

Town of Dunn

Official 2019 Spring Newsletter

Views From the Chair

By Ed Minihan, Town Chair

The Sandhill Cranes have returned. They are a little later than usual, but that just indicates they have good sense. After 12 to 15 million years of existence, they have learned a lot about their environment. Our species has not been around all that long, so we need to catch up with them. With the Vernal Equinox, we will see many more cranes returning to Wisconsin. The Equinox will also see farmers getting ready for the Spring planting and all the effort that it requires.

We are very fortunate to have several Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) operations in our Town. We also have farms that sell products from the farmstead or at farmers markets. Farming is a unique enterprise in many ways. One of the most important is it is a seasonal operation in Wisconsin with a comparatively short growing season. Farming operations have to buy seed, plants, and other products well before the return on investment occurs several months later. Most farms borrow money in order to make the required investment in their next crop. CSAs use the funds obtained from purchased shares to purchase the necessary goods for the growing season.

As more and more families shrink in size we have more difficulty using six heads of cauliflower that came in our CSA box that week. Thus, CSAs have adapted to this change. CSAs have implemented what amounts to a debit card which can be used at their farmstead or their stands at farmers markets. It works the same way shares work in that the money is paid up front. It means that if there are enough shares and debit card revenue, a bank loan will not be needed, saving everyone money.

If you buy a share and/or debit card from CSAs: you are the bank, you are the investor. We might think of this as helping farmers but that is not only the case - this is a business deal. In the Town of Dunn, farms are small business operations, with all the issues that running a small business entails. Investing in farm operations is a smart thing to do, for you, the farmer, and the community. My spouse and I fall into the demographic with the quandary of the excess cauliflower. With the advent of the debit card approach to investment, as soon as this article is finished, we will be investing in three of the Town's CSAs and we will continue to buy other products from Dunn farmers at markets and from farmsteads. It is not just the right thing to do - it is a smart investment. Show your business acumen - sign up!



Photo from Blue Moon Community Farm

Town of Dunn Annual Meeting April 16th, 2019 7 PM

- I. Announcements
 - A. Announcements by Chair Minihan
 - B. Donations, if any.
- II. Minutes – Approve minutes of the November 13, 2018 and January 15, 2019 Special Town Meetings
- III. Business
 - A. Land Trust Report
 - B. Plan Commission Report
 - C. Parks Commission Report
 - D. Tree Board Report
 - E. Building Inspector Report
 - F. Police Report
 - G. Cemetery Report
- IV. Financial Reports
 - A. Sanitary Districts
 - B. Treasurer's Report - Review of 2018 Audit
- V. New Business
 - A. Any new business from the floor allowed under Wis. Stats. Ch 60.10.
 - B. Storm water management education as required by Section 216.07(2) of State Admin. Code.
 - C. Noxious Weed Notice
 - D. Schedule next meeting

Early Voting at the Town Hall

Stop by to vote early by absentee ballot or to register in advance of Election Day. Wait times for early voting are minimal. Voters with limited mobility or other concerns may request curbside voting during the early voting hours and on Election Day. Curbside voters have a ballot brought to their car so they do not have to come into the Town Hall. Please call ahead for curbside options.

Early Voting Hours

| Dates | Days | Times | What |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| March 11th - 28th | Monday - Friday | 8am - 4pm | Early Voting & Registration |
| March 29th | Friday | 8am - 5pm | Early Voting & Registration |

Early voting also available by appointment outside of normal business hours. Please call (608) 838-1081 to schedule an appointment. Registration is available at the polls on Election Day, 4/2. Visit myvote.wi.gov/en-us/ for helpful information about what is on the ballot, where to vote, voter history, and voter registration.

Election Day - Polls are open Tuesday, April 2nd from 7AM to 8PM.

Storm Water Best Management Practices Start at Home

The following article is an edited version from University of Illinois Extension. Visit Extension.illinois.edu/lcr/stormwater.cfm for more information.

No matter where a person lives, they live in a watershed and their individual actions affect everyone downstream. A watershed is simply an area of land that drains to a specific point of water, whether it is a lake, stream, river, or ocean. All watersheds are interrelated since smaller ones feed into larger ones which ultimately drain into the ocean.

Storm water runoff is the rain and melting snow that flows off streets, rooftops, lawns, parking lots, open fields, and other exposed areas. The runoff carries with it whatever can be dislodged from the various sites, such as salt, soil, leaves, pesticides, fertilizers, oil, gasoline, and any other materials present on the surface. This makes preventing contamination more important as well as more difficult. As land is developed, much of the surface is paved or roofed, creating potential for more runoff. The water from developed areas often contains contaminants which can damage water and make it unfit for human consumption and wildlife habitat. Both situations can be costly to correct. Prevention is more effective and efficient.

Reducing the quantity and improving the quality of storm water runoff in a community can start with individual homeowners. Some storm water BMPs can be implemented when first planning and building a home and designing the landscape. Others can be incorporated into day-to-day activities.

Many of these best management practices may seem rather simple or small, but the cumulative effect throughout an entire watershed can significantly contribute to improved storm water management.

Day to Day BMPs

- Store oil, gasoline, antifreeze, and other automotive products tightly sealed and avoid leaky containers.
- Drain downspouts onto grassy areas.
- Avoid overuse of pesticides and fertilizers - use only the amount needed and apply only when necessary onto targeted areas.
- Follow recommended watering practices. Avoid excess watering and don't sprinkle water onto paved areas.
- Clean up hazardous materials, oil, and other vehicle fluid spills or drips promptly and properly.
- Mulch grass clippings and leave them on the lawn (not on the street) for natural fertility.
- Collect water from downspouts for use around the home.
- Wash vehicles at a commercial car wash or a non-paved surface.

