



Joint Allocation Plan Dictionary

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STATE AGENCIES

Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)



Administers soil and water conservation programs that are authorized by statute and implemented in partnership with counties and other partners.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)



Administers water quality programs that are authorized by statute and implemented in partnership with counties and other partners.

LOCAL AGENCIES

Land Conservation Department (LCD)

County department that implements soil and water conservation programs at the local level.



Land Conservation Committee (LCC)

Committee of county officials that oversee the LCD departments.



OTHER ALLOCATION PLAN TERMS

Other Project Cooperators (OPC): Non-county entities such as the University of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Land + Water that receive grants in order to advance the SWRM programs via training and infrastructure services. (s. 92.14 (10), Stats.)

Cost-Share: A grant that reimburses a landowner for all or part of the cost to install or maintain a conservation practice. (s. 92.14 (3), Stats.)

Incentives: One-time payments to encourage farmers to participate in conservation programs. (s. 92.14 (10), Stats.)



JOINT ALLOCATION PLAN

- Mechanism used to distribute conservation funding to LCDs and OPCs.
- Application released in January and due in April, preliminary plan released in August and final plan adopted in October (but no later than 12/31).
- Funding criteria & formulas contained in the RFP
- The LWCB recommends approval; plan must be signed by the Secretaries of DATCP & DNR.
- Plan can be amended and supplemented with additional approvals by the LWCB.

2020 JOINT FINAL ALLOCATION PLAN Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program and Nonpoint Source Program

The allocations identified in this plan provide counties and others with grant funding for conservation staff and support costs, landowner cost-sharing, and runoff management projects. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are making these allocations to protect Wisconsin's soil and water resources, consistent with the objectives in chs. 92 and 261, Wis. Stats.

DATCP is allocating grants to county land conservation committees (counties) and other project cooperators in 2020 through the Soil and Water Resource Management Program (Table A).

DNR is allocating grants to counties through the Targeted Runoff Management (TRM), the

NR 243 Notice of Discharge (NOD), and Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Planning Projects (UNPS-Planning) programs (Table B).

For 2020, a total of \$20,716,439 is allocated based on the state budget for the 2019-21 biennium. Table C summarizes all allocations, by grantee. Organized by funding category, Chart 1 below summarizes grant fund requests, unmet funding requests, and allocation amounts. Chart 2 below shows the allocation categories by funding sources.

If required, these allocations may be adjusted based on reductions or lapses in appropriations or authorizations.

Funding Category	Total Requests	Unmet Requests	Allocation Amounts
DATCP ALLOCATIONS			
County Staff/Support	\$17,626,766	\$6,187,664	\$9,439,100
County LWCB Cost-Share (B)	\$7,875,750	\$4,585,750	\$3,290,000
Bond Cost-Share Reserve (B)	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000
LWRM Cost-Share (d)(i)	\$3,081,614	\$904,884	\$2,176,730
Project Contacts (SEG)	\$1,646,250	\$158,099	\$148,151
NRFE Training Grants (SEG)	\$ 366,117	\$0	\$366,117
SUBTOTAL	\$30,398,501	\$13,926,401	\$16,472,100
DNR ALLOCATIONS			
UNPS Planning	\$149,730	\$65,368	\$84,362
UNPS Construction	NA	NA	NA

Staff and Support Grants	
\$6,411,900	DATCP SEG from s. 29.115(7)(pp)
\$3,027,200	DATCP GPR from s. 29.115(7)(c)
\$9,439,100	DATCP Subtotal
\$64,730	DNR SEG from s. 29.376(1)(d)
\$143,883	DNR Sec. 319 Account (Federal)
\$207,730	DNR Subtotal
\$9,646,603	TOTAL Staff & Support Grants
Cost-Share Grants	
\$3,290,000	DATCP Bond from s. 29.866(2)(wa)
\$300,000	DATCP Bond (Reserve) from s. 29.866(2)(w)
\$2,086,730	DATCP SEG from s. 29.115(7)(pp)
\$5,776,730	DATCP Subtotal
\$3,197,609	DNR Bond Revenue from s. 29.115(7)(pp)
\$0	DNR SEG from s. 29.376(1)(d)
\$256,937	DNR Sec. 319 Account
\$4,054,546	DNR Subtotal



DATCP PROGRAMS

Land and Water Resource Management Plan (LWRM)

Each county must have an approved LWRM plan in order to receive staffing and cost-share grants. DATCP coordinates the LWRM planning program with technical assistance provided by DNR. The LWCB approves the LWRM plans for 10 years, with a progress check after 5 years. (authorized by s. 92.10, Wis. Stats)

Soil and Water Resource Management Program (SWRM)

DATCP's signature grant program that provides staffing and cost-share grants to county LCDs. SWRM funding is distributed through the annual joint allocation plan process. (authorized by s. 92.14, Wis. Stats)

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY
LAND AND WATER RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT PLAN 2016-2025



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY
PLANNING & CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 2, 2015

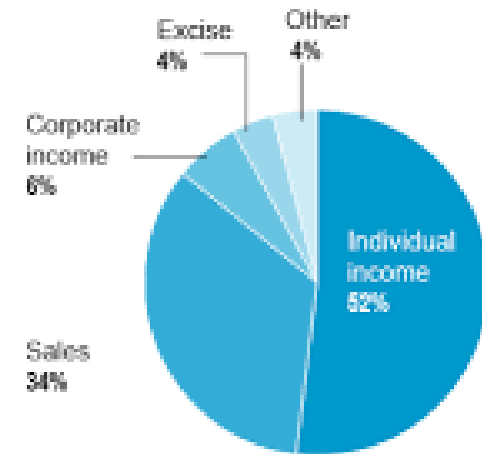


GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE (GPR)

- Comprised of the state's income and sales tax revenues.
- Very flexible -- can be used for most purposes.
- DATCP has a GPR appropriation that partially funds the staffing grants. (GPR from s. 20.115(7)(c), Stats.)

