

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY PROGRAM WORKSHEET
January 28, 2009

Department: Land & Water Conservation

Date: May 4, 2009

Program	Description	Priority	Service Level Required	2008 Actual Expense	2009 Budgeted Expense	2009 Budgeted Grants/Fees Revenue	2009 Tax Levy
Erosion Control & Stormwater Management Program	Permit requirements for land development and land disturbing activities. In 2008, 11 permit fees issued.	1	100%	\$52,000	\$57,000	\$17,000	\$40,000
Animal Waste Management Regulations	Permit requirements for construction or alteration of an animal waste facility, feedlot, or facility closure. In 2008, 4 permits issued.	2	100%	\$40,000	\$42,800	\$15,800	\$27,000
General Technical Assistance Program	Provide technical assistance to county residents and units of government regarding natural resource issues. 2008-over 900 requests.	3	Discretionary	\$65,000	\$67,000	\$14,000	\$53,000
Annual Tree & Shrub Sale Program	Annual tree & shrub sales program offered to the public. In 2008, over 600 orders for 80,000 trees/shrubs.	4	Discretionary	\$97,050	\$109,500	\$106,500	\$3,000
Water Quality Improvement Program-Buffer Strip Program	Contract and install vegetated buffer strips on county waterways classified as navigable. Currently 63 contracts.	5	Discretionary	\$29,387	\$55,000	\$14,000	\$41,000

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Land & Water Resource Management Cost Share Program	Provide state cost share assistance to landowners to comply with the LWCD Land & Water Resource Management Plan.	6	Discretionary	\$99,233	\$110,000	\$89,000	\$21,000
WPDES & Nutrient Management	Landowner assistance for nutrient management plans (NR151) & WI Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit (10/YR).	7	Discretionary	\$26,000	\$27,100	\$15,500	\$11,600
Resource Partnership Program	Implementation of programs with agencies & environmental organizations.	8	Discretionary	\$49,000	\$50,050	\$14,000	\$36,050
Information & Education Program	Landowner I & E regarding land management and natural resource issues. (Newsletters, brochures)	9	Discretionary	\$22,700	\$22,700	\$14,000	\$8,700
Wildlife Damage & Abatement Program	Wildlife damage assessment and abatement assistance. In 2008 30 landowners/businesses.	10	Discretionary	\$6,410	\$15,000	\$20,000	0

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PROGRAM: EROSION CONTROL AND STORMWATER RUNOFF MANAGEMENT

1. Describe the program, its purpose and goals.

The purpose of the program is to set forth requirements for land development and land disturbing activities aimed to minimize sedimentation, water pollution, flooding and related property and environmental damage from stormwater runoff during and after construction. The Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors adopted Chapter 75 relating to erosion control and stormwater management in 2006, and amended in 2008. The county was required to adopt the ordinance to comply with Phase II of the Federal Clean Water Act.

2. Who is the program intended to serve? How many are served?

The program benefits all residents living in or choosing to build within the unincorporated areas of Sheboygan County. It is particularly beneficial to residents living downstream from any proposed development or construction activities. Since ordinance adoption, the LWCD has reviewed and approved development plans and issued 29 erosion control and stormwater permits.

3. Are the program benefits long-lasting and essential to the service populations?

Construction activities, especially subdivisions have long term impacts. Complying with the ordinance benefits everyone by undertaking development in an environmentally safe manner that contains long lasting effects. The ordinance addresses stormwater runoff problems before threatening conditions occur.

4. Is this program directly or indirectly related to or does it support any other program in this department or another department? If so, how?

Yes. This program is directly related to support the Planning and Resource Departments Subdivision Ordinance (Chapter 71) and the Department of Natural Resources NR 151 and NR 216 Erosion Control and Stormwater Runoff Management Rules.

5. How does this program make the department or county government more effective or efficient, including any intergovernmental relationship?

The LWCD, in administering this program frequently coordinates field inspections with the Planning and Resources Department and DNR.

6. How do you determine/measure if this program has been effectively provided and implemented?

The LWCD has created a good working relationship with town officials, developers, and private engineering firms.

