, the Ellenboro Township Town Board approved the request for the conditional use permit, 3 voting in-favor, 0 opposed. There were no conditions placed on the permit by the Town Board.
4. On February 6th, 2026, the CSZD office received the completed application.
5. On March 3rd, 2026, the CSZC reviewed the CUP request through a public hearing and determined the findings of fact to **approve** or **deny** the CUP application.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSION

1. The CSZC (hereinafter referred to as the agency) has the authority pursuant to the Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Ch. 315 Subsection 3.27 (5) to issue or deny conditional use permits. Prior to granting or denying a conditional use, the agency shall make a findings of fact based on evidence presented, issue a determination whether the standards of the ordinance are met, and require additional conditions, as needed. Based upon the above findings and information provided at the public hearing, the CSZD finds that the conditional use **does** or **does not** meet the following criteria:

2. The agency under Ch. 315 Subsection 3.27 (5) (c) shall consider the following criteria:
 - (1) That the establishment, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, or general welfare;
 - (2) That the conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood;
 - (3) That the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district;
 - (4) That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and/or necessary facilities have been or are being provided;
 - (5) That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets;
 - (6) That adequate prevention and control of water pollution including sedimentation are being provided;
 - (7) That adequate measures will be taken to sustain existing topographic and drainage features and vegetation cover on the site;
 - (8) That adequate location of the site with respect to flood plains and floodways of bodies of water;
 - (9) That adequate consideration of erosion potential of the site based upon degree and direction of slope, soil type and vegetation cover;
 - (10) That location factors are considered which address:
 - (a) Domestic uses shall be generally preferred;
 - (b) Uses not inherently a source of pollution within an area shall be preferred over uses that are or may be a pollution source; and
 - (c) Use locations within an area tending to minimize the possibility of pollution shall be preferred over use locations tending to increase the possibility.
 - (11) That the conditional use shall, in all other respects, conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located, except as such regulations may, in each instance, be modified by the Conservation, Sanitation & Zoning Committee; and
 - (12) In the case of nonmetallic mining, the Conservation, Sanitation, & Zoning Committee shall also consider any reclamation plan submitted for the property and the reclamation plan's provisions for maintaining lateral support and for depth of the quarry pursuant to the standards set forth in Wisconsin Administration code Chapter NR 136.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE CHAPTER ___ ENTITLED "LARGE SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING FACILITY" OF THE GRANT COUNTY CODE.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Grant County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

Section I: Chapter ___ of the Grant County Code is hereby created to read as follows:

(1) Purpose and scope. The purpose of this section is to adopt and incorporate the requirements of Wisconsin Stat. 66.0401 as a local ordinance and to establish local regulations on the installation and use of Large Solar Energy Generating Facilities that are authorized and compliant with Wisconsin statutes and that serve to preserve or protect the public health or safety, do not significantly increase the cost of the system or significantly decrease its efficiency, or allow for an alternative system of comparable cost or efficiency. The provisions listed under this section are not intended to be a duplication of any federal or state requirement or to exceed that authority granted to Wisconsin counties.

(2) Applicability.

This ordinance applies to all lands within the boundaries of the county lying outside the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(3) Statutes, Regulations and Rules.

(a) This section is subject to the provisions of Wisconsin law.

(b) Wis Stat. 66.06401 is adopted and incorporated by reference.

(4) Definitions.

(a) "Conditional Use Permit" means a discretionary permit for a listed conditional use, granted by the Grant County Zoning Committee, under the notice and hearing procedures of Section 12.150.07 of the chapter, upon application by an owner and to which various conditions of use may be attached and adhered to by the applicant.

(b) "County" means Grant County.

(c) "Department" means the Grant County Zoning Department.

(d) "Department Director" or "Director" means the Director of the Grant County Zoning Department or the Department Director's designee.

(e) "Kilowatt" means a unit of power equal to one thousand watts.

(f) "Megawatt" means a unit of power equal to one million watts, especially as a measure of the output of a power station.

(g) "Permit" means a Zoning Permit issued by the Grant County Zoning department pursuant of this code.

(h) "Shared Revenue Utility Payment" means payments made to counties and municipalities to off-set tax exempt utility property. Payments are based on state calculations.

