



**Kenosha County Land & Water Conservation Committee
Agenda**

Kenosha County Center, Planning & Development Conference Room
Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held by the Land & Water Conservation Committee on **Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**, at the Kenosha County Center, Planning & Development Conference Room, 19600 75th Street, Bristol, Wisconsin on the following requests:

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
2. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**
3. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11TH, 2026 LWCC MEETING MINUTES**
4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2027 SOIL & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GRANT**

Documents:

[KENOSHA COUNTY_DARM-BLWR-011 \(1\) \(002\).PDF](#)

5. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2026 SWRM ANNUAL WORK PLAN**

Documents:

[KENOSHA COUNTY ANNUAL WORK PLAN 232026.PDF](#)

6. **CHAIRMAN/COMMITTEE MEMBERS/STAFF COMMENTS**
7. **NEXT LWCC MEETING DATE AND TIME**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**



JOINT DATCP/DNR NONPOINT SOURCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2027

1. Read the request for proposal document before completing this application.
2. Complete all yellow-highlighted items in the combined application and Table 1.
3. Sign the completed application electronically
4. Submit the signed Excel spreadsheet to: datcpswrn@wisconsin.gov
5. **April 15, 2026** is the deadline for submission of this grant application.

Kenosha	county, through its authorized representative, is applying for annual grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) awarded under s. 92.14, Wis. Stats., and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) awarded under ss. 281.65 and 281.66, Wis. Stats. By signing and dating a completed application, the authorized representative certifies that (i) the Land Conservation Committee (LCC) or other committee designated under s. 92.06(1), Wis. Stats., has authorized the representative to submit this application; (ii) the county has submitted an Annual Report and Annual Work Plan, and has complied with other grant requirements including ATCP s. 50.20, Wis. Admin. Code; and (iii) the information provided in this application (including Table 1) is true, complete and accurate to the best of his or her knowledge. (s. 92.14, Wis. Stats.) This is a mandatory form for applying for grant funds. Any personally identifiable information, as defined under s. 19.62(5), Wis. Stats., requested on this form may be used for purposes other than that for which it is originally being collected (s. 15.04(1)(m), Wis. Stats.). Confidentiality of this information will be maintained to the extent authorized by law.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE LCC CHAIR OR OTHER TITLE DATE

The authorized representative may sign this application electronically by typing his or her name in the space provided for a signature, and inserting the person's title and the date. An electronic signature has the same force and effect, pursuant to chapter 137 of the Wisconsin statutes, as a non-electronic signature.

NOTICE: This application does not represent a commitment by DATCP or DNR to provide funding for any grant category at any specific level. If grant funds are awarded, the county must agree to comply with any resulting terms including those specified in a grant contract.

SECTION I. STAFFING/PLANNING GRANTS		Amount Requested of DATCP	Amount Requested of DNR
1	Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) Tier 1		
	A. Base Funding \$75,000 is automatically entered.	\$ 75,000.00	
2	SWRM Tier 2		
	A. Funding for three positions Automatically enters amounts from Table 1, column F, for first three positions		
	Amount from Table 1, column F		
	i. First (100%) position	\$102,330	\$ 102,330.00
	ii. Second (70%) position	\$53,974	\$ 37,782.00
	iii. Third (50%) position	\$29,586	\$ 14,793.00
	B. Funding for subsequent positions Automatically enters amount from Table 1, column G		
	iv. Fourth & more (50%) positions	\$0	\$ -
3	Urban NPS & Storm Water Management - Planning Projects (Complete separate application available on DNR website)		
TOTAL STAFFING REQUESTS ▶		\$ 154,905.00	

SECTION II. COST-SHARING GRANTS	Amount Requested of DATCP	Amount Requested of DNR
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1	Land and Water Resource Mgmt. (LWRM) Plan Implementation: Structural Funds		\$	30,000.00	
2	LWRM Plan Implementation: SEG Funds		\$	10,000.00	
3	Nutrient Management Programming in County (enter "yes" if True)			2	
	We employ a staff agronomist				
	We employ a nutrient management specialist				
	NM planning and implementation strategy are in our 2026 Workplan	Yes			
	We support NUE/MRTN projects in the county through grant funds or education.				
	We have programming to support outreach and education regarding NM planning, soil testing, plan renewal, soil health.	Yes			
	Other				
4	Targeted Runoff Management Projects (Complete separate application available on DNR website)				
5	Urban NPS & Storm Water Management - Construction Projects (Complete separate application on DNR website)				
TOTAL COST-SHARING REQUESTS ►			\$	40,000.00	