Construction Phase BMPs

- Consider alternatives to concrete or asphalt-paved surfaces such as more porous surfaces like brick, gravel, wood chips, stone slab, or geo-textile materials. If areas must be paved, keep it to a minimum and direct runoff onto grassy areas.
- Construct the landscape topography to facilitate water holding and infiltration (use low areas for rain gardens, terrace to slow water runoff, or construct small wetlands.)
- Use natural plantings in the landscape that are deeper-rooted than turfgrass and thus allows for more water infiltration.
- If near a water source, plant buffer strips of natural vegetation and woody plants to slow runoff.
- Mulch and plant exposed soil as soon as possible after construction. Use sediment barriers when necessary.
- Avoid excessive soil compaction and disturbance to the lot as compaction impedes water infiltration.
- Avoid hooking downspouts directly onto paved surfaces.

Rain Gardens Reduce Runoff

Rain gardens, small, shallow areas filled with beautiful native plants, reduce polluted runoff from entering Wisconsin's waters. Creating a rain garden is a great way for homeowners, schools, businesses, churches, and other organizations to help protect our lakes and streams. Rain garden plants capture 30% more water than a regular lawn and filter that water into the ground. This reduces the amount of water entering our waterways which may contain household fertilizers, pesticides, oils, and other contaminants coming from our roofs, lawns, driveways, or parking lots. Rain gardens are also a delight to view and are a nice place for birds and butterflies.

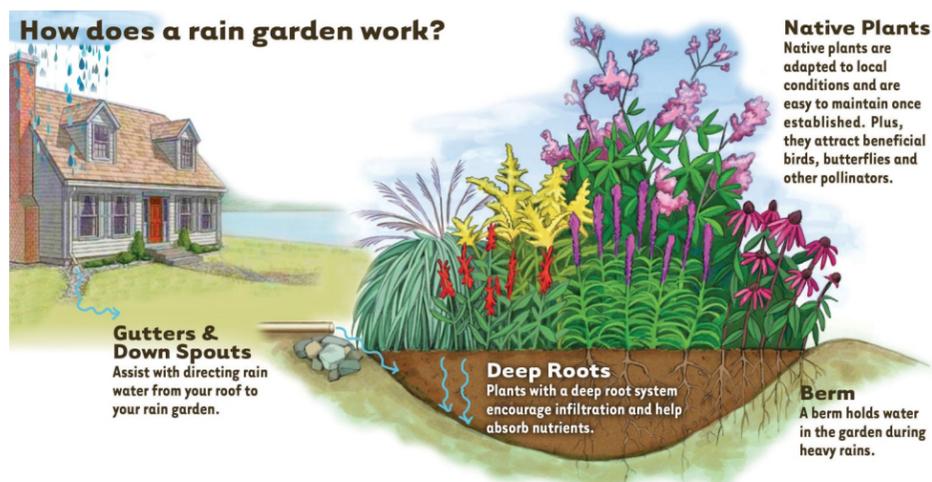


Photo from www.sloatgardens.com/. Information from WDNr. For more information, visit dnr.wi.gov/topic/Stormwater/documents/RainGardenManual.pdf

Preparation of Recyclables

Improperly prepared recyclables will not be picked up, effective 4/1/2019. The driver will leave a notification sticker on the cart.

The standard for residents with extra recyclables that do not fit in their recycling cart is to place extra recycling in clear, plastic bags (up to 32 gallons and no more than 50 pounds) and place the bags next to their recycling cart. This includes cutting down cardboard boxes to fit in those bags (not bundled, not placed in a bigger box). Pellitteri has been accepting extra recycling that does not conform to the standard but will NO longer do so, effective 4/1/2019. Enforcement of the proper preparation has become necessary due to the following industry changes:

- There has been a large increase in the amount of cardboard and paper that residents produce due to online shopping. Meanwhile, the markets for cardboard and paper recycling have been struggling. Placing extra recyclables in clear plastic bags ensures the material stays dry and recyclable. When cardboard gets saturated it causes it to not sort properly at the Material Recovery Facility, possibly leading it to end up in the trash. Wet material also downgrades the quality of the cardboard, which reduces the value of the cardboard and increases the cost of recycling.
- The spike in recycling has resulted in a large increase of required service time. Proper preparation allows Pellitteri to conform to the federal requirements for hours of service for drivers.
- A good portion of Pellitteri's residential truck fleet has been updated with side-loading systems. This system greatly reduces the issue of wind-blown materials. With the side-loading trucks, they must reload the recycling cart with the additional materials in order to dump the cart again. Therefore if the material is too big to be reloaded into the cart, it cannot be picked up.

Book of Poems

Wild Plums is available at the
Town Hall for a suggested
donation of \$10.

By: John Herm,
Town of Dunn Poet Laureate



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John Herm

10 Reasons to Buy Local

Article from uvm.edu/vtvegandberry/factsheets/buylocal.html

One. Locally grown food tastes and looks better as crops are picked at their peak. Often, livestock products are processed in nearby facilities where the farmer has a direct relationship with processors, unlike animals processed in large industrial facilities.

Two. Local food is better for you. The shorter the time between the farm and your table, the less likely it is that nutrients will be lost. Food imported from far away is older and has traveled on trucks or planes, and sat in warehouses before it gets to you.