(i) "Large Solar Energy Generating Facility" means but is not limited to: connected arrays of photovoltaic panels, their supporting structures, and/or mounting systems, the network of necessary electrical wires and conduit (above and below ground), power poles, inverters, transformers, and supporting substations. These facilities are designed for nominal operation at a nameplate capacity of greater than 100 megawatts and do not meet the definition of an "accessory solar energy generating system." This includes facilities which directly convert and transfer or store solar energy into thermal or electrical energy.

(j) "Zoning Permit" means written approval by the Zoning Department staff that is required before commencing any development as defined in this chapter or before establishing, extending, or changing use on any parcel.

(k) "Cultural Resource" means material remains of past human life or activities that are of significant cultural interest and are greater than 50 years of age. This term includes, but shall not be limited to, objects made or used by humans, such as pottery, basketry, bottles, weapons, weapon projectiles, tools, structures or portions of structures, or any portion or piece of the foregoing items, and the physical site, location, or context in which they are found, or human skeletal materials or graves.

(l) "Environmental Analysis" means a detailed localized review of the relevant environmental conditions (e.g., wetland delineations, threatened and endangered species reviews, floodplain studies, navigability determination, or areas identified as environmental corridors withing the County Comprehensive Plan).

(5) Conditional Use Permit.

(a) **Permit Requirement.** The owner must apply for and receive a Conditional Use Permit from the Zoning Department before installing, constructing, or expanding any Large Solar Energy Generating Facility.

(b) **Application Process.** The application for a Conditional Use Permit shall be processed in accordance with the procedures set forth in Comprehensive Plan Ordinance 282 Section 316-53.

(c) **Permit Fee.** The owner shall pay an application fee at the time of application for a Large Solar Energy Generating Facility filed with the Zoning Department. Fees shall be based on the cost of the construction.

(d) **Permit Expiration.** A zoning permit issued by the Department expires if the construction of the Large Solar Energy Generating Facility is not commenced within 12 months from the date of the permit, or if the Large Solar Energy Generating Facility is not installed and fully functioning within 18 months from the date construction begins. A 12-month extension may be granted under Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3 Section 3.27 4 (a).

(e) **Standards for Review.** The standards for review of a permit application for a Large Solar Energy Generating Facility are consistent with Wis. Stat. (odd sign) 66.0401 as well as Wis. Stat. 59.69 and are not more restrictive than the PSC approved site plan as part of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

(f) **Application Requirements.** The application for a Zoning Permit shall include the following items, as may be applicable:

1. A copy of the PSC authorization, in the form of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, and a copy of the final application packet and documentation submitted to the PSC for approval.

2. A narrative of the proposed project, including a description of the subject property by metes and bounds, address(es), parcel numbers, and any unique circumstances within the project area, as may have been identified during the PSC review.

3. A site plan, which shall include a scalable drawing showing the location of all drives, entrances, easement labels and locations, trails, and signs; panels, inverters, energy storage systems, and any other planned infrastructure; vision clearance triangles; floodplain(s); wetland(s); and shoreland zoned boundaries.

4. Documentation evidencing cultural, archeological, and environmental analyses done by third parties and associated permit authorizations as required by law.

5. A complete list of neighboring parcels that have been notified of the project, within two miles of the project boundary is preferred.

6. Shared Revenue Utility Payment tax projections; estimated property tax reductions to the County, town(s), and school/special districts.

7. Any updates submitted to the PSC as applicable to these requirements. The equipment should have the capability to withstand extreme weather events, with a preference that components be listed by the Underwriters Laboratory.

(6) Zoning Permits Requirements.

(a) **Permit Requirement.** The owner must apply for and receive a Zoning Permit from the Department before installing, construction, or expanding any Small Solar Energy Generation Facility

(b) **Application Process.** The application for a Zoning Permit shall be processed in accordance with Chapter 282 Comprehensive Plan, Section 316-53.

(c) **Permit Fee.** The owner shall pay an application fee at the time of the application for a Small Solar Energy Generating Facility is filed with Zoning Department. Fees shall be based on the cost of construction.

(d) **Permit Expiration.** A zoning Permit issued by the Department expires if the construction of the Small Solar Energy Generating Facility is not commenced within 18 months from the date of the permit, or if the Small Energy Generating Facility is not installed and fully functioning within 12 months from the date construction begins. A 12-month extension may be granted under Grant County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Chapter 3, Section 27 4(a).

(e) **Application Requirement.** The application for a zoning permit shall include the following items as applicable to the project area:

1. A narrative of the proposed projects, including a description of the subject property by metes and bounds, address(es).