7. Could the county cost-effectively subcontract this program?

No. I am not aware of any county ordinance administered by a non county entity.

8. State the numerical ranking of this program compared to all discretionary programs in your department and briefly explain.

This program ranks 1st out to 10 discretionary programs.

9. Are there current alternatives to this program available in the community? Can this program be provided through alternative arrangements with other providers?

No.

10. If this program were eliminated, what would be the ramifications for the County (i.e., added risk, liability or legal issues)?

County residents would be subject to added risk from uncontrolled stormwater runoff affecting homes and businesses. Legal and water quality issues would occur do to the fact that the county would not be meeting NR216 standards and Phase II of the Federal Clean Water Act.

11. What is the program impact and effectiveness related to the program cost? (Provide data if available.)

Permit fees range from \$125/acre for land disturbance to \$225/acre for commercial land disturbance. In 2008, 11 permits issued generating fees of \$3000.

12. Is this program currently duplicated by another county department or provider in the community?

No

13. What adjustment or plan of action would you implement if funding is reduced?

Permit fees would need to be reassessed.

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PROGRAM: ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

1. Describe the program, its purpose and goals.

Adopted by Ordinance No. 22 (2004/05) Chapter 77-Animal Waste Management Regulations require Sheboygan County landowners to acquire a permit from the LWCD to construct any new animal waste facility, feedlot, or facility closure. Purpose of the ordinance (program) is to provide effective, practical, and environmentally safe methods of construction, operation, and maintenance of manure storage facilities and animal feeding operations.

2. Who is the program intended to serve? How many are served?

The program is a requirement for all livestock operators throughout Sheboygan County. The LWCD currently has 45 active animal waste management regulation permits. In 2008, the LWCD issued 4 animal waste storage permits.

3. Are the program benefits long-lasting and essential to the service populations?

Yes. Chapter 77 assures the safe handling and spreading of animal waste as well as to regulate the location, design, construction, alteration, operations and maintenance of any new feeding operation and livestock waste storage structure facility. The intent of the ordinance is to prevent surface and groundwater pollution, protection of the health and safety of county residents, and prevent the spread of disease.

4. Is this program directly or indirectly related to or does it support any other program in this department or another department? If so, how?

Yes. The animal waste management regulations rely on LWCD general technical assistance, (GIS, CAD-engineering and design services), NR 151-State Performance Standards, Land & Water Resource Management Program (cost sharing), WPDES (Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit) and Nutrient Management Planning.

5. How does this program make the department or county government more effective or efficient, including any intergovernmental relationship?

This program allows the LWCD to assist in the resolution of any animal waste management dispute, which may arise between residents of the county regarding agricultural operation covered under Chapter 77.

6. How do you determine/measure if this program has been effectively provided and implemented?

The LWCD to date has received not complaints or been involved in any litigation administering the 45 active animal waste management regulation permits.

7. Could the county cost-effectively subcontract this program?

No. From past experience (LWCD contracting for engineering services for state watershed projects in the 1990's) relying on the private sector would generally be cost prohibitive.

8. State the numerical ranking of this program compared to all discretionary programs in your department and briefly explain.

This program ranks 2nd out of 10 discretionary programs.

9. Are there current alternatives to this program available in the community? Can this program be provided through alternative arrangements with other providers?

No. I am not aware of any non-county provider administering a county ordinance.

10. If this program were eliminated, what would be the ramifications for the County (i.e., added risk, liability or legal issues)?

Animal waste runoff could cause surface and groundwater pollution, fish kills, affect drinking water for county residents, and increased health and safety issues.

11. What is the program impact and effectiveness related to the program cost? (Provide data if available.)

Animal waste management regulation permit fees (\$300-\$600) are assessed for each permit submitted. (4 permits in 2008 generated fees of \$1800). Technical assistance is provided by the LWCD to ensure facilities are constructed in environmental safe methods to prevent contamination of ground and surface water. Estimated program cost for 2008 is \$27,000.