Three. Local food builds community. When you buy direct from a farmer, you're engaging in a time-honored connection between eater and grower.

Four. Local food preserves genetic diversity. Often, in agriculture, plant varieties are chosen for their ability to ripen uniformly, withstand harvesting, survive packing and last on the shelf,

which equates to limited genetic diversity in large-scale production. Smaller local farms, in contrast, often grow many different varieties of crops to provide a long harvest season and an array of colors and flavors.

Five. There's a unique kind of assurance that comes from looking a farmer in the eye at farmers' market or driving by the fields where your food comes from.

Six. Local food supports local families. The wholesale prices that farmers get for their products are low, often near the cost of production. Local farmers who sell direct to consumers cut out the middleman and get retail price for their food - which helps farm families stay on the land.

Seven. Local food preserves open space. When farmers get paid for their products by marketing locally, they're less likely to sell farmland for development.

Eight. Local food keeps taxes down. According to several studies by the American Farmland Trust, farms contribute more in taxes than what they require in services, whereas most development contributes less in taxes than the cost of required services. Cows don't go to school, tomatoes don't dial 911.

Nine. Local food benefits the environment and wildlife. Buying locally reduces the reliance on fossil fuels to produce, package, distribute and store food. Well-managed farms provide ecosystem services such as conserving fertile soils and sequestering carbon from the atmosphere. The farm environment is a patchwork of fields, meadows, woods, and ponds that provide habitat for wildlife.

Ten. Local food is an investment in the future. By supporting local farmers today, you are helping to ensure that there will be farms tomorrow.

Want to Buy Local? Visit these Town of Dunn Producers

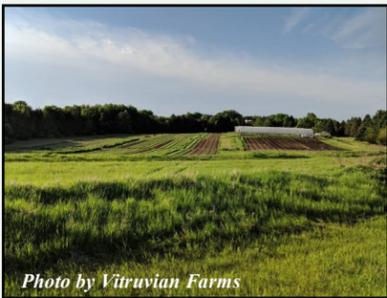


Photo by Vitruvian Farms

Vitruvian Farms

Sells a variety of produce. For more information visit vitruvianfarms.com

Bee Barf Honey

Sells honey. For info, email beebarfhoney@yahoo.com



Photo by Kelsey Shepperd



Photo by Highland Spring Farm

Highland Spring Farm

Sells pasture grazed beef, pork, chicken, and eggs. Visit highlandspringfarm.com for more information.

Blue Moon Community Farm

Sells a variety of produce. For more information, visit bluemooncommunityfarm.com



Photo by Blue Moon Community Farm



Photo by Parisi Family Farm

Parisi Family Farm

Sells produce, eggs, and soaps.

For more information, visit csacoalition.org/farms/Parisi-family-farm

Cider House of Wisconsin

Sells juices and hard ciders. Visit ciderwis.com for more information.



Photo by Cider House of Wisconsin



Photo by One Seed Farm

One Seed Farm

Sells produce, chickens, and eggs. Visit oneseedfarm.com for more information.

Kopke's Greenhouse

Sells plants. For more information visit kopkesgreenhouse.com



Photo by Kopke's Greenhouse

Town of Dunn Urban Forestry News

What a wild ride this winter has been, the snow, the ice and the cold ... record breaking COLD. There has been a lot of media hype regarding the cold temperatures we had this winter and its potential effect on the survival of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Extremely cold temperature will kill some of the EAB larvae but not all of them. Bill McNee, WI DNR Forest Health Specialist, stated in an article in the *Wisconsin Forestry News*, "the insulating properties of tree bark keep the larvae warmer than the outdoor air temperature, and wind chills do not affect the larvae because they are sheltered. The pest is also adapted to subzero temperature based on its native range in eastern Asia where cold winters are common." The EAB population can rebound quickly even if there is a 50% larvae mortality due to each female being able to lay as many as 200 eggs.



Photo by Bill McNee, WDNR

So what does all of this mean? The simple answer is to continue managing for EAB by insecticide treatment of high-value ash trees, removing infested trees, planting non-ash tree species, and help slow the spread of EAB by knowing and following the firewood rules in Wisconsin.

Additional information about EAB, insecticide treatments and management can be found online at www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov.

Town of Dunn's Certified Arborist

Hardy Krueger, in Town's Public Works, Parks and Urban Forestry Department, passed the International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist exam this past December. The International Society of Arboriculture Certification is a voluntary program that tests and certifies achievement of professional level knowledge and skill in the field of arboriculture. The written exam encompasses topics such as soil management, identification and selection, installation and establishment, safe work practices, tree biology, pruning, diagnosis and treatment, urban forestry, tree protection, and tree risk management.

Educational opportunities and certifications help Town Staff perform their jobs at a higher level and in turn service the Town residents better. The arborist education was partially funded through a WI DNR Urban Forestry Grant.



Regulations for Cutting Trees

A permit from Dane County will be required anytime there will be removal of vegetation within 35 feet of the water's edge which causes soil to be exposed. Either a shoreland zoning permit or a shoreland erosion control permit, or both, will be required. If you are removing mature trees within 35 feet of the water, a permit will be needed. It is always best to contact Dane County Zoning before removing shoreland vegetation.

In an effort to control the overland spread of Oak Wilt, pruning, cutting, or other wounding of Oaks are prohibited from April 1 until October 15 of any year without written permission from the Town of Dunn Tree Board. During this period, if wounding occurs or pruning is necessary in response to an emergency, such as storm damage, a tree wound dressing shall be applied immediately to each wound. The cut surface of stumping from living non-infected Oaks shall be immediately painted with a wound dressing.