2. A site plan, which shall include a scalable drawing showing the location of all drives, entrances, easement labels and locations, trails, signs, panels, inverters, energy storage systems, and any other planned infrastructure; vision clearance triangles; floodplains(s); wetland(s); and shoreland zone boundaries.

3. Supporting documentation and any other relevant update, if not already submitted

(7) Additional Permitting requirements. Additional permits and processes may be required under Grant County Code of Ordinances.

(8) Operator Ownership Change. Notice shall be provided to the County for any change in ownership of the Large Solar Energy Generating Facility 30 days prior to the effective date of the change and contact information of the new owner shall be included in the notice.

(9) Other Approvals. A copy of all necessary state and federal permits and approvals shall be submitted to the Department within 90 days of receiving said authorization.

(10) Postconstruction Time Requirement. Within 90 days of the date a Large Solar Energy Generating Facility commences operation, the owner shall file with the Department an as-built description of the facility, an accurate map of the facility showing the location of all infrastructure, and geographic information, system information showing the location of said infrastructure, and current information identifying owner(s) and operator(s), including designated contact(s), of the Large Solar Energy Generating Facility.

Section II: This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication or posting as required by law.

Adopted and approved this ___ day of _____, 2025, by the Grant County Board of Supervisors.

BOARD OF SUPERVISERS BY:

Robert C. Keeney, County Board Chair

ATTEST: I, Tonya White, Grant County Clerk, do certify that the creation of Chapter ___ of the Grant County Ordinances has been approved by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on _____, 2025.

Tonya White, County Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE CHAPTER ___ ENTITLED "SMALL SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING FACILITY" OF THE GRANT COUNTY CODE.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Grant County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

Section I: Chapter ___ of the Grant County Code is hereby created to read as follows:

(1) Purpose and Scope. The purpose of this section is to adopt and incorporate the requirements of Wisconsin Stat. 66.0401 as a local ordinance and to establish local regulations on the installation and use of Small Solar Energy Generating Facilities that are authorized and compliant with Wisconsin statutes and that serve to preserve or protect the public health or safety, do not significantly increase the cost of the system or significantly decrease its efficiency, or allow for an alternative system of comparable cost or efficiency. The provisions listed under this section are not intended to be a duplication of any federal or state requirement or to exceed that authority granted to Wisconsin counties.

(2) Applicability.

This ordinance applies to all lands within the boundaries of the county lying outside the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(3) Statutes, Regulations and Rules.

- (a) This section is subject to the provisions of Wisconsin law.
- (b) Wis Stat. 66.06401 is adopted and incorporated by reference.

(4) Definitions.

- (a) "Conditional Use Permit" means a discretionary permit for a listed conditional use, granted by the Grant County Zoning Committee, under the notice and hearing procedures of Section 12.150.07 of the chapter, upon application by an owner and to which various conditions of use may be attached and adhered to by the applicant.
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(g) "Permit" means a Zoning Permit issued by the Grant County Zoning department pursuant of this code.

(h) "Shared Revenue Utility Payment" means payments made to counties and municipalities to off-set tax exempt utility property. Payments are based on state calculations.

(i) "Small Solar Energy Generating Facility" means but is not limited to: connected arrays of photovoltaic panels, their supporting structures, and/or mounting systems, the network of necessary electrical wires and conduit (above and below ground), power poles, inverters, transformers, and supporting substations. These facilities are designed for nominal operation at a nameplate capacity of less than 100 megawatts and do not meet the definition of an "accessory structure: ie personal energy generating system." This includes facilities which directly convert and transfer or store solar energy into thermal or electrical energy.

(j) "Zoning Permit" means written approval by the Zoning Department staff that is required before commencing any development as defined in this chapter or before establishing, extending, or changing use on any parcel.

(k) "Cultural Resource" means material remains of past human life or activities that are of significant cultural interest and are greater than 50 years of age. This term includes, but shall not be limited to, objects made or used by humans, such as pottery, basketry, bottles, weapons, weapon projectiles, tools, structures or portions of structures, or any portion or piece of the foregoing items, and the physical site, location, or context in which they are found, or human skeletal materials or graves.

(l) "Environmental Analysis" means a detailed localized review of the relevant environmental conditions (e.g., wetland delineations, threatened and endangered species reviews, floodplain studies, navigability determination, or areas identified as environmental corridors withing the County Comprehensive Plan).

