



2012 Land Conservation Department (LCD) Profile

LCD SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Nutrient Management Program (NMP)

The nutrient management program is available to landowners who want to manage the amount of nutrients that are being spread on fields in order to conserve the soil quality. A nutrient management plan (NMP) is necessary for landowners who mechanically apply manure or fertilizer to fields while receiving the FPP/WLI tax credit. A nutrient management plan can be developed by a certified crop advisor (CCA) or by taking classes through Iowa County UW-Extension to develop your own. Cost-share funds may be available to assist with the development of a nutrient management plan.

Farmland Preservation Program/Working Lands Initiative (FPP/WLI)

The WLI/FPP program is designed for eligible farmers in Wisconsin to receive an income tax credit in exchange for keeping land in agricultural use and by complying with state soil and water conservation practices.

Land & Water Resource Management (LWRM) Cost Share Program

The Iowa County Land Conservation Department has been successful in obtaining a DATCP Land and Water Resource Management Grant (LWRM). The money will be used to cost share conservation practices with rural landowners to help improve the water and soil of Iowa County. The goal of the LWRM grant is to reduce sediment and phosphorous entering our streams. This program offers landowners a 70% cost share opportunity.

Technical Services

Technical services are offered to landowners who sign up for cost-share projects or who may be interested in implementing contour strips, contour buffer strips and contour lines on crop fields. Tech services may be provided for other non-cost share practices to landowners who want to protect soil and water resources.

PL-566-Dam Maintenance

Iowa County owns 12, PL-566 dam structures in the County and the LCD is in charge of making sure that the dams are functioning properly and provide maintenance when necessary.

Conservation Planning

Farmers who are interested in having a conservation plan for their farm may seek assistance from the Land Conservation Department. A conservation plan outlines the use and best management practices of the natural resources on land. A plan will include land use maps, soils information, inventory of resources, engineering notes, and other supporting documents. The LCD would like to have all productive lands to farm to "T" in Iowa County, which means soil loss tolerance is the maximum amount of soil loss in tons per acres per year that can be tolerated and still permit a high level of crop productivity to be sustained economically and indefinitely.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

CREP is a voluntary program that allows landowners to enroll agricultural lands into conservation practices along waterways or to return continually flooded fields to wetland while leaving the adjacent land in agricultural production. If you sign up for CRP with FSA, you will be eligible to sign up for an additional state incentive payment by signing a CREP contract with the County.

Blackhawk Lake & Birch Lake Operations Agreements

The Iowa County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) and the LCD are the primary liaisons between Iowa County and the Cobb-Highland Commission (Blackhawk Lake Park) and the Village of Barneveld (Birch Lake Park).

Grant Money to Iowa County to offset LCD Labor Costs

Department of Ag Trade, & Consumer Protection (DATCP)
\$1,752,760

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
\$164,333

Total Benefit to Iowa County
\$1,917,093 or \$106,505/yr in the past 17 years

LCD PROGRAM ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO IOWA COUNTY LANDOWNERS/FARMERS

Farmland Preservation Program/Working Lands Initiative (FPP/WLI) - Planning & Zoning also involved with program

* Tax credits to County landowners: Approximately \$55,000,000 or \$1,666,000/yr in past 33 years

Land & Water Resource Management & Targeted Runoff Management Cost Sharing (LWRM/TRM)

* Cost share money to farmers/landowners: Approximately \$1,318,105 or \$101,393/yr in the past 13 years

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

* Incentive payments to landowners: Approximately \$1,131,650 or \$113,165/yr in the past 10 years

Wildlife Damage Program (WDP)

* Claim money paid to County Farmers: Approximately \$485,922 or \$28,585/yr in the past 17 years

LCD STAFF



Jim McCaulley-County Conservationist

As the County Conservationist, I'm responsible for the administration of the Iowa County Land Conservation Department (LCD), which includes the statutory responsibility assigned to each County under State Statues Chapter 92 and the legislative direction set by Iowa County, too. Working under the direction of the Iowa County Land Conservation Committee (LCC), the mission is to assist our County landowners in the protection of our soil and water resources. Staff and program management along with interagency cooperation, funding administration, program management and customer service is the primary focus of this position. My background in farming and a life long love of Iowa County has helped me guide my service to you.

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Lucas Conmey-Land Conservationist/Engineer Technician

As the Iowa County Land Conservationist/Engineer Technician, my responsibilities include contour layout, waterway layout, soil loss determination, conservation plan development and status reviews. I also provide conservation planning assistance to landowners who are in the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program, and process new CREP contracts for Iowa County. In addition, I assist landowners with technical guidance and engineering designs for projects that are cost-shared using LWRM grant money and are administered thru Iowa County. I have several years of training, education, and experience working in the environmental and agricultural field. I am a hard-working and honest professional that enjoys working with people and for people.

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Len Olson-Conservation Planner

As the Conservation Planner/Land Conservationist, my primary duties are working with land users in the Working Land Initiative (WLI)/Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program (FPP), NR151, and USDA programs. I carry out spot-check and monitor compliance for the WLI/FPP and NR151. I also assist in education of the requirements of conservation planning and nutrient management. I am a lifelong Iowa County resident and have worked with soil and water conservation programs on the County and State level for over 26 years. I look forward to serving Iowa County land owners and operators.

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Tammy Havlik-Department Assistant

I am the Department Assistant for the LCD. My primary duties include assisting the County Conservationist, Land Conservationist, and Engineer Technician with administrative tasks. Some primary tasks that I assist with are contracts for cost-sharing projects, maintaining a database list of the FPP/WLI participants, updating landowner GIS maps for conservation practices, file maintenance, web site development and management, and answer and direct phone calls. Sometimes you might even see me out in the field assisting the County Conservationist, Land Conservationist, or Engineer Technician with projects.

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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Iowa County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) is the governing body of the LCD under the establishment of State Statues Chapter 92 in 1972. The LCC sets the direction for the LCD in the delivery of conservation programs in the protection of our precious soil and water resources in Iowa County. The composition of the LCC is diverse group with a wide base of landowner interests represented in policy setting and program delivery. This diversity is accomplished with appointment of 5 member County Supervisors, an at Large Member and USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) conduit member. The LCC members take their roles seriously and hope today's actions will preserve productive soil and keep water clean for future generations. Thank you to them for their service to Iowa County.

Land Conservation Committee Members

Bob Bunker-Chairman

Dan Nankee-Vice Chairman

John Meyers-Secretary

Ron Benish-County Supervisor

Bill Grover-County Supervisor

Roger Dax-FSA Member

Dave Ladd-Member at Large

Check out our web site to find more valuable information that the Iowa County LCD offers!

[www.iowacounty.org/departments/land conservation](http://www.iowacounty.org/departments/land%20conservation)