Town of Dunn Safety

By Deputy Leslie Fox, Dane County Sheriff

Spring is here and warmer temperatures are in our future! Now is a good time to freshen up on some traffic laws! Here are a few reminders:

- **Maintain a Safe Following Distance:** The average stopping distance for a passenger vehicle traveling at 55 mph is 133 feet (in ideal conditions) whereas a loaded tractor-trailer's average stopping distance is 196 feet, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Following too closely behind another motorist, or tailgating, is an aggressive driving behavior which you can be ticketed for. Worse, you can cause a crash, hurt yourself or others, and wreck your vehicle. Tailgating is a common cause of traffic crashes.
- **Watch for Changing Speed Limits:** When the speed limit sign is changing on a road, the speed limit zone area becomes effective at the point you reach the sign. So, if the speed limit sign/zone changes to a slower speed, slow down before the sign not after. If the speed limit changes to a higher speed, wait until you get to the increased speed limit sign before increasing your speed.
- **Use your headlights:** State law requires drivers to use headlights during hours of darkness. Additionally, the state law was revised in 2016 to require headlight use any time that weather conditions, such as fog, rain, or snow, make it difficult to discern objects 500 feet away. When in doubt, turn your headlights on!
- **Display of License Plates:** State law requires that when WisDOT issues two license plates, both plates must be attached to the vehicle; one on the front and one on the rear. The plates must be maintained in legible condition and displayed so they can be seen or read. Having the front plate inside the vehicle is not sufficient and could result in a citation.
- **Share the Road and Be Alert:** The warmer spring weather also means more motorcyclists will be seen along the roadways. Motorcyclist deaths occurred 28 times more frequently than fatalities in other vehicles based on 2016 fatal crash data (NHTSA). Motorcyclists should also make themselves visible, use DOT-compliant motorcycle helmets, and always ride sober.

Arbor Day Potluck

April, 27th, 2019 from 4PM-6PM

Dunn Town Hall, 4156 County Road B, McFarland WI

Mark your calendars for the Annual Arbor Day Celebration! Gae Bergmann will present and discuss monarch butterfly habitat and conservation. Mary Gross will also be receiving the Stewardship Award for serving as the staff liaison to the Parks Commission for 20 years. The event will begin promptly at 4PM.

Bring your favorite dish to pass and enjoy your community! We will be having a potluck dinner after the presentation. Brats, hot dogs, plates, napkins, eating utensils, and a beverage will be supplied. Come meet other residents and share in this fun family event. Free trees and door prizes!



Dane County Zoning Rewrite and Town Comprehensive Plan Update

Last year, everyone in the Town should have received a postcard from Dane County Zoning, which indicated that your zoning district was changing due to the County updating their zoning code. In January, the County approved the new code and the Town of Dunn now has until June 1st to adopt the County's zoning code. Additionally, because the Town's Comprehensive Plan references the old County zoning district names, the Town will need to update its Comprehensive Plan to reflect the updated districts. The Town has created a Comprehensive Plan Update Subcommittee to look into these changes and amend the Town's Plan. This committee will also look at different aspects of the Town's current plan to see if any language needs to be clarified or updated.

As part of this update process, the Town adopted a public participation plan, and you can view the full document on the Town website at: town.dunn.wi.us/media/1488/amended-public-participation-plan.pdf. Additionally, you can view information about the 2019 update process at this page: town.dunn.wi.us/land-use/2019-comprehensive-plan-update/. The update committee will meet periodically to discuss updates to the plan and changes to the County Zoning code. At the time of printing, the tentative plan is to have draft copies of the amended Comprehensive Plan available for viewing and written public comment at the Town Arbor Day Event on Saturday, April 27th from 4 pm to 6 pm. The Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee will then recommend approval to the Plan Commission in May, with the Town Board approving the amended Comprehensive Plan and adopting the new County Zoning Ordinance at their May meeting. Town residents are welcome to attend any meeting of the subcommittee or offer written input on the draft plan when it is published on the Town website.

On the Road Again

Spring is finally here! Along with spring, comes the time to fix potholes. The Highway Department will apply patch to the potholes temporarily until a permanent patch can be applied.

Roadwork bids for 2019 are currently being considered. Roads scheduled for construction and repair in 2019 include Edgewood Drive, Orvold Park Drive and Woodland Terrace, as well as various smaller roads in the area. The process will be to grind up, grade, roll and pre-pave the roads which may make travel difficult at the time, but passable.

Other road work scheduled for summer of 2019 include the repair of Hawkinson Road from Highway B to Schneider Drive. The road will be closed for this repair. As always, we appreciate your cooperation during this time.

Roads which are scheduled for sealcoating in 2019 include Bjoin Drive, Brooklyn Drive, Charles Lane, Duncan Road, Giehler Drive, Keenan Road, Norman Drive, Pike Lane, and the Waubesa Heights area.

The Town will also assess culvert needs within the Town.

Lastly, with summer road right of way mowing and maintenance, please remember to keep the road area clear. The road right of way is typically 33 feet from the center of the road.

