

# RESOLUTION

## ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Land Conservation Committee  
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney  
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

December 3, 2019  
DATE DRAFTED

### APPROVAL OF THE 2019 LAND AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

1 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department is required by ATCP 50.12, Wisconsin  
2 Administrative Code, to develop, maintain, and implement a Land and Water Resource  
3 Management Plan for Rock County; and,  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department has revised the 2009 Land and Water  
6 Resource Management Plan, incorporating new programs managed by the LCD, updated the  
7 pertinent natural resource information/data, and updated the implementation strategy for the  
8 protection of the county's natural resources; and,  
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10 **WHEREAS**, the implementation of this plan can only be accomplished through continued  
11 cooperation with state and federal governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and  
12 the citizens of Rock County; and,  
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14 **WHEREAS**, section ATCP 50.12 of Wisconsin Administrative Code, outlines a detailed  
15 approval process which includes; a public hearing conducted by the County, a presentation to  
16 the State Land and Water Resource Management Board, approval by the County Board of  
17 Supervisors, and approval by the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection;  
18 and,  
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20 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Land Conservation Committee held a public hearing on  
21 November 12, 2019; and,  
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23 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department presented the plan to the State Land and  
24 Water Conservation Board and received their approval on December 3, 2019; and,  
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26 **WHEREAS**, the state Land and Water Conservation Board has forwarded the plan as presented  
27 to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for their approval, which will  
28 occur after the plan's approval by the County Board.  
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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly  
31 assembled this 9th day of Jan, 2019 does hereby approve the 2019 Rock County  
32 Land and Water Resource Management Plan.

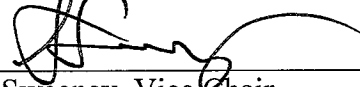
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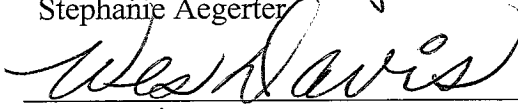
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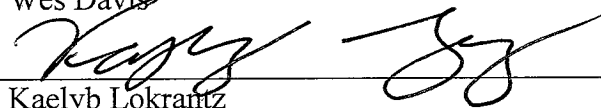
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

  
Rich Bostwick, Chair

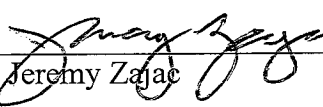
  
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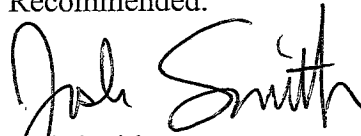
FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact in and by itself.

  
Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

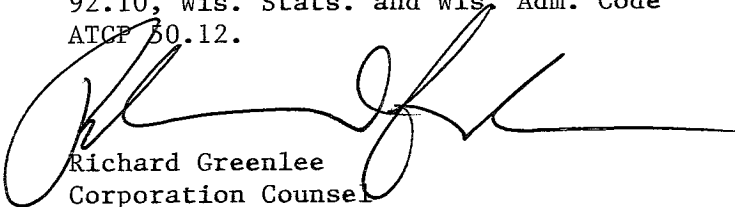
ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

  
Josh Smith  
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.51 and 92.10, Wis. Stats. and Wis. Adm. Code ATCP 30.12.

  
Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Through Wisconsin Act 27 (1997-1999 Biennial Budget Bill), Chapter 92.10 of the Wisconsin Statutes was amended, creating a county land and water resource management-planning program. Wisconsin Administrative Code ATCP 50, details the requirement of the Land and Water Resource Management Plan. The original plan, approved in 1998, was one of the five original Land and Water Resource Management Plans in the State of Wisconsin. The original plan has been updated every five (5) years since the original plans publication date. The most current plan, dated 2019, incorporates new natural resource information.

This edition incorporates five natural resource management goals: Protect the quality and quantity of Groundwater; Protection of Farmlands; Protect quality of Surface waters; Improve and protect soil quality; and Protect and enhance habitat quality. It is a 10-year action and implementation plan that emphasizes cooperation with conservation partners in Rock County. The plan must be reviewed after five years by the State Land and Water Conservation Board.

The LWRM Plan is intended to complement and coordinate with existing plans rather than replace them. By focusing on the Rock County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) and Land Conservation Department's (LCD) strengths of conservation planning, information and education, technical assistance, and program administration, diverse interests act together in effective protection and enhancement of Rock County's natural resources.

In summary, the LWRM Plan outlines a comprehensive strategy for the implementation of protection of the natural resources. This will only be accomplished through continued partnerships with governmental agencies, landowners, non-governmental organizations, and the citizens of Rock County.