(5) Conditional Use Permit.

(a) **Permit Requirement.** Small Solar Energy Generating Facilities are subject to Conditional Use Permit approval in all zoning districts.

(b) **Application Process.** The application for a conditional use permit shall be processed in accordance with procedures set forth in Section 282 Section 316.53.

(c) **Application Requirements.** The application for a Conditional Use Permit shall include the following items as applicable to the project area:

1. A narrative of the proposed project, including a description of the subject property by metes and bounds, address(es), parcel numbers, and any unique circumstances within the project area.

2. A site plan, which shall include a scalable drawing showing the location of all drives, entrances, easement labels and locations, trails and signs; panels, inverters, storage systems, and any other planned infrastructure; vision clearance triangles; floodplain(s); wetland(s); and shoreland zone boundaries.

3. A plan showing an overhead view of all the existing and proposed landscaping on the site, including the locations, species, size at the time of planting, and mature size for all the new plantings.

4. A grading and drainage plan, showing the existing and proposed surface elevations, and proposed erosion control and stormwater management provisions.

5. A decommissioning plan and financial assurance.

6. Shared Revenue Utility Payment tax projections and estimated property tax reductions to the County, town(s), and school/special district(s).

7. Agreements, leases or other documentation with affected landowners and/or communities outlining any site-specific terms or conditions of development and assuring maintenance of land to be owned or used for common purposes, including, but not limited to joint development agreements and road maintenance agreements.

8. Supporting documentation addressing the review criteria for Chapter 282, Article XV, Section 316.53.

9. Copies of all, state, federal, and other permits.

10. Any other documentation as identified by the Administrator or the Zoning Committee to demonstrate compliance with state and federal law.

11. Documentation evidencing cultural, archeological, and environmental analyses done by third parties, and associated permit authorizations as required by law.

12. A complete list of neighboring parcels that have been notified of the project, within 2 miles of the project is preferred.

13. Anticipated water and soil quality impacts from construction materials and project implementation, and a baseline testing and monitoring protocol to be implemented to address such impacts.

14. A planned maintenance log description. An owner/operator, at the owner/operator's sole expense, shall maintain and provide the Department at least annually with a maintenance log for the solar energy generating facility. The Log must contain the following information regarding any maintenance performed: 1) date and time maintenance was performed; 2) nature of the maintenance performed; and 3) reason(s) for the maintenance. The Department may retain such consultants or experts as it deems necessary to assess and determine whether the solar energy system facilities are compliant and/or to assess whether the solar energy facilities are being maintained in good repair and operational condition.

15. The equipment must have the capability to withstand extreme weather events, with a preference that components be listed by the Underwriters Laboratory.

16. Documentation of the planned stray voltage mitigation and response.

17. Planned noise nuisance abatement measures.

(d) **Review Criteria.** In addition to the criteria set forth in Chapter 282 Section 316.53, the review for the Conditional Use Permit shall address and consider the following:

1. Setbacks from the participating and non-participating property lines, residential structures, unique adjacent land uses, and roadways, assessed on a case-by-case basis for each parcel affected.

a. Documentation of working with neighbors toward a Committee-identified minimum goal of 50 feet from non-participatory property lines and minimum 500 feet from residential structures.

2. Documentation of working with neighbors to address stray voltage concerns.

3. Beneficial vegetative screenings and maintenance requirements of the said vegetative screening.

4. To the extent feasible and practical, plans to use the land for both agricultural and electricity generating among the solar panels, possibly including but not limited to:

a. Planning and maintaining pollinator-friendly native plant species and reduced herbicide applications.

b. Grazing of livestock such as cattle, sheep, goats, and/or chickens.

c. Planting of shade tolerant crops.

5. Mitigation of impacts to local environmentally sensitive species and habitats by the following:

a. Best construction practices, such as wildlife permeable fencing to allow smaller wildlife access through the facility fencing and

b. Best construction practices to allow larger wildlife access natural movement around the facility fences.

6. Best Management Practices (BMPs) and consideration as noted in Section (whatever ours turns out to be) associated with projects using battery storage.

7. Dust mitigation measures.

8. Cultural and environmental resources

9. Stormwater runoff and erosion control mitigation measures, with a focus on assuring implantation of mitigation measures, including a preference for minimal soil grading.