New Invasive Species Found Within Dane County

Yellow Archangel, also known as yellow Lamium, has been recently found in Dane County. The variegated form of this species is commonly used in garden beds, hanging baskets, and as groundcover for shady sites. It can grow in a wide range of conditions from full sun to full shade. It spreads by stem fragments, rooting at nodes, and by seed. You can identify these plants by their small, yellow, and tubular flowers on the plant from April to June. They grow on special 'flowering stems' – look for clusters of the flowers close to the stem and usually in pairs. Its leaves are typically multi-colored, oval-shaped and toothed, with silvery-grey markings against a green background. You can confirm the sighting by grabbing a sample and sniffing for a strong, unpleasant odor.



Photo credit: sanjuanislander.com & www.swcd.net

If you already have this plant and would like to minimize its invasive nature, contain it in flower beds by regular trimming, or dig it up and replant into pots. Because yellow archangel spreads by stem cuttings, it is very important to discard plant material in such a way as to prevent spreading. Never dump clippings in parks or natural areas and do not dispose of plants in backyard compost piles. The plant has a shallow root system so the plants can also be hand-pulled or dug up. The best time for removal is fall through early spring. Additionally, herbicides can be effective especially if combined with manual control and monitoring for surviving plants. For more specific questions, please contact DNR Forester Zach Hylinski at 608-275-3234.

Town of Dunn Parks Update

Over the past year, the Parks Commission, staff, and volunteers have continued their work to improve Town parks.

Due to extensive flooding at Dunn Heritage Park last year, final projects for this park's rehabilitation were delayed. This year, should the weather cooperate, we hope to remove more invasive species and seed the wooded area of the park with native plants. In the next year or two, park maintenance staff also hopes to dredge out the ponds since flooding caused them to silt-up faster than anticipated. The inlet to the northern pond looks to have been unaffected by the flood.

In January, the Town sold the property at 4423 Goodland Park Road (also known as the Popp Property/Old Filling Station). The Town has worked for many years on remediation of this parcel by removing underground storage tanks that were remnants from the old gas station and also removing soil that was in close proximity to the tanks. The little library and bench that were at this site will be moved to another Town-owned property, located just north of 2814 Waubesa Avenue. Look for these to be installed sometime this year.

In 2018, the Parks Commission hosted Pumpkin Fest, which proved to be quite popular. This was a new event for residents and despite the cold and windy weather, around 35 people came out to carve and paint pumpkins, drink cider, and eat s'mores. We hope to host this event again in 2019 and we will publish information on our website and Facebook page in the late summer/early fall. The Parks Commission will also host its annual Arbor Day Event on Saturday, April 27th, beginning promptly at 4 pm. See page 2 for more information.

As a reminder, motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles and ATVs are not allowed in Town parks or on Town property. Please use the designated approved routes. In addition, Town property is not to be used for storage of private property or other private use.

Finally, we are looking for a few volunteers to help clean out bat boxes and wood duck boxes in Town parks. Additionally, if we conduct any large prairie seedings, we could always use a few more hands. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ben at the Town Hall, (608) 838-1081.

New book for kids and other curious readers!



Sandhill Crane Siblings is available at the Town Hall for a suggested donation of \$10. All proceeds from sales benefit wetland conservation.

By: Joy Zedler
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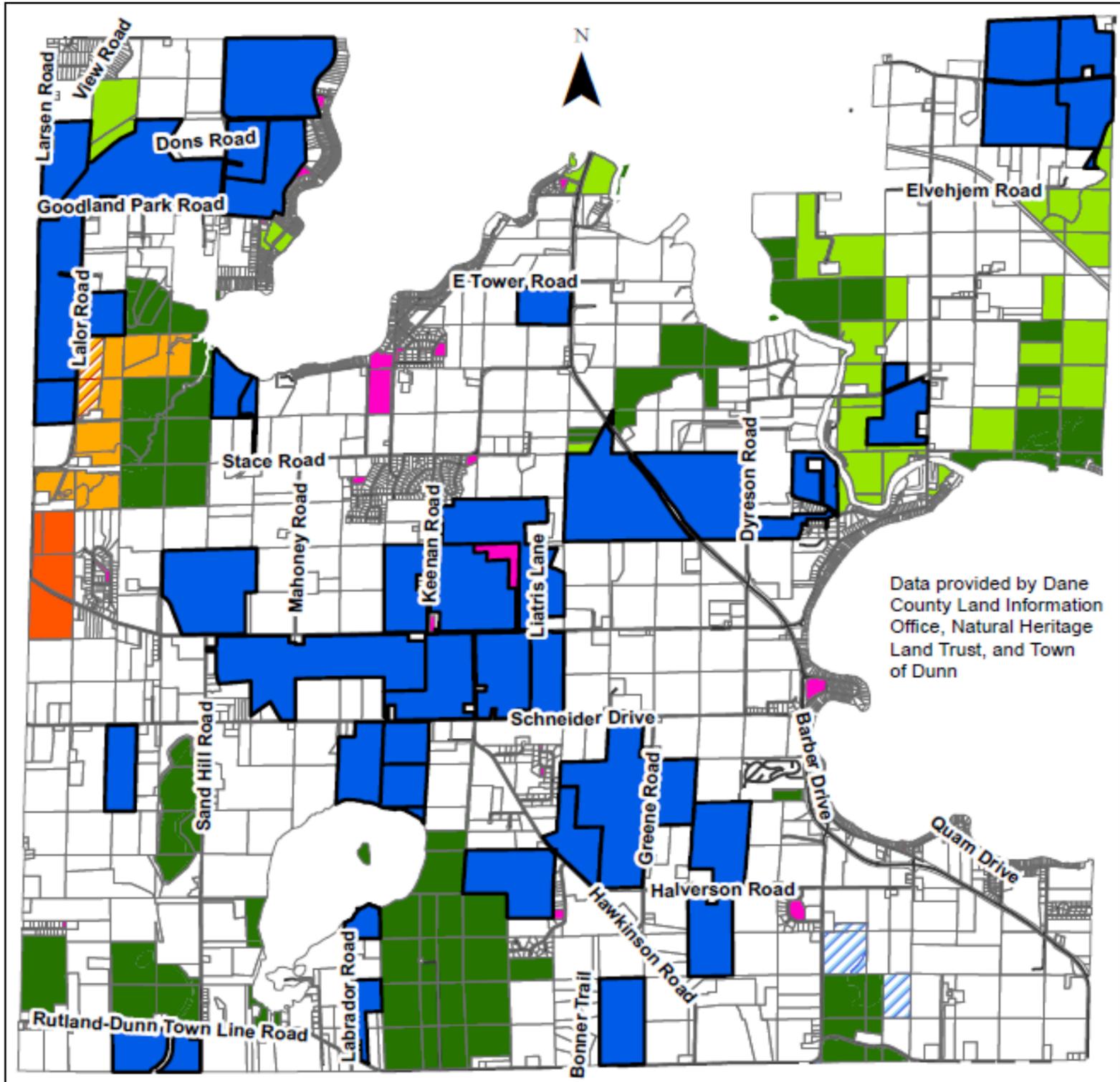
Two New Properties to PDR