12. Is this program currently duplicated by another county department or provider in the community?

No

13. What adjustment or plan of action would you implement if funding is reduced?

If funding is reduced, permit fees would likely be substantially increased.

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PROGRAM: **GENERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

1. Describe the program, its purpose and goals.

The purpose of the program is to provide technical service to residents and units of government in Sheboygan County regarding natural resource concerns they may have. While broad in scope this program is a vital cornerstone of department activities. Often we function as the first line of contact from citizens calling with resource problems. Typical calls are waste discharges, flooding, drainage problems, flooded basements, land use, soils, mapping information and required project permits. Once staff assess the problem or resource concerns, suggested solutions are presented. Once decisions are finalized the LWCD will design and provide construction assistance for the project and certify that the project meets applicable standards and regulations.

2. Who is the program intended to serve? How many are served?

This program serves all county residents from crop and livestock producers, rural and town residents, builders, developers, businesses, and local and state units of government. The LWCD averages over 900 phone calls annually requesting general technical assistance. These do not include calls that are program specific (Farmland Preservation, Tree Program, Permits, etc.). Assistance is also provided to townships and local units of government.

3. Are the program benefits long-lasting and essential to the service populations?

This program is important in maintaining the quality of life experienced by residents of Sheboygan County. By being able to assist so many people we provide cost effective assistance before the problems reach a more environmental critical and costly stage.

4. Is this program directly or indirectly related to or does it support any other program in this department or another department? If so, how?

Yes. General technical assistance is the support utilized by the various LWCD programs, such as Land and Water Resource Management Program, Farmland Preservation Program, Erosion Control, Stormwater Management, Animal Waste Management, etc.

5. How does this program make the department or county government more effective or efficient, including any intergovernmental relationship?

By providing quick and professional assistance to hundreds of requests annually, the LWCD can direct appropriate requests to other county departments or state agencies.

6. How do you determine/measure if this program has been effectively provided and implemented?
Based on the number of requests for assistance received each year from the public.

7. Could the county cost-effectively subcontract this program?

No

8. State the numerical ranking of this program compared to all discretionary programs in your department and briefly explain.

This program ranks 3rd out of 10 discretionary programs.

9. Are there current alternatives to this program available in the community? Can this program be provided through alternative arrangements with other providers?

Not aware of any alternative arrangements with other providers.

10. If this program were eliminated, what would be the ramifications for the County (i.e., added risk, liability or legal issues)?

The county would not experience any added risk, liability or legal issues. Eliminating the program would result in the loss of an important local source of natural resource issue assistance to county residents.

11. What is the program impact and effectiveness related to the program cost? (Provide data if available.)

The department's high level of experience means we can provide technical assistance quickly and efficiently.

12. Is this program currently duplicated by another county department or provider in the community?

No

13. What adjustment or plan of action would you implement if funding is reduced?

The LWCD would handle considerably fewer requests for assistance from the public.

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PROGRAM: **ANNUAL TREE AND SHRUB SALE**

1. Describe the program, its purpose and goals.

The program was developed to provide reasonable priced tree and shrub stock to landowners in quantities not available from private nurseries, landscapers and plant retailers. The tree and shrub program is in its 10th year in 2009, with over a million trees and shrubs sold and delivered since 1999. The program also provides additional revenue for the LWCD, from \$10,000 to \$12,000 annually. The goal of the program is to help property owners reforest, create windbreaks, wildlife habitat and riparian buffer strip plantings in Sheboygan County and surrounding counties.

2. Who is the program intended to serve? How many are served?

The program is intended to serve property owners in and surrounding Sheboygan County. In 2008, over 600 orders were placed for approximately 80,000 trees and shrubs. Another 10,000 trees and shrubs are sold on the one day sale in late April.

3. Are the program benefits long-lasting and essential to the service populations?

The benefits of this self sustaining program are great. Wildlife habitat, reforestation and improved aesthetics are being created. Planted trees and shrubs will remove potential pollution from the atmosphere, while improving the aesthetics of Sheboygan County. Trees remove and store vast quantities of CO₂, a greenhouse gas, from the atmosphere.