10. Reasonable constructions standards, including:

a. Phasing to limit area of disturbance.

b. Hours of construction to limit disruption to residents.

c. Light pollution mitigation.

11. Equipment-related sound mitigation measures that keep operational noise generation at the property line(s) at a threshold of no greater than industry standards outlined by the Public Service Commission, possibly including, but not limited to:

a. Equipment relocation further from receptors

b. Noise cancellation using quieter equipment

c. Sound shielding technology

d. Sound filtering technology

e. Noise suppression and blocking with building enclosures or barrier walls

12. Maintenance and repair of damage to local roads due to project construction, possibly in the form of a Road Maintenance Agreement.

13. Mitigation plans for any damaged soil drainage infrastructure.

14. Mitigation plans for any damage to surface water conveyance infrastructure, such as grassed waterways.

15. Fire hazard mitigation plans, including:

a. Battery-related fire suppression design and chemical release containment design.

b. Clean-up and monitoring of any fire-related chemical release.

c. Additional funding to affected fire districts directly impacted by the project area, including but not limited to equipment, supplies and drills for the local firefighting and emergency response departments at the owner/operator expense.

16. Replacement of lost property tax revenue, including school and special districts.

17. Financial assurance during the construction phase in the form of a surety bond, letter of credit, escrow account, reverse fund, parent guarantee or other suitable financial mechanism.

18. Decommissioning plan and financial assurance for project decommissioning costs. A posted form of financial security such as a surety bond, letter of credit, escrow account, reverse fund, parent guarantee or other suitable financial mechanism, prior to the commencement of construction to include the total cost of decommissioning of the solar generation portion and the battery energy storage portion of the solar project at the end of its useful life.

19. Compliance with state and federal laws, as may be applicable.

20. Other community benefits as may be relevant.

21. Potential property value impacts associated with the project, and potential to offset said impacts with the landowner compensation agreements.

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3. Supporting documentation and any other relevant update, if not already submitted.

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(8) **Operator Ownership Change.** Notice shall be provided to the County for any change in the ownership of the Small Solar Generating Facility on or before the effective date of the change.

(9) **Other Approvals.** A copy of all necessary state and federal permits and approvals shall be submitted to the Department within 90 days of receiving said authorizations.

(10) **Postconstruction Filing Requirement.** Within 90 days of the date a Small Solar Energy Generating Facility commences operation, the owner shall file with the Department an as-built description of the facility, an accurate map of the facility showing the location of all infrastructure, geographic information, system information showing the location of said infrastructure, and current information identifying the owner(s) and operator(s), including designated contact(s), of the Small Solar Energy Generating Facility.

(11) Battery Energy Storage System. If battery energy storage systems are included in the solar or other projects, the following considerations shall be made by the owner/operator:

(a) Setbacks from residential, business, municipal, school, or town structures, and public and private drinking water systems. A committee-identified minimum goal of 1,500 feet from residential, business, municipal, school, or town structures and minimum 1,000 feet from a drinking water system is desired.

(b) Separate containment enclosures that include the following goals:

1. Enclosure size capacity containment of the 150% of the battery energy storage system.

2. Sufficient fireproofing for connecting electronic wires, protecting from one structure to the next and from the battery energy storage system to the substation.

(c) Battery management protocols including:

1. Labeling of battery energy storage system container with a date of first usage via a stamped metal nameplate with serial number.

2. Upon the end of serviceable like or no more than seven consecutive years, whichever comes first, the batter energy storage system container shall be removed from the site and recycled at the owner/operator's expense.

3. The owner/operator shall give an annual report to the Department documenting which batteries are near the end of their lifecycle, including current physical location of the battery and its serial number.

Section II: This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication or posting as required by law.

Adopted and approved this ___ day of _____, 2025, by the Grant County Board of Supervisors.

BOARD OF SUPERVISERS BY:

Robert C. Keeney, County Board Chair

ATTEST: I, Tonya White, Grant County Clerk, do certify that the creation of Chapter ___ of the Grant County Ordinances has been approved by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on _____, 2025.