SECTION III. FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATCP REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1 Financial Report of County LCD Expenditures for 2025

- A. Enter the total amount of all county LCD expenditures in 2025 from all funding sources. \$ 257,940.09
- B. Enter the amount of expenditures in 2025 from all non-county sources. \$ 186,042.59
 (Of the total expenditure listed in line 1A., enter the amount funded using non-county sources, which may include grants, shared revenue, and other funds from sources external to the county.
 NOTE: Line 1B. plus line 1C. equals line 1A.)
- C. Amount of county source funding expended in 2025 \$ 71,897.50
 (County source funding may include county levies, fees, permits, tree sales, or other funds generated by the county. This amount is used to determine fulfillment of maintenance of effort requirements).
- D. Enter the amount of salary and fringe benefits paid using county source funding. \$ 35,869.00
 (NOTE: LINE 1D. CANNOT EXCEED LINE 1C.)

2 Funding for 2025 Staff (FTE,LTE,IC)

Enter the total number of 2025 staff funded by each of the following categories:

County	DATCP SWRM	All Other	*TOTAL 2025 Staff
0.49	1.17		1.66

*Total 2025 staff should be equal to the sum of FTE, LTE and IC staff listed in Table 1.

3 2026 Work Plan

Each county must submit a current work plan that describes activities planned for 2026. Submissions must comply with the requirements identified by DATCP in separate communications.

Work plans should be emailed by no later than April 15, 2026 to Jennifer.Chakravorty@wisconsin.gov. Grant applications will not be processed if work plans are not submitted, are incomplete, or fail to meet DATCP requirements.

4 2025 Annual Report

Reminder : To be eligible for 2027 funding, counties must electronically complete a 2025 Annual Report, which DATCP is requesting that counties submit by March 15, 2026.



TABLE 1

DATCP 2027 STAFF APPLICATION DATA FOR		Kenosha		COUNTY				
COUNTY LCD STAFF POSITION INFORMATION FOR 2025								
Column A	Column B		Column C ~	Column D ~	Column E ~	Column F ~	Column G ~	
Position Number	Position Title	Status		Salary or Fee	Fringe (for employees - county contribution only)	% Time spent on conservation activities (see instructions)	Total eligible staffing costs (C+D) x E (Rounded to the nearest dollar)	This is the sum of the 4th and subsequent positions.
		Limited (LTE), Permanent (FTE), Independent Contractor (IC)	If not currently hired or retained*, insert expected fill date					
1	A	FTE		\$74,561.00	\$27,769.00	100.00%	\$102,330.00	
2	A	FTE		\$120,067.00	\$43,492.00	33.00%	\$53,974.00	
3	B	FTE		\$55,870.00	\$33,785.00	33.00%	\$29,586.00	
4							\$0.00	\$0.00
5							\$0.00	
6							\$0.00	
7							\$0.00	
8							\$0.00	
9							\$0.00	
10							\$0.00	
11							\$0.00	
12							\$0.00	
13							\$0.00	
14							\$0.00	
15							\$0.00	
16							\$0.00	
17							\$0.00	
18							\$0.00	
19							\$0.00	
20							\$0.00	
TOTAL							\$185,890.00	

By submitting a completed table with the joint grant application, the authorized county representative certifies that the information in this table is true, complete, and accurate.

~ Complete Columns A to E (highlighted in yellow) according to the instructions including provisions related to eligibility for claiming a person as position number 1, and the treatment of new or vacant positions.

* Must attach evidence showing that the county has taken action (e.g. posting of position), consistent with an intent to rehire or fill a new position. When filling vacant positions, salary cannot exceed rates paid for equivalent classification and benefits must be based on standard percentage used in county. Fees must be based on past payments made to contractors.

and benefits for positions hired during the year.

POSITION TITLES (Insert the letter A-E in column A that best describes position title of employee)

- A = **Department Head**: County Conservationsist; Director; Administrator; Supervisor; Manager; Conservation Coordinator
- B = **Administrative Support** (Not eligible for first position): Clerk; Secretary; Admin. Assistant; GIS Specialist; Computer Programmer; Office Manager; Typist
- C = **Technician**: Project Manager/Coordinator; Specialist; Engineering Technician; Agronomist; Planner; Conservationist; Forester
- D = **Engineer**: Environmental; Project; Civil; Conservation
- E = **Information & Education** (Not eligible for first position): Education Coordinator; PR Representative



2027 SEG Innovation Grant Application (Optional)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Grant Applicant(s)

Lead Contact Name E-Mail Phone Number

Mailing Address for Entity to be Paid City State Zip

Application Type COUNTY MULTI-PARTY

Proposal Title

Amount Requested \$

Budget Attached?