4. Is this program directly or indirectly related to or does it support any other program in this department or another department? If so, how?

This program supports the buffer strip program to a limited degree by offering trees and shrubs to landowners participating in the county buffer strip program to plant and create a restored riparian zone and create additional wildlife habitat.

5. How does this program make the department or county government more effective or efficient, including any intergovernmental relationship?

This program enhances the level of service available from the LWCD. The program will create a landscape more aesthetically pleasing to all, help attract tourism, and provide beneficial environmental effects.

6. How do you determine/measure if this program has been effectively provided and implemented?

The LWCD monitors sales annually to secure the most advantageous advertising techniques to inform the public about the benefits of reforestation, wildlife habitat and the use of energy saving windbreak

establishment. A customer survey is taken annually, and we receive over a 99% satisfaction rate for variety, quantity, quality and price. Order forms, tree and shrub descriptions, and photos are now available on the LWCD website

7. Could the county cost-effectively subcontract this program?

Yes. However, the LWCD receives the revenue generated by this program. Through customer contact LWCD staff also generate landowner interest in other environmental programs.

8. State the numerical ranking of this program compared to all discretionary programs in your department and briefly explain.

This program ranks 4th out of 10 LWCD discretionary programs.

9. Are there current alternatives to this program available in the community? Can this program be provided through alternative arrangements with other providers?

No. There is a DNR tree program but the minimum order is 1000 tree seedlings. Most of our orders are between 50 and 150 bare rootstock seedlings, 2-3 years old. Private nurseries/landscape businesses typically do not offer bare rootstock but prefer to handle potted or balled stock in small limited quantities.

10. If this program were eliminated, what would be the ramifications for the County (i.e., added risk, liability or legal issues)?

The LWCD would not collect the annual \$10,000 to \$12,000 in revenue.

11. What is the program impact and effectiveness related to the program cost? (Provide data if available.)

After all expenses are accounted for, the annual revenue is accounted for in the LWCD budget.

12. Is this program currently duplicated by another county department or provider in the community?

No

13. What adjustment or plan of action would you implement if funding is reduced?

The program expenditures do not rely on county tax levy dollars. If overall LWCD staff funding is reduced, the program would be dramatically scaled back or eliminated.

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PROGRAM: **WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT – BUFFER STRIP**

1. Describe the program, its purpose and goals.

The purpose of the LWCD Buffer Strip Program is to utilize vegetated riparian buffer strips alongside out streams and rivers, which act as filters to catch and trap sediment, nutrients and pesticide runoff from agricultural land in Sheboygan County. Program participation is voluntary. County funds are provided as a conservation incentive to landowners to install these buffer strips.

2. Who is the program intended to serve? How many are served?

The program is open to all county landowners. The LWCD will determine eligibility. Since inception in 2000, 63 county landowners have contracted with the LWCD and have installed buffer strips on 159,000 linear feet of stream bank, or 31 miles total length.

3. Are the program benefits long-lasting and essential to the service populations?

Yes. The landowner contracts are in effect for a period of 10-15 years. Using State and Federal modeling and evaluation methods the installed buffer strips have reduced on an **annual** basis 1,645 pounds phosphorous (1 lb. will produce ½ ton algae, 1645 lbs. will produce 823 tons algae), 900 pounds of nitrogen (900 lbs. will meet the nitrogen requirements of a 6 acre corn field), and 800 tons of sediment (800 tons equal 4.5 inches topsoil over an entire acre).

4. Is this program directly or indirectly related to or does it support any other program in this department or another department? If so, how?

Yes. The LWCD was able to leverage this program to secure an additional DNR grant (\$50,000) to supplement this program and the state CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program).

5. How does this program make the department or county government more effective or efficient, including any intergovernmental relationship?

The LWCD was able to secure a county stewardship grant in 2005 for the program. In addition, the LWCD works closely with the Planning and Resources Department and DNR in administering this program.

6. How do you determine/measure if this program has been effectively provided and implemented?

By compiling and analyzing the annual reductions of sediment, phosphorous, and nitrogen. Please refer to number 3 above for annual reductions. Also, landowner contracts are recorded with the Sheboygan County Register of Deeds so that the contract remains with the land.