Tonya White, County Clerk

COUNTY COST SHARE PROGRAM

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$46,662.50

Priority Tentative App Final Request

EXTENSION REQUESTS:

CANCELLATIONS:

ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$46,662.50

FINAL APPROVAL REQUESTS:

ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$46,662.50

TENTATIVE APPROVAL REQUESTS FOR C/S:

ENDING BALANCE **\$46,662.50**

2026 DATCP COST-SHARING REQUESTS

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$72,000.00

Priority Tentative App Final Request

CANCELLATIONS:

TENTATIVE APPROVAL REQUESTS

Karen Yelinek, Clifton twp. Grassed Waterway	\$2,800.00
Mark & Renee Vosberg, Hazel Green twp. Stream Crossing & Access Road	\$7,873.60
Travis & Ashley Mumm, Clifton twp. Stream Crossing	\$5,889.80

ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$55,436.60

FINAL APPROVAL REQUESTS:

ENDING BALANCE **\$72,000.00**

Primary Choices

Waterbody Name	Local Waterbody Name	Start Mile	End Mile	Size (Miles or Acres)	Cycle Listed	Pollutants (Causes)	Impairments (Observed Effects)	HUC12	HUC8	HUC10	Watershed Name	CLASSIFICATION
Rogers Br	Rogers Branch	0	8	8	1998	Total Phosphorus	Low DO, Degraded Biological Community	Headwaters Grant River	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP06	Upper Grant River	Waters in Restoration
Rogers Br	Rogers Branch	0	8	8	1998	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Degraded Habitat	Headwaters Grant River	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP06	Upper Grant River	Waters in Restoration
Rogers Br	Rogers Branch	0	8	8	2016	Unknown Pollutant	Elevated Water Temperature	Headwaters Grant River	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP06	Upper Grant River	Impaired Waters
Rogers Br	Rogers Branch	8	11.8	3.83	1998	Total Phosphorus	Low DO, Degraded Habitat	Headwaters Grant River	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP06	Upper Grant River	Waters in Restoration
Rogers Br	Rogers Branch	8	11.8	3.83	1998	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Low DO	Headwaters Grant River	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP06	Upper Grant River	Waters in Restoration
Blake Fk	Blake Fork	0	17.2	17.23	2012	Total Phosphorus	High Phosphorus Levels	Blakes Fork	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP05, GP06	Middle Grant River, Upper Grant River	Impaired Waters
Blake Fk	Blake Fork	0	17.2	17.23	2016	Unknown Pollutant	Degraded Biological Community	Blakes Fork	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP05, GP06	Middle Grant River, Upper Grant River	Impaired Waters
Bull Br	Bull Br	0	1.63	1.63	2012	Total Phosphorus	High Phosphorus Levels	Bull Branch - Platte River	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP02	Platte River	Impaired Waters

Muskellunge Creek	Muskellunge Creek	0	1	1	2016	Unknown Pollutant	Degraded Biological Community	Rattlesnake Creek	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP04	Lower Grant River	Impaired Waters
Muskellunge Creek	Muskellunge Creek	1	4.91	3.91	2016	Unknown Pollutant	Degraded Biological Community	Rattlesnake Creek	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP04	Lower Grant River	Impaired Waters
Pigeon Creek	Pigeon Creek	0	14	14	2012	Total Phosphorus	High Phosphorus Levels	Pigeon Creek	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP04, GP05	Lower Grant River, Middle Grant River	Impaired Waters
Pigeon Creek	Pigeon Creek	0	14	14	2016	Unknown Pollutant	Degraded Biological Community	Pigeon Creek	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP04, GP05	Lower Grant River, Middle Grant River	Impaired Waters
Platte River	Platte River	0	13.7	13.71	2012	Total Phosphorus	Impairment Unknown	Platte River	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP02	Platte River	Impaired Waters
Platte River	Platte River	18	37.8	19.83	2012	Total Phosphorus	Impairment Unknown	Willow Branch - Platte River, Culver Branch - Platte River	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP02	Platte River	Impaired Waters
Platte River	Platte River	13.7	18	4.26	2012	Total Phosphorus	Impairment Unknown	Bull Branch - Platte River, Crow Branch - Platt River	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP02	Platte River	Impaired Waters
Young Br	Young Branch	0	3	3	2012	Total Phosphorus	Impairment Unknown	Middle Little Platte River	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP03	Little Platte River	Impaired Waters