Workplan/Timeline Attached?

Has Proposal Been Discussed with DATCP Staff?
 YES NO NOT APPLICABLE

Name

PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

Please describe your proposed project. Maximum of 300 words.

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

Provide expected project outcomes, including nutrient load reductions, new partnerships or working agreements, goals for number of farmers or number of acres impacted, outcome of any support services provided, etc. List any anticipated deliverables from the project.

OUTREACH and EDUCATION

Please describe how you plan to promote the project to landowners, if applicable.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please provide any additional details about your proposal that will help reviewers assess the need and merit. This could include, but is not limited to:

Additional descriptions or detail to support your proposal, including a description of partnerships with other agencies, agricultural or environmental groups or agricultural professionals to strengthen and leverage your efforts (ex. Implement dealers, crop consultants, UW-Extension agents, etc.) (Maximum 1 additional page)

Letters of support for the project are welcome (no more than two as attachments to email)



Budget Form			
Project Expenditures (Required)	Practices (if applicable)	Number (if applicable)	Budgeted amount (required)
Incentive Payments			
Supplies and Materials			
Equipment Rental			
Public Information			
Support/Training Services			
Other (please list)			
Other (please list)			
Other (please list)			
Other (please list)			
Total		0	\$ -

Conservation Activity	Workplan / Timeline Deliverables	Workplan / Timeline			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<i>Example: Cost-Share NM Plans</i>	<i>1000 acres / 4 farmers</i>	x			

Recommended Land & Water Resource Management Implementation Activities

The recommended goals, workplan objectives, and planned implementation actions are presented in detail below. Staffing hours are based on a 3,236 working staff hours (1.66 FTE).

Goal	Objective	Recommended Actions / Activities	Approx Staffing Hours- 11% 356 hrs		Evaluation Measurements
<i>Protect, Enhance, and Create Wetland and Woodland Areas</i>	Minimize developmental impacts to wetlands and woodlands.	Review and enforce ordinances and rules as necessary to protect wetland and woodland areas.	7.8%	252 hours	# of Shoreland and Floodplain Zoning permits issued.
		Continue implementation of Construction Site Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Ordinance for protective areas such as wetlands. Issue approx. 5-10 Erosion Control and Stormwater Mgt permits annually.			# hours spent on activity
		Coordinate with responsible authorities to report potential wetland violations.			# of violations investigated
	Utilize most current information and tools for the identification of wetland and woodland areas for protection or enhancement.	Coordinate with responsible authorities to identify and verify existing or potential wetlands for protection or enhancement using WI DNR SWDV, SEWRPC Interactive Data Viewer, Kenosha County Interactive GIS, and other tools.	1%	32 hours	# of landowner contacts regarding wetlands.
	Coordinate with conservation partners to provide technical and financial assistance through programs for wetland and woodland habitats.	Coordinate with conservation partners to search out and apply for grants that offer financial and technical assistance to landowners for the restoration and enhancement of wetland and woodland habitats.	1%	39 hours	# acres of wetlands restored
	Continue tree sale program to provide trees for the establishment or enhancement of woodlands areas.	Administer annual tree and shrub sale. Sell approx. 14,000 trees Annually.	1%	32 hours	# of trees sold