7. Could the county cost-effectively subcontract this program?

No. From past experience the cost of sub contracting this program would substantially exceed the amount of cost share dollars available for landowners to install the buffer strips.

8. State the numerical ranking of this program compared to all discretionary programs in your department and briefly explain.

This program ranks 5th out of 10 discretionary programs.

9. Are there current alternatives to this program available in the community? Can this program be provided through alternative arrangements with other providers?

There are no known alternatives or providers available to implement this program.

10. If this program were eliminated, what would be the ramifications for the County (i.e., added risk, liability or legal issues)?

There would be a reduction of water quality improvement.

11. What is the program impact and effectiveness related to the program cost? (Provide data if available.)

The LWCD cost to contract and install a buffer strip is approximately \$1500/acre.

12. Is this program currently duplicated by another county department or provider in the community?

No

13. What adjustment or plan of action would you implement if funding is reduced?

The LWCD would administer whatever amount of funding is appropriated. If funding is eliminated, the program would end.

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PROGRAM: **LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COST-SHARE**

1. Describe the program, its purpose and goals.

The program's purpose and goals are to provide cost-share monies from the state Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection to landowners in Sheboygan County for the installation of Best Management Practices (BMP's) to prevent non-point source runoff and protect water quality. It is also a component of the Sheboygan County Land & Water Resources Management Plan adopted by the Sheboygan County Board in December 2004.

2. Who is the program intended to serve? How many are served?

Landowners in Sheboygan County who want to prevent non-point runoff and protect water quality. In 2008, \$71,455 was available to 25 county landowners, who contracted with the LWCD for projects ranging from barnyard runoff improvement to well decommissioning. In 2009, \$72,400 will be available.

3. Are the program benefits long-lasting and essential to the service populations?

The cost-share program aids landowners in meeting the Department of Natural Resources NR151 State Performance Standards to prevent runoff and protect water quality. Landowners who participate by contracting with the LWCD are obligated to maintain any cost-shared practice for a period of 10-15 years after installation.

4. Is this program directly or indirectly related to or does it support any other program in this department or another department? If so, how?

Yes. For example, if a landowner decides to construct an animal waste facility, they are required to obtain a County Animal Waste Management Permit. The landowner would be eligible for a cost-share grant from the program for assistance in the construction of the facility, as well as be eligible for a grant for the nutrient management plan requirement of the permit.

5. How does this program make the department or county government more effective or efficient, including any intergovernmental relationship?

This program is one of several that we have available for landowners in Sheboygan County. When staff are contacted by landowners for eligibility purposes, many times other programs from DNR or the USDA might be suggested. Additionally, if county, state or Federal permits are required for projects, landowners are directed to these agencies for compliance with applicable permits.

6. How do you determine/measure if this program has been effectively provided and implemented?

Contracting the grant dollars from DATCP to county landowners, filing annual reports for the county, DNR and DATCP, and annual county audit.

7. Could the county cost-effectively subcontract this program?

No. The cost to subcontract the program would probably be cost prohibitive, and the cost would be borne by Sheboygan County. The state will not provide assistance to Sheboygan County for subcontracting.

8. State the numerical ranking of this program compared to all discretionary programs in your department and briefly explain.

This program ranks 6th out of 10 discretionary programs.

9. Are there current alternatives to this program available in the community? Can this program be provided through alternative arrangements with other providers?

Unaware of any alternate providers. The LWCD also furnishes technical assistance to landowners participating in this program.

10. If this program were eliminated, what would be the ramifications for the County (i.e., added risk, liability or legal issues)?

County landowners would not receive financial assistance to correct or prevent runoff pollution and protect water quality.

11. What is the program impact and effectiveness related to the program cost? (Provide data if available.)

The estimated cost to administer the program including technical assistance for 2008 was \$12,000.

12. Is this program currently duplicated by another county department or provider in the community?

No

13. What adjustment or plan of action would you implement if funding is reduced?

The LWCD administers whatever cost-share grant amount is available from DATCP for county landowners.