The Town Land Trust Commission is happy to report two new properties have been protected from development through the Town's purchase of development rights (PDR) program. These properties total roughly 287 acres and bring the total acreage in the PDR program to 3,683.45. Including DNR, Dane County, and US Fish and Wildlife lands, roughly 35% of the Town is protected from development.

Thanks to the USDA, DNR, WI-DATCP, and Dane County, roughly 53% of the total value of PDR lands have been purchased with grant money. The federal government recently passed a new farm bill which allocates funds for purchasing development rights. Once funding amounts for the State of Wisconsin are published, we hope to begin a new round of grant applications in 2019. Thanks to Town residents for your support of this program!

-  Town of Dunn Conservation Easements
-  Town of Dunn Owned Land
-  WDNR
-  Dane County
-  The Nature Conservancy
-  TNC Restrictions
-  US Fish & Wildlife
-  American Farmland Trust Conservation Easement

Town of Dunn Protected Lands



Note: Conservation easements are **PRIVATE PROPERTY**, no public access is permitted.

Volunteer Opportunities

Stoughton Area Youth Center

Is in need of volunteers to assist with afterschool homework help, cooking, watching children, being active in gym activities with students, and someone to teach Arts and Crafts sometimes. Hours are from 3pm-6pm during school weeks or between 12pm-4pm on non-school days. If you can't provide your time but would like to provide assistance, snack donations or gift cards to local grocery stores for 20 to 30 kids is greatly appreciated. If interested contact:

567 E. Main Street, Stoughton, WI 53589
(608) 877-9980

Shared Table Community

Is seeking volunteers to help with bringing food (salads, casseroles, bread/buns, desserts, milk), preparing and serving meals, setting up or cleaning up, providing musical entertainment, or bringing a neighbor or friend in need of a nutritious meal or companionship. Groups and businesses are also welcome to volunteer. Volunteers are provided the information and training needed. For more information, contact:

Shared Table Volunteer & Meal Coordinator,
Vicki Holten at marvin911@charter.net

McFarland Youth Center

Seeking donations of gently used items such as:

- Furniture (couches, chairs, tables, etc.)
- Appliances (refrigerator, blenders, etc.)
- Game systems or games (Wii, Xbox, etc.)
- Recreational gear (pool tables, air hockey, outdoor sports equipment, board games, etc.)
- Electronics

Please contact MYC for more information:
5114 Farwell St, McFarland, WI 53558
(608) 838-3839

Oregon Senior Center

Is in need of volunteers to assist with club activities and drivers for meal deliveries or medical appointment transportation. Flexible schedule. If interested, please contact:

219 Park Street, Oregon WI 53575
(608) 835-5801

McFarland Senior Center

Seeking drivers to deliver meals and/or to drive seniors to medical appointments. Mileage and extra insurance is covered by registering with RSVP. Flexible schedule. If interested contact Outreach Director, Lori Andersen.

5915 Milwaukee St, McFarland, WI 53558
(608) 838-7117

Oregon Area Food Pantry

In need of volunteers to assist with tasks including help with restocking tables, carry-outs, registration, etc. Volunteers are needed for distribution days and community collections and events. For info, contact:

oregonfoodpantry@hotmail.com

The Yahara River Watershed

Information from Dane County Land and Water Resources (lwr.d.countyofdane.com/flood-facts-and-initiatives)

The Yahara Watershed covers a quarter of Dane County and connects Lakes Mendota, Monona, Waubesa, and Kegonsa. Each lake has a minimum and maximum target lake level goal set by the WDNR in 1979. In the summer of 2018, large amounts of rainfall and inefficient movement of water out of the system led to flooding in communities surrounding the Yahara chain of lakes. Despite all four lakes being at summer minimum at the beginning of the 'summer' season, all four lakes rose above their summer maximum levels.