Goal	Objective	Recommended Actions	Approx Staffing Hours- 48% 1553 hrs		Evaluation Measurements
Reduce soil erosion and nutrient runoff from cropland and improve overall soil health in the county	Utilize existing data or modeling tools to focus outreach efforts that reduce soil and nutrient runoff	Utilize DNR TMDL information to prioritize outreach and conservation efforts in the highest loading watersheds in the Fox-Illinois & Des Plaines TMDL Basin area of the county. Highest loading watersheds.	2%	64 hours	# of watersheds modeled
		Coordinate with WDNR to run EVAAL, PLET or other modeling tools for prioritizing and pollutant reduction assessments.			# of CSA's
	Provide cost share and technical assistance to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff from cropland	Continue to apply for and administer annual Wisconsin Soil and Water resource Management Grant to provide staff and cost share funding assistance for soil and water conservation practices.	38%	1228 hours	# hours spent on activity
		Apply for and administer WI DNR Multi-Discharger Variance Funding for the Fox-Illinois & Des Plaines Basins			# Contacts made to farmers and landowners about land & water conservation programming
		Provide technical and financial assistance to landowners and farmers in the Fox-Illinois & Des Plaines Basins of Kenosha County for the adoption of soil health conservation practices that reduce sediment and phosphorus loading.			# of farms and cropland acres in compliance with performance standards
		Cost share approximately 3,000 acres of nutrient management plans.			# Acres of NMP's
		Search out and apply for grants to provide technical and cost share funding for conservation practices that reduce sediment and nutrient runoff.			
	Provide Technical and Financial assistance for the Implementation of NR151 Agricultural Performance Standards	Provide technical and cost share assistance to farmers for compliance with NR 151 Ag Performance Standards. Approximately 5% of cropland and livestock owners annually based on priority farm strategy.	4%	129 hours	# lbs of sediment reduced (using any approved method)
		Track NR151 compliance for reporting implementation progress.			# lbs of P reduced (using any approved method)
	Provide support for implementation of 9-Key Element Watershed Plan Recommendations to reduce soil and nutrient runoff	Coordinate with conservation partners to implement recommendations identified in the Root-Pike Watershed 9-key Element Plan.	2%	64 hours	# KCRP meeting attended
		Coordinate with conservation partners to implement recommendations identified in the North Mill Creek – Dutch Gap Canal 9-key Element Plan.			
	Collaborate with Kenosha County Regenerative Producers (KCRP) to promote practices that conserve soil and improve overall soil health in the county.	Attend and provide support at KCRP meetings and field days.	2%	64 hours	
	Provide information to farmers for KCRP initiatives, programs and cost-share opportunities				

Goal	Objective	Recommended Actions	Approx Staffing Hours- 27% 874 hrs		Evaluation Measurements
Educate the public and decision makers about the land & water resources in the county	Coordinate outreach efforts that reduce soil and nutrient runoff.	Utilize DNR TMDL information to prioritize outreach and conservation efforts in the highest loading watersheds in the Fox-Illinois & Des Plaines TMDL Basin area of the county.	0.5%	16 hours	# Contacts made to farmers and landowners about land & water conservation programming
	Provide outreach and education to farmers and landowners for the Implementation of NR151 Agricultural Performance Standards.	Meet with landowners and famers to evaluate their status for NR151 Ag Performance Standards and make recommendations for compliance. Approximately 5% of cropland and livestock owners annually based on priority farm strategy.	20%	648 hours	# hours spent on activity
		Provide information via direct mailings, newsletters, fact sheets, webpage, workshops etc. Approximately 5% of cropland and livestock owners annually based on priority farm strategy.			# NR151 landowner evaluations
		Coordinate an annual workshop to promote the adoption of nutrient management in the county.			# of informational mailings for NR151
	Inform and educate County Land and Water Conservation Committee about conservation activities and emerging issues.	Coordinate LWCC meetings. Average of 6 meeting per year	2%	65 hours	# of workshops held
	Enhance the general public's appreciation and involvement in natural resource protection and restoration.	Provide timely updates and information about conservation programs and opportunities to the public via social media outlets.	2.2%	84 hours	# of LCC meetings
		Present information to local levels of government about the status of natural resources and opportunities or concerns in their jurisdictions.			
		Maintain an up-to-date County land and water conservation website devoted to conservation programs, technical services, and cost-shared practices, with links to other sources of information.			
		Use various forms of media and social to deliver environmental information and programming.			
		Provide I&E at display booths at events such as county and lake fairs.			
Coordinate with conservation partners to provide outreach and education to promote the benefits and protection of wetlands and woodlands.	Provide educational handouts and other literature that explains the importance of wetlands and how to better protect them.	1%	39 hours		
Promote learning strategies for environmental education among our youth.	Participate in the State of Wisconsin Environmental Poster Contest.	0.4%	13 hours		
Provide outreach programs to developers, engineers, landscapers, local officials, and work groups that will increase awareness of stormwater pollution impacts	Provide educational information about stormwater management on the county website.	1%	29 hours		
	Provide information and education to homeowners on pet waste, leaf and grass clipping disposal, lawn fertilization techniques, and the problems associated with dumping chemicals directly into storm sewers.				