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PROGRAM: **WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) & NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT**

1. Describe the program, its purpose and goals.

Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) is a program developed to ensure that animal operations over 1000 animal units use proper planning, construction, and manure management to protect the county's waters from adverse environmental impacts of manure contamination. The purpose of Nutrient Management planning is to enable Sheboygan County crop producers to better manage the amount, form, timing, and placement of crop nutrients and animal waste, which will minimize the entry of these nutrients into Sheboygan County's streams, lakes and groundwater. Wisconsin Administrative Code NR151 (Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions) require these and other permitted sites to have and implement a nutrient management plan.

2. Who is the program intended to serve? How many are served?

Under the WPDES part of the program we serve operators expanding to 1,000 animal units or larger. Currently, Sheboygan County has approximately seven operations that have a permit or have applied. The LWCD has assisted with these operators' applications. Under NR151, nutrient management plans are a requirement for all crop producers in Sheboygan County. However, until the state provides cost sharing grants for these landowners to develop and implement these plans, enforcement is waived. In 2007, the LWCD provided nutrient management planning assistance on 1725 acres, and in 2008 on 2663 acres as a result of county animal waste permit requirements or Federal or State cost share availability.

3. Are the program benefits long-lasting and essential to the service populations?

Sheboygan county residents reap the benefits of improved water quality. Under nutrient management and WPDES requirements landowners must comply with manure spreading plans, conduct a monitoring and inspection program, and provide annual reporting to ensure water quality standards are being met.

4. Is this program directly or indirectly related to or does it support any other program in this department or another department? If so, how?

The LWCD can provide the technical assistance and the knowledge of other programs that may assist the operation in complying with nutrient management standards or WPDES requirements.

5. How does this program make the department or county government more effective or efficient, including any intergovernmental relationship?

By realizing just about every aspect of an operation, the LWCD gains the operators' trust which can assist us with any future programs or requirements that may apply to the operator. Additionally, many

times county, state and Federal program requirements overlap, providing opportunities to share implementation requirements with other agencies.

6. How do you determine/measure if this program has been effectively provided and implemented?

Under WPDES and nutrient management requirements, effected operators must comply with program requirements and provide annual reporting to ensure that the program standards are being met. Also, relevant LWCD planning assistance documents are audited annually by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

7. Could the county cost-effectively subcontract this program?

No. Under WPDES permits, the LWCD is able to provide assistance for a fee to the operator (\$500/Plan). For nutrient management plans, sections are prepared by private sector agronomists (State Licensed) who rely on LWCD assistance for inventorying, maps, soils data, spreading restriction areas and monitoring. DATCP requires these activities be provided by the LWCD through support from state staff and program grant support.

8. State the numerical ranking of this program compared to all discretionary programs in your department and briefly explain.

This program ranks 7th out of 10 discretionary programs.

9. Are there current alternatives to this program available in the community? Can this program be provided through alternative arrangements with other providers?

No

10. If this program were eliminated, what would be the ramifications for the County (i.e., added risk, liability or legal issues)?

The LWCD could lose state staff and program support grants revenue.

11. What is the program impact and effectiveness related to the program cost? (Provide data if available.)

The WPDES and Nutrient Management Planning program is one of several the LWCD provides to landowners/operators in Sheboygan County. Estimated cost for 2008 is \$12,000.

12. Is this program currently duplicated by another county department or provider in the community?

No

13. What adjustment or plan of action would you implement if funding is reduced?

The LWCD would simply assist fewer operators.

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PROGRAM: **RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP**

1. Describe the program, its purpose and goals.

This program is really a collection of specific department activities that while very important do not individually constitute a program. It is a summary of the programs we share implementation with as partners with various units of government and private environmental organizations. Examples include the Onion River Strategic Restoration Program, Milwaukee River Wetland Assessment, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), and USDA Environmental Quality Improvement Program (EQIP).

2. Who is the program intended to serve? How many are served?

The programs serve a variety of county residents including crop and livestock producers, rural and town residents, businesses and conservation organizations. Collectively approximately 500 landowners and landusers served annually.