Challenges with Moving Water Efficiently

The following factors reduce water flow, which contributed to the 2018 flooding:

- **Slope:** Because the slope of the Yahara River is so flat, water moves very slowly. The slope of the Yahara River is only 1.5 feet over 4 miles (0.007% slope) between Lake Waubesa and Kegonsa. The slope between Monona and Waubesa is 0.4 feet over 2 miles (0.004% slope).
- **Constriction Points:** The Yahara River narrows or shallows in several locations which slows down water flow. Constriction points include narrow bridges and shallow riverbeds. Debris in the river causes friction and also slows water flow. In July 2018, 31 dump truck loads of debris were removed from the river bed at the railroad trestle in Stoughton. The removal of debris increased water flow about 20%.
- **Aquatic Plants:** Aquatic plants cause friction and reduce water flow. Every year aquatic plants are harvested in the Yahara River. During the 2018 flooding, Dane County harvested aquatic vegetation in the Yahara River. From May 21st to September 14th, 628 dump truck loads of aquatic plants were removed which doubled the flow.
- **Urbanization:** The watershed has approximately two times more urban area than in 1970. Urban areas have more roads, parking lots and other impervious surfaces which reduces the amount of water that soaks into the ground and increases surface water runoff.
- **Wetland Loss:** The watershed has lost over 30% of its original wetlands which reduced areas previously available for floodwater storage.
- **Rainfall Patterns:** Since 1900, average annual precipitation in the Midwest has increased by roughly nine percent. Rainfall events have become heavier and more frequent (National Climate Assessment, 2017). In 2018, areas in Dane County experienced the second wettest May on record. As of October 15th 2018, Madison received 46.30 inches of precipitation which is 6.33 inches away from the record annual rainfall amount (52.93 inches in 1881).
- **Saturated Soils:** In 2018, due to the amount of rainfall received, many soils were waterlogged which reduced the amount of water that soaked into the ground and resulted in more rainfall run off.
- **A Complex System:** Rain does not fall evenly across the landscape which means each lake receives varying amounts of water based on storm tracks. The lakes' water level is also impacted by water it receives from the upstream lakes.

Lasting Impacts: 2018 Flooding

Flooding – it has been on our minds a great deal as we are still seeing lasting impacts from this past summer's flooding events. Several areas within the Town were affected by heavy precipitation and flood waters, causing damage to homes, yards, sheds, and other public infrastructure and resulting in a State of Emergency declaration for Dane County.

Cities, towns, villages, as well as community members came together during the summer flood crisis, subsequently prompting action to determine a resolution to prevent further flooding events and damages. Determining solutions to the threats of future flooding events is no simple task, as there may be various impacts to the area's habitats, infrastructure, social structures, and other systems. While difficult, the Town is in favor of a resolution to prevent further flooding.

Dane County has developed a Lake Level Task Force. It will examine strategies to alleviate future flooding events in response to previous and the likelihood of future flooding events. Reducing hazards to human health, safety, and infrastructure are important considerations. The task force encompasses professionals from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the City of Madison, Dane County, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. They have developed a report which considers two types of lake management strategies: adaptation and mitigation. Adaptation focuses on reducing flood-susceptibility, whereas, mitigation addresses underlying problems linked to flooding. Focusing on these strategies, the task force will develop recommendations on preventative measures and present them to Dane County officials on April 1st.

While Dane County is ultimately responsible for maintaining water levels for the Yahara chain lakes (Mendota, Monona, Waubesa and Kegonsa), the Town has been attending task force meetings, providing feedback, and advocating for a solution. Town staff and elected officials have worked hard and will continue to do everything we can to protect the health, safety, and well-being of our residents.

More Views From the Chair

Dane County has established a Lake Level Task Force to address the flooding issues with Lakes Waubesa and Kegonsa. It is critical that these flood mitigation efforts be successful to protect Dunn property owners, our beautiful lakes, habitats for fish and wildlife, and our 13 miles of shorelines along the lakes and Yahara River. It is also critical that poorly planned projects don't destroy what we have fought to preserve. For example, a solution that involves the cleanest water in the Yahara system being pumped from the Southern lobe of Lake Waubesa and sent to Badfish Ditch (the major effluent discharge from MMSD), which runs through the Town, would damage lake quality. Despite the fact that our Town and some well-respected Town of Dunn residents are scientists who have studied the lower Yahara lake system for nearly half a century, the Town was not asked for input or assistance in the Task Force's study of flooding. We are downstream from those with power and influence, so the flush mentality has once again raised its insidious head. We are in full support of finding solutions to the ongoing and future problems of flooding. But is not up to just Waubesa and Kegonsa residents to bear the burden of misdirected solutions. Upstream measures must be evaluated too. Lake Waubesa is the only lake in the chain that has to suffer the indignity and damage from the release of raw sewage from MMSD. We have told the Wisconsin Department of Transportation that it was not possible to run the reliever beltline through the Town. Likewise we (and Federal attorneys) explained to the American Transmission Company that they could not use their preferred route through the Town of Dunn. You can see that line now when you travel the Beltlines. Because of what you have had the wisdom to accomplish in our land use and land preservation efforts, we will, with your help, make sure that our lakes, and residences on our shorelines, are not damaged by poorly thought out solutions to lake flooding.



Tower Road within the Town during the 2018 August and September flooding.