General Purpose Revenue Taxes by Source

For 2018.



Source: Wisconsin Department of Administration
WISCONSIN BUDGET PROJECT



FUNDED BY GPR

A portion of the LCD Staff!



SEGREGATED (SEG) FUNDS

- Collected from fees and held in designated funds for specific purposes outline in statute. The Environmental Fund is the source the allocation plan SEG funds.
- The joint allocation plan has two SEG fund appropriations:
 - Local assistance staffing (SEG from s. 20.115(7)(qe)).
 - “Aids” that explicitly excludes county conservation staffing and is used for soft practice cost-sharing, training and other purposes. (SEG from s.20.115(7) (qf), Stats.)
- These are annual appropriations.
- Unused SEG funds lapse back to the Environmental Fund and are not available to use.



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(SEG from s. 20.115(7)(qe))



FUNDED BY SEG

Soft Practices: Conservation practices that are implemented on an annual or short-term basis. Soft practices include nutrient management planning, cover crops, residue management, contour farming, and strip-cropping, among others. Soft practices can only be cost-shared with SEG funding. (SEG from s. 20.115(7)(qf), Stats.)



FUNDED BY SEG

Other Project Cooperators (OPC)

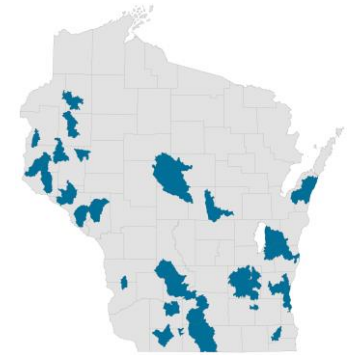
OPC recipients and grants change over time as needs change.



FUNDED BY SEG

Producer Led Watershed Grant Program (PLWGP)

Funds farmer-led projects intended to reduce nonpoint source pollution and improve water quality. The PLWGP is capped at \$750,000 annually. (SEG from s. 20.115(7)(qf), Stats.)



Nutrient Management Farmer Education Program Curriculum



University of Wisconsin-Madison
UW-Madison College of Agricultural & Life Sciences

January - 2015

Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE)

Provides grants to counties & technical colleges to provide training for farmers to write their own NM plans. (SEG from s. 20.115(7)(qf), Stats.)



BOND FUNDS

- Appropriated via the state's biennial budget process.
- Can only fund projects with a minimum of a 10-year life span.
- LCDs use bond funds to cost-share hard practices.
- Bond funds are a continuing appropriation.
- If bonds are not used, they stay with the program and can be reallocated for future use. (Bond authority from s. 20.866(2)(we), Stats.)



FUNDED BY BONDS

Hard Practices: Conservation practices that have a lifespan of at least 10 years, such as streambank stabilization, manure storage, riparian buffers, roof runoff systems, and others. Bond funding can only be used to cost-share hard practices.



FUNDED BY BONDS

Targeted Runoff Management (TRM)

The TRM program is a DNR competitive grant program for targeted nonpoint source pollution projects. (s. 281.65, Stats.).

Urban Nonpoint Source and Stormwater Management (UNPS & SW)

The UNPS & SW program is a DNR competitive grant program for urban nonpoint source pollution projects. (s. 281.66, Stats.).

Targeted Runoff Management
Grant Application Instructions for
Large-Scale Agricultural Projects



Applications must be postmarked by
April 15

(April 16, if April 15 falls on a Sunday)

For consideration for award in the following calendar
year: **Last Received January 11, 2014**



KEY STATUTES AND RULES

Chapter 92: WI statute that authorizes numerous soil and water conservation and animal waste management programs. DATCP implements Chapter 92 through ATCP 50.

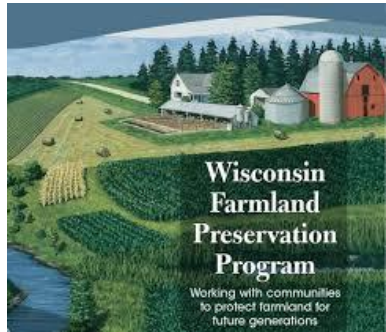
Chapter 281: WI statute that authorizes the agricultural performance standards and prohibitions. DNR implements Chapter 281 through NRI51-NRI54; DATCP implements it through ATCP 50.

ATCP 50: DATCP's administrative code containing the SWRM program cost-share rules and conservation technical standards.

NR 151: DNR's administrative code that contains the agricultural performance standards and prohibitions.



OTHER IMPORTANT TERMS



Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)

Authorized under Chapter 91, Wis. Stats., and implemented by ATCP 49. Farmers in the FPP program are eligible for tax credits as long as they maintain compliance with soil and water conservation standards.

Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEA)

Formed through a petition by community members to officially designate agricultural areas that are important to Wisconsin's agricultural future. Farmers in AEAs can sign FPP agreements to receive a tax credit.





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