Goal	Objective	Recommended Actions	Approx Staff Hours-13% 421 hrs		Evaluation Measurements
Maximize conservation opportunities along riparian and floodplain areas to improve water quality and wildlife habitat	Complete work on the South Branch Pike River Restoration Project with US-ACoE.	Acquire properties and complete stream realignment with US-ACoE and conservation partners.	2%	65 hours	# Contacts made with riparian landowners
	Coordinate with conservation partners to provide information, programing and technical assistance to landowners for the establishment shoreland buffers in the county.	Partner with lake districts and associations on shoreline protection and restoration demonstration projects.	1%	32 hours	# hours spent on activity
	Coordinate with conservation partners to provide information, programing and technical assistance to landowners for the protection of streambanks and shoreline areas	Continue to support mission of the of Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission in cooperation with FRC, Racine and Waukesha Counties, and local municipalities.	1.2%	39 hours	# lbs of sediment reduced (using any approved method)
	Protect critical shoreland and floodplain areas in the county	Implement and Enforce Kenosha County Ordinance Chapter 14 Shoreland/Floodplain Zoning Ordinance	Provide information to riparian property owners and other stakeholders about the benefits of riparian buffers and shoreland protection alternatives. Provide support for the protection and enhancement of streambank and floodplain along the Fox River adjacent to CTH W	8.8%	285 Hours
Provide information to riparian property owners and other stakeholders about the benefits of riparian buffers and shoreland protection alternatives.					
Provide support for the protection and enhancement of streambank and floodplain along the Fox River adjacent to CTH W					

Goal	Objective	Recommended Actions	Approx Staff Hours- 1% 26 hrs		Evaluation Measurements
Prevent the spread of non-native invasive species	Collaborate with conservation partners on program opportunities to identify and control non-native invasive species	Participate in the annual Snapshot Day to assist with monitoring and identification of new potential AIS infestations.	0.4%	13 hours	# Hours spent conducting monitoring
		Assist invasive species coordinators, civic organizations, and DNR with mapping populations of invasive plant species.	0.4%	13 hours	# Public inquiries responded to # Outreach events attended/presented

Goal	Objective	Recommended Actions	Approx Annual Staff Hours- 1% / 32 hrs		Evaluation Measurements
Promote the protection of Lake Michigan Bluffs	Coordinate with conservation partners and agencies to provide resources to educate coastal property owners about how they can preserve their property along bluffs.	Provide information and resources on the county website.	0.25%	8 hours	# Contacts made with riparian landowners
		Coordinate with Federal, State and local municipalities to understand potential impacts to local bluffs along Lake Michigan.	0.75%	24 hours	# hours spent providing technical assistance.

NOTES:

All goals are in priority order from highest to lowest.

Workplan objectives for each goal may of equal priority listed.

Staff hours per goal and objectives is listed for a maximum of 3,236 (1.66 FTE) annual work hours.

Table 2: Planned activity related to permits and ordinances

Permits and ordinances	Plans/application reviews anticipated	Permits anticipated to be issued
Feedlot permits	N/A	
Manure storage construction and transfer systems	N/A	
Manure storage closure	N/A	
Livestock facility siting	N/A	
Nonmetallic/frac sand mining	N/A	
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	10	10
Shoreland zoning	5	5
Wetlands and waterways (Ch. 30)	N/A	
Other	N/A	

Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned
Total farm inspections	
For FPP	<i>N/A</i>
For NR 151	<i>5% of cropland and livestock Farms</i>
Animal waste ordinance	<i>N/A</i>
Livestock facility siting	<i>N/A</i>
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	<i>N/A</i>
Nonmetallic mining	<i>N/A</i>

Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

Activity	Number
Tours	<i>N/A</i>
Field days	<i>N/A</i>
Trainings/workshops	1
School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	<i>N/A</i>
Newsletters	1
Social media posts	2
News release/story	1

Table 5: Staff hours and expected costs (staff can be combined or listed individually)

Staff/Support	Hours <i>(2080 hours is full time)</i>	Costs
<i>County Conservationist</i>	<i>2080</i>	<i>\$</i>
<i>Planning and Development Dir</i>	<i>686</i>	<i>\$</i>
<i>Office Assistant</i>	<i>686</i>	<i>\$</i>
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
<i>SWRM Structural grant</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>SWRM SEG grant</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>MDV funding</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$15,500</i>