

Community Development Department

Resource Management Division

Division staff and partners prepare and implement the Land and Water Resources Management Plan under the authority of Chapter 92, Wisconsin Statutes; promoting conservation of long-term soil productivity; protecting the quality of natural resources; enhancing water quality and focusing on correction of severe soil erosion problems. The Division is also tasked with managing the Recycling program since the County serves as the "Responsible Unit" for recycling on behalf of the County's municipalities.

Division Goals and Purposes Include

1. Protect and improve St. Croix County ground and surface water.
2. Protect, restore, and improve fish and wildlife habitat.
3. Preserve agricultural land and improve soil health.
4. Maintain an effective recycling program throughout the County and increase recycling rates.

Approaches Used by Resource Management Division

1. Provide technical assistance to landowners and partners.
2. Provide financial assistance necessary to implement conservation.
3. Collaborate and support existing active environmental stewards, partners, and municipalities.
4. Deliver education related to soil, water, recycling, and other environmental issues.
5. Provide leadership in soil, water, and recycling through partner contacts, involvement with associations, partners, and use of civic process.

Resources Utilized

County Resources – tax base, facilities, management and technical support
DATCP Soil and Water Resource Management Grant
DATCP Farmland Protection Planning Grant
DNR Targeted Runoff Management Grants
DNR Lake Protection Grants
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grants
Annual Recycling Grant to Responsible Units
Annual Clean Sweep Program Grant

Staff Positions

Resource Management Administrator
Land Use and Conservation Specialist (2)
Watershed Technician
Land Use Technician I
Recycling Specialist
Environmental Educator (contracted)

Resource Management Division assists with meeting the following state mandates:

Land and Water Resource Management Plan	Wis. Stat. Ch. 92.10
Animal Waste Ordinance	Wis. Stat. §§ 92.07, 92.15, & 92.16, ATCP 51 & NR 151 SCC Ordinance Ch. 11
Soil and Water Management Program	Wis. Stat. § 92.10
Farmland Preservation Program	Wis. Stat. Ch. 91
Total Maximum Daily Loads – St. Croix Basin, Red Cedar Basin and Lower Chippewa Basin	U.S. Clean Water Act, Environmental Protection Agency Approved TMDL's
Compliance with Ag Performance Standards	Wis. Admin. Code ATCP 50.04 NR 151.04 standards
St. Croix County as Recycling Responsible Unit	Wis. Stat. § 287.09; NR 544.04; in 1993
Recycling Compliance Assurance Plan	Wis. Stat. § 287.09 and NR 544.04;
Municipal Solid Waste Reduction, Recovery & Recycling Ordinance	Wis. Stat. Ch. 287 289 & 59; NR 544.04; SCC Ordinance Ch. 21

Typical Annual Report Results Will Include

Best Management Practices Installed

- Nutrient and sediment reductions from practices installed
- Number of Grassed Waterways
- Acres of Cover Crops Established
- Acres of Nutrient Management Plans and # producers involved
- Number of Well Abandonments
- Number of Manure Storages Abandoned and manure storages installed, reviewed, or improved
- Number of Farmland Preservation Inspections, Compliance work

Annual Transect Survey Results

- Soil Erosion Results
- Adoption of No-Till and mix of crops grown

Environmental Education Program

- Number of Contacts made and # of Presentations Delivered
- Number of Enviro-Thon participants
- Number of Field Days
- Conservation Poster Contest Results
- Master Naturalist Results
- Teacher Workshops Delivered
- Other events organized and delivered
- Number of Volunteer Hours contributed

Recycling Program

- County recycling rates
- Hazardous waste collected
- Appliance and tire collection amounts