3. Are the program benefits long-lasting and essential to the service populations?

The programs that are administered will help to protect and improve the environment, protect habitat and increase recreational opportunities for the future.

4. Is this program directly or indirectly related to or does it support any other program in this department or another department? If so, how?

The program is indirectly related to the Planning and Resources Department. The programs partnerships help to fulfill the department's mission to provide technical and educational assistance in the management, protection and enhancement of the soil and water resources in Sheboygan County.

5. How does this program make the department or county government more effective or efficient, including any intergovernmental relationship?

The LWCD shares implementation activities for various programs mentioned above.

6. How do you determine/measure if this program has been effectively provided and implemented?

The program is successful because conservation implementation activities are getting accomplished throughout Sheboygan County.

7. Could the county cost-effectively subcontract this program?

No

- 8. State the numerical ranking of this program compared to all discretionary programs in your department and briefly explain.**

This program ranks 8th out of 10 discretionary programs.

- 9. Are there current alternatives to this program available in the community? Can this program be provided through alternative arrangements with other providers?**

Unaware of any current alternatives or providers.

- 10. If this program were eliminated, what would be the ramifications for the County (i.e., added risk, liability or legal issues)?**

Loss of this program would not add risk, liability or legal issues.

- 11. What is the program impact and effectiveness related to the program cost? (Provide data if available.)**

An estimated cost of \$35,000 for 2008 to assist local, State and Federal agencies and environmental agencies to implement environmental programs that serve crop and livestock producers, rural and town residents, businesses, municipalities.

- 12. Is this program currently duplicated by another county department or provider in the community?**

No

- 13. What adjustment or plan of action would you implement if funding is reduced?**

There would be less interaction and cooperation between all department and environmental agencies currently working together.

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SCHEDULED REVIEW DATE: **May 4, 2009**

DEPARTMENT: **Land & Water Conservation**

DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT:

Provide sound technical and educational assistance in the management, protection, and enhancement of soil and water resources to land users in Sheboygan County.

PROGRAM: **INFORMATION AND EDUCATION**

1. Describe the program, its purpose and goals.

The purpose of the program is to educate landowners, landusers and the public about sound land use management, nonpoint runoff and water quality. Components of the program include 1350 quarterly newsletters, newsletter articles, and the LWCD water quality monitoring web page. The LWCD webpage contains links to the county buffer strip pollutant reductions and photos, water quality testing data, Discovery Farms, and daily Wisconsin Great Lakes Beach health reports for our Lake Michigan Area of the county, and Water Action Volunteers Monitoring on the Milwaukee and Sheboygan River Basins.

2. Who is the program intended to serve? How many are served?

This program serves Sheboygan County residents as well as nonresidents. The LWCD newsletter reaches approximately 1350 residents in the county.

3. Are the program benefits long-lasting and essential to the service populations?

Yes as the program teaches county residents how to become better stewards of the land and improve the environment and living conditions for all county residents.

4. Is this program directly or indirectly related to or does it support any other program in this department or another department? If so, how?

The program supports LWCD programs by providing information to county landusers and landowners on various program aspects and possible requirements or regulations.

5. How does this program make the department or county government more effective or efficient, including any intergovernmental relationship?

The program serves to inform the general public about what services and programs are available, and assists in their decision making. Other relevant program information from county, state or Federal agencies can be provided as well.

6. How do you determine/measure if this program has been effectively provided and implemented?

The LWCD frequently receives feedback on our information and education programs from the public.

7. Could the county cost-effectively subcontract this program?

Yes. However, the cost to subcontract the education aspect would be cost prohibitive.

- 8. State the numerical ranking of this program compared to all discretionary programs in your department and briefly explain.**

This program ranks 9th out of 10 discretionary programs.

- 9. Are there current alternatives to this program available in the community? Can this program be provided through alternative arrangements with other providers?**

There are other organizations that offer natural resource educational programs, but the LWCD information and education program deals with specific aspects of our programs and land use.