Recycling Guide

Town of Dunn Transfer Site

4030 County Road B, McFarland WI

(about 1/4 mile east of the Dunn Town Hall)

Open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month

8 AM to 4 PM

Wednesdays, April through the end of November

2 PM to 4:45pm

The Transfer Site accepts:

- **Brush and Wood** - Brush and limbs that are free of soil. (We cannot take stumps, lumber, or furniture. Dane County's landfill will take tree stumps, construction materials, and many other large items. Please call 838-9555 for information.)
- **Leaves and Grass Clippings** - Any compostable material.
- **Holiday Trees** - Trees without tinsel, decorations, or stands. (Pellitteri will not pick up trees left at the curbside).
- **Antifreeze** - Used antifreeze that is free of oil.
- **Motor Oil** - Used motor oil that is free of other liquids.
- **Automotive Type & Rechargeable Batteries** - (Household batteries are NOT accepted).
- **Tires** - We charge a fee based on our costs for disposal. At the time of this publication, auto tires were \$4 without rims and \$5 for tires with rims. Semi-truck tires cost \$7 for disposal and tractor tires cost \$25.
- **Appliances** - We accept all appliances **EXCEPT FOR** TVs, electronics, water softeners, and dishwashers.
- **Scrap Metal** - Scrap iron, steel, copper, and other metals. (We only accept motors after gas and oil has been drained).
- **Questions? Please call the Town Hall at 838-1081, extension 201.**

Electronic Recycling

Information from the Wisconsin DNR ECycle Program

Electronics are one of the fastest growing parts of the waste stream. TVs, laptops, cellphones and other electronics contain valuable materials that can be recovered through recycling. Electronics also contain hazardous materials, such as lead and mercury, which can harm human health and pollute the environment if not properly managed. Wisconsin has an electronics recycling law which keeps millions of devices out of landfills and incinerators. The following electronics can no longer be put in the trash in Wisconsin, or sent to Wisconsin landfills and incinerators:

- TVs
- Computers (desktop, laptop, netbook and tablet computers)
- Printers (including those that scan, fax and/or copy and 3-D printers)
- Monitors
- Other computer accessories (including keyboards, mice, speakers, external hard drives and flash drives)
- E-readers
- DVD players, VCRs and other video players (i.e., DVRs)
- Fax machines
- Cell phones
- Major appliances, including air conditioners, clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, ovens, dehumidifiers, furnaces, boilers, water heaters and microwave ovens

These electronics can be recycled at various locations across the state. For a full list of collection sites, visit: dnr.wi.gov, search "ecycle". Some collectors may charge fees and may not accept all devices. Contact collectors beforehand to learn about their policies.

Clean Sweep Wisconsin

Dane County offers a place to bring hazardous household materials and electronics such as TVs, computers, paints, poisons, oil, and rechargeable batteries. Fees may apply. Please contact Clean Sweep Wisconsin prior to delivery of items to receive more information.

Open year round,

Monday-Friday 7AM to 2:45PM & Saturdays 8AM to 10:45AM.

Closed Sundays and Holidays.

Call (608) 838-3212 or visit danecountycleansweep.com

Located at 7102 US HWY 12.

Recycling Information

NOTE: RECYCLES WILL NO LONGER BE PICKED UP IF NOT PLACED IN CART OR IN A CLEAR UNTIED BAG

Visit www.pellitteri.com or call 257-4285 for more information.

Recyclable Metal & Glass:

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Aluminum cans & aluminum pie plates
- Glass bottles & jars (clear, blue, brown or green translucent glass)
- Metal pots & pans
- Small metal appliances (toasters, blenders, etc.) - nothing larger than a basketball
- Metal plumbing fixtures & pipes (faucets, valves, pipes 2"-12" long)
- Tin & steel cans

Paper Recycling

- Carboard (empty)
- Catalogs, magazines, & phone books
- Cereal & cracker boxes (empty)
- Computer & office paper
- Envelopes & junk mail
- Holiday gift wrapping paper (no foils)
- Newspapers
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper grocery bags
- Paper milk and juice cartons or boxes
- Pizza boxes (no food or grease)
- Shredded paper (place in a clear or transparent plastic bag and tie shut; a full bag should be smaller than a basketball)

Plastic Recycling

- All plastic bottles (no motor oils or gasoline)
- Plastic containers / cups #1-7, including #1 deli
- Plastic bags (place clean, dry bags into a clear bag and tie shut, a full bag should be smaller than a basketball, no black or brown bags)

Non-Recyclable Items

- Brake rotors / drums, deli containers - expect # 1 plastic, frozen food or microwave dinner plates, glassware & ceramics, metal items heavier than 10 pounds, mirrors & windows, motor oil and gasoline containers, plastic film, wrap, & Styrofoam, carpet, clothing, diapers, fishing line, hoses, ropes, & shoes

Recycling Tips

- Only flatten cardboard boxes - do not flatten plastic/metal items or place smaller items inside larger containers.
- Remove all food waste, plastic, and Styrofoam.
- Recyclables which do not fit in the cart may be put in clear, untied bag and placed next to your recycling cart.
- Recyclables will not be picked up if they contain trash, yard waste, or prohibited items.

Medicine Drop-Off

Protect our water! Unwanted and unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines can be dropped off at local police departments. For more information contact:

McFarland Police Department at 838-3151

Oregon Police Department at 835-3111

Stoughton Police Department at 873-3374

Garbage Pick-Up Announcements

- Thursday Schedule Extra Pick-Ups: June 6th and October 3rd
- Friday Schedule Extra Pick-Ups: June 7th and October 4th
- These Extra Pick-ups come at no additional charge for residents, but there are some restrictions. Call Pellitteri at 257-4285 for details.
- In a week containing a Holiday, garbage and recycling pick up is delayed by one day. Please plan accordingly.
- For additional volume pick-up or contact Pellitteri. For a fee, they will provide a 65-gallon or a 95-gallon cart for trash. For free, you may also receive a 35-gallon or a 95-gallon cart for recyclables.