Secondary Choices

Waterbody Name	Local Waterbody Name	Start Mile	End Mile	Size (Miles or Acres)	Cycle Listed	Pollutants (Causes)	Impairments (Observed Effects)	HUC12	HUC8	HUC10	Watershed Name	CLASSIFICATION
Snowden Br	Big Patch Creek	0	4.99	4.99	1998	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Degraded Habitat	Snowden Branch	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP03	Little Platte River	Waters in Restoration
Martin Br	Martin Branch	4	5.32	1.32	1998	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Degraded Habitat	Martin Branch	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP06	Upper Grant River	Waters in Restoration
Martin Br	Martin Branch	5.32	9.94	4.62	1998	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Degraded Habitat	Martin Branch	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP06	Upper Grant River	Waters in Restoration
Martin Br	Martin Branch	0	4	4	1998	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Degraded Habitat	Martin Branch	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP06	Upper Grant River	Waters in Restoration
Bacon Branch	Bacon Branch	0	5.96	5.96	2006	Sediment/Total Suspended Solids	Degraded Habitat	Bull Branch - Platte River	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP02	Platte River	Impaired Waters
Boice Creek	Boice Creek	0	15.9	15.86	2016	Unknown Pollutant	Degraded Biological Community	Boice Creek	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP04	Lower Grant River	Impaired Waters
Chase Creek	Chase Creek	0	1.15	1.15	1998	Sediment/Total Suspended Solids	Degraded Habitat	Lock and Dam Number Ten - Mississippi River	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP07	Mississippi River	Impaired Waters
Culver Br	Culver Br	0	2.34	2.34	1998	Sediment/Total Suspended Solids	Degraded Habitat	Culver Branch - Platte River	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP02	Platte River	Impaired Waters
Kuenster Creek	Kuenster Creek	0	1	1	2016	Unknown Pollutant	Degraded Biological Community	Rattlesnake Creek	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP04	Lower Grant River	Impaired Waters

Kuenster Creek	Kuenster Creek	1	9.86	8.86	2016	Unknown Pollutant	Degraded Biological Community	Rattlesnake Creek	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP04	Lower Grant River	Impaired Waters
Marlowe Br	Marlowe Branch	0	5.83	5.83	2016	Unknown Pollutant	Degraded Biological Community	Grant River	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP04	Lower Grant River	Impaired Waters
Mounds Br	Mounds Branch	0	4.45	4.45	2018	Unknown Pollutant	Degraded Biological Community	Mounds Branch	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP03	Little Platte River	Impaired Waters
Rattlesnake Creek	Rattlesnake Creek	0	21.1	21.11	2016	Unknown Pollutant	Degraded Biological Community	Rattlesnake Creek	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP04	Lower Grant River	Impaired Waters
Sandy Creek	Sandy Creek	0.37	6.01	5.64	1998	Sediment/Total Suspended Solids	Degraded Habitat	Sandy Creek	Grant Little Maquoketa	GP07	Mississippi River	Impaired Waters

March 2026 overview

Conservation:

1. 122 tree orders were placed for a total of 9850 trees and shrubs ordered.
2. A second order of tree tubes has been placed for sale during the tree pick day.
3. Trees will be available for pick up on Friday May 1st 8am to 330 pm.
4. A NMP procedures/writers meeting with DATCP facilitated by us occurred Feb 9 10am at the Youth and Ag. 8 plan writers attended along with 3 DATCP and 1 U-Extension representatives.
5. We have received 107,518 \$ in MDV funding for the fiscal year of 2026.
6. Brady and I attended DATCP sponsored Soil Engineer training in Richland Center focusing on soil identifications for construction purposes.
7. The WI Land and Water Conference is the March 4-6th in Chula Vista.

Zoning:

1. Adam completed 11, 2023 post construction inspections and 23, 2024 post construction inspections and 2 pre-construction/3 post construction 2025 inspections.
2. Permit review and issuance policies are going to be updated to accommodate the secondary review policy and our migration to the new Catalis permitting system.

Sanitation:

1. We had two tank installation inspections in January.
2. The DSPS audit was completed on Feb 13th. Once generated, an overview letter will be distributed for the department critiquing our overall performance.
3. 2024 has 7 permits open with two set to expire in the next two months. Two permits have been renewed for another 2 years.
4. 2025 has a total of 40 permits left open
5. 2026 is up to 10 permits. There are 7 permits left from last year that are waiting on money or proper paperwork to be submitted.
6. We continue with field reviews to close outstanding permits where possible.
7. The Plumbers and Pumpers newsletter is ready to go out, and maintenance forms will be mailed later this month.