- 10. If this program were eliminated, what would be the ramifications for the County (i.e., added risk, liability or legal issues)?**

No risk or ramifications other than the loss of natural resource protection information.

- 11. What is the program impact and effectiveness related to the program cost? (Provide data if available.)**

A very important component of any environmental educational program. Estimated cost for 2008 was \$8,700.

- 12. Is this program currently duplicated by another county department or provider in the community?**

No

- 13. What adjustment or plan of action would you implement if funding is reduced?**

The quarterly newsletter would be eliminated or available in electronic version only.

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DEPARTMENT: Land & Water Conservation

DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT:

Provide sound technical and educational assistance in the management, protection, and enhancement of soil and water resources to land users in Sheboygan County.

PROGRAM: WILDLIFE DAMAGE & ABATEMENT

1. Describe the program, its purpose and goals.

Program provides abatement assistance and compensation to landowners who experience substantial damage to agricultural crops from deer, geese and turkey. Abatement measures include temporary and permanent fencing for high value agricultural crops, deer shooting permits to curtail crop damage in heavily deer populated areas, and scare and explosive devices. Includes the deer donation program, where every fall during the bow and gun deer hunting season hunters donate harvested deer for ground venison, which is donated to county food pantries. Processors are reimbursed for venison processing. All program costs including staff costs are reimbursed by the DNR.

2. Who is the program intended to serve? How many are served?

Any landowner in Sheboygan County experiencing damage to agricultural crops by deer, geese and turkey are eligible to participate. Program requirements include public hunting access for enrolled property and a claim deduction of \$250/claim. In 2008, over 30 landowners/businesses participated with damage claims, shooting permits or abatement assistance from the Towns of Wilson, Greenbush, Mosel, Holland, Scott, Plymouth, Sherman, Lyndon, Rhine and Sheboygan Falls. In 2008 hunters donated 53 deer for area food pantries.

3. Are the program benefits long-lasting and essential to the service populations?

Wildlife crop damage abatement and damage claims are essential for landowners who experience substantial agricultural crop damage by deer, geese and turkey. Individual landowner damage claims in Sheboygan County have surpassed \$5,000 per year.

4. Is this program directly or indirectly related to or does it support any other program in this department or another department? If so, how?

No

5. How does this program make the department or county government more effective or efficient, including any intergovernmental relationship?

Wildlife damage program participants are typically participating in other conservation and environmental programs administered by the LWCD, DNR, or other State or Federal Agencies. When in contact with damage participants other conservation programs are addressed. The LWCD works closely with the DNR Wildlife Bureau in Plymouth and Madison, and USDA Animal Plant Inspection Service.

- 6. How do you determine/measure if this program has been effectively provided and implemented?**
Sheboygan County implements the Wildlife Damage Program very effectively. Landowners who participate in the program have repeatedly told the LWCD of their satisfaction with the LWCD.
- 7. Could the county cost-effectively subcontract this program?**
No. Should Sheboygan County elect to discontinue administering the program, DNR in all likelihood would contract with USDA Animal Plant Inspection Service located in Waupun, Wisconsin.
- 8. State the numerical ranking of this program compared to all discretionary programs in your department and briefly explain.**
This program ranks 10th out of 10 discretionary programs.
- 9. Are there current alternatives to this program available in the community? Can this program be provided through alternative arrangements with other providers?**
As stated in question number 7, this program could be provided by USDA Animal Plant Inspection Service.
- 10. If this program were eliminated, what would be the ramifications for the County (i.e., added risk, liability or legal issues)?**
Unless provided by another provider, landowners in Sheboygan County would not be able to recoup crop damage losses and abatement assistance caused by deer, geese and turkeys.
- 11. What is the program impact and effectiveness related to the program cost? (Provide data if available.)**
The State of Wisconsin (DNR) provides 100% of program costs to Sheboygan County to administer the program.
- 12. Is this program currently duplicated by another county department or provider in the community?**
No
- 13. What adjustment or plan of action would you implement if funding is reduced?**
If the State of Wisconsin elected to reduce or eliminate funding to Sheboygan County to implement, we would probably elect not to administer the program.