

CHAPTER 7: COORDINATION WITH OTHER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS & PROGRAMS

To meet the goals established in this plan, landowners will need to participate in existing as well as new Federal, State, and Local programs. There are numerous programs available to landowners to help them comply with the NR 151 requirements established by the WDNR. Some programs provide technical and planning services while some offer financial assistance. Some programs are regulatory and may require compliance with NR 151 requirements through indirect means. It is the intent of the Wood County Land Conservation Department to utilize all of the following programs to assist county landowners in meeting the compliance requirements of NR 151.

Federal Programs

1. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
Provides cost-share assistance for the installation of locally selected best management practices that reduce erosion and animal waste concerns. Program administered by the U.S.D.A. Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).
2. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
A FSA and NRCS administered program that provides funding to landowners for setting aside eligible lands for conservation purposes
3. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
A multi-agency coordinated program that (DATCP, FSA, NRCS, and Wood County) provides land rent payments to landowners who install buffers along streams and waterways and to landowners who establish or maintain grasslands in the grassland project area.
4. Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
Provides incentives to manage permanent pasture and hay land. This program is administered by NRCS and FSA.
5. Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)
A FSA and NRCS administered program that provides cost-share assistance to restore converted wetlands from agricultural use.]
6. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program
US Fish and Wildlife Service Program used in Wisconsin to assist in wetland restoration, fish and wildlife habitat improvement, and restoration of habitats of special concern.

State Programs

1. Targeted Resource Management Program (TRM)
Provides cost-share assistance to landowners who install best management practices in designated watersheds or areas. Funding is provided by WDNR.
2. Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM)
Provides cost-share assistance and staffing grants to County Land Conservation Departments to implement their Land and Water Resource Management Plans. Funds are provided by Wisconsin DATCP.
3. Lake Management and Planning Grants
Funds provided by WDNR to protect and improve water quality in Wisconsin lakes.
4. Managed Forest LAW (MFL)
Provides a tax incentive to landowners who manage their woodlots in accordance with an approved timber management plan.
5. Agricultural Clean Sweep
Provides funding to local units of government to implement a program for collecting unwanted hazardous wastes.

County Programs

1. Wood County Animal Waste and Manure Management Ordinance
Administered by the Wood County Land Conservation Department to regulate the location, design, construction and operation of animal manure storage facilities.
2. Wood County Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance
Administered by the Wood County Land Conservation Department. The Land Conservation Department reviews and approves reclamation plans for compliance with state laws. Recommends erosion control practices to mining operators.
3. Wood County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance
Administered by Wood County Planning and Zoning Department. Regulates the amount of development that takes place near shore and wetland areas.
4. Wood County Farmland Preservation Plan
Managed by the Wood County Land Conservation Department. The plan allows farmers to be eligible to receive tax credits under the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program.

5. Wood County Forest – 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan

This plan provides extensive background information regarding the Wood County Forest and operating policies and procedures, which Wood County will follow in administration of the forest.

Other Active Partners

1. Wood County sportsmen’s clubs and associations.
2. Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Area.
3. Local unites of government in Wood County including cities, villages, and townships.
4. Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association.
5. Central Wisconsin Windshed Partners.

The Wood County Land Conservation Department will make efforts to coordinate program implementation with other cooperating agencies. This will be especially important when assisting landowners who wish to be in compliance with NR 151 requirements.