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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 21, 2022- 1:00 PM

Alan Barrows opened the meeting and served as the meeting Chairperson in place of Katelyn Bratz who was not able to attend.

1. Call meeting to order, - 1:02
2. pledge of allegiance, roll call and verify quorum.

Commissioners and (alternates)- 9 for quorum		
Representing	Name	Attended (yes/no, by phone)
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler	N
Racine County	Chad Sampson (Jon Grove)	(Y)
Waukesha County	Alan Barrows, Vice Chair (Leif Hauge)	Y
City of Waukesha	Robin Grams (Doug Koehler)	Y
Town of Mukwonago	Katelyn Bratz, Chair (Barb Holtz)	(Y)
Town of Vernon	Lee Manthey	Y
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	Y
Town of Waukesha	Ken Miller	N
Village of Big Bend	Larry Long	Y
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	Y
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	Y
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen, Treasurer	Y
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	Y
City of Burlington	Donny Hefty	Y
Town of Wheatland		
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	N
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting), Secretary	Y
WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	N
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	Y



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	Quorum Numbers	12
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Guests	
Representing	Name
Kenosha County	Mark Jenks
Resource Environmental Solutions	Mark O'Leary
Resource Environmental Solutions	Gregg Breese
Waukesha County Land Resources Division, LCD Conservation Specialist	Matt Herrick

3. Check that Audio Recorder is running.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting held December 3, 2021.
 - a. Donny Hefty made a motion to approve the minutes.
 - b. Fred Koeller seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion passes
5. Treasurer's Report.

Wayne Jensen summarized the Treasurer's report that covers both November and December. Most recent expenses include the newspaper notices for Racine, Kenosha, and Waukesha counties as well as the Salt Workshop in November and closing the Reidy project in December. This provided an ending balance of \$109,017.01 in the money market account. Total available balance for projects in year 2022 (ENUM 22 held by WDNR) is \$23,494.96 and a copy of this report is appended to these minutes.

- a. Donny Hefty made a motion to accept the treasurer's report
- b. Russ Egan seconded the motion
- c. Treasurer report was approved

Old Business

- d. Fox River 2022 Summit – Tom Slawski

Tom Slawski summarized the full agenda for the upcoming Summit on March 17, 2022. It will be a full day event and most notably we have two keynote speakers that include WDNR Secretary Preston Cole and John Jansen, and more information can be found at the Southeast Fox River Partnership website here at

[2022 Fox River Summit | waukeshafoxriver \(southeastfoxriver.org\)](https://www.southeastfoxriver.org/2022-Fox-River-Summit)

Jim Pindell noted that we have not yet taken a vote on whether the Commissioners and alternates and elected officials will be paid for attending the Summit, like we have done in the past. Alan agreed and that he would entertain a motion to fund Commissioners, alternates, and elected officials to be paid by the SEWFRC for attending the upcoming



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Fox River Summit, and this motion was moved forward by Fred Koeller and seconded by Jim Pindel and motion passed unanimously. During discussion Wayne Jensen asked we would pay in one large lump sum or individually. Jim Pindell said that in the past it was much easier to reimburse paid registrations individually, and it was decided that is the best way to do it again this year.

Barb Holtz asked if you register virtually is there a different cost? Tom responded that there is no difference in cost to attend in person versus virtually and the price is \$41.50 per attendee. The planning team has seriously considered participant safety in designing the event and all attendees are encouraged to follow the current CDC COVID guidelines at the venue. However, this is a public event, and there may be individuals that will not be wearing a mask. Therefore, we have developed a virtual option for anyone would be uncomfortable in that environment. Registration can be found here at <https://www.southeastfoxriver.org/>

e. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford dam to Illinois border – Tom Slawski
Tom Slawski has shared the work with Foth and RES, and there is nothing new to report. Alan noted that Waukesha County continues to use the draft maps of priority parcels to reduce nonpoint source loads for targeting priority areas for phosphorus and sediment removal in agricultural areas, which have been extremely useful and helpful for project planning. He noted that those ArcMap datasets are available for the entire watershed area of the Fox River and available for all communities and just contact SEWRPC if you need copies. Donny Hefty also noted that those draft maps have also been working great for project planning as part of the City of Burlington’s Department of Public Works Adaptive Management permitting program.

f. John Kojis Farm Field gully repair project
Jon Grove noted that this project closed and requested that it be removed from this agenda. Alan replied that we would remove this from the agenda. Jim Pindel noted that we can drop these from the agenda, but that we need to keep them in the treasurer’s report until we get clearance from WDNR to reimburse the Commission.

g. Report on Fox River Park Project
Alan Barrows noted that continue to work on permitting with WDNR. Because this project exceeded \$100,000 total cost, it required County Board approval. This was recently approved by the County and it is now budgeted as a capital project.

h. Zanella Shoreline Restoration project –
Jon Grove noted that this project closed and requested that it be removed from this agenda. Alan replied that we would remove this from the agenda and keep it in the treasurer’s report until we get clearance from WDNR to reimburse the Commission.

i. Reidy Shoreline Restoration Project –
Jon Grove noted that this project closed and requested that it be removed from this agenda. Alan replied that we would remove this from the agenda and keep it in the treasurer’s report until we get clearance from WDNR to reimburse the Commission.

j. Schultz Shoreline Protection Project-
Jon Grove noted that they are working on the permitting for this project and plan to work on it in 2022.



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6. New Business

- a.** Report on activities of the work being done by Foth and RES--Gregg Breese and Mark O'Leary gave a summary of their progress to date using a powerpoint presentation entitled "SEWFRC Ecological Funding Implementation Plan Status Update". A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is appended with these minutes and general discussion was summarized below:

This presentation or some version of this presentation is planned to be given by Gregg at the Fox River Summit. This is seen as a great opportunity to invite new stakeholders and landowners to add to the list of potential partners and projects. They then reviewed several elements of the presentation that included the draft prioritization process, initial results and site investigation tool, grant matrix detail, stakeholder engagement, and the RCPP grant application progress.

The following main elements were agreed to be either followed up on or needed to be developed further as this project proceeds:

Review draft stakeholder list and proposed outreach

RES recognized that development of the stakeholder list will likely require one or more additional meetings and that they need input and help from SEWFRC to develop and refine the stakeholder list. RES requested that SEWFRC review and update the draft stakeholder list from page 20 of the presentation, so we can begin to add to it and develop our list of landowner contacts.

Review funding matrix

Review approach to project prioritization-using a combination of GIS information and they are willing to go into more details if necessary. They tried to sort and categorize each priority project to help identify potential funding sources, and the tool is designed to easily find sites and data layers associated with each location (meta data- project type, name of grant, funder, gis layers, description of grant, money and match, and deadlines), then it links back to grant categories that were flagged. Using the GIS prioritization that was developed by the SEWRPC, the project team is incorporating all this this information as a framework for this effort.

RCPP grant

RCPP grant deadline is April 13th, 2022, which is much earlier than previously thought. The RCPP will be submitted at the watershed scale boundary at the \$10 million maximum level with 50% match. Only private land projects can be used for funding nonpoint source pollution reduction activities, but public projects can be used as a match. So, communities actively engaged in Adaptive Management as part of WPDES permits, County Land Conservation Department activities, and MS4 activities could be used as potential match for this larger grant. Going bigger to watershed scale would allow public match cost-share for additional communities both



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inside and outside the boundaries of the SEWFRC to help achieve the grant matching funds. The RCCP grant can be shared across state lines. Hence, the Fox Waterway Agency has been a partner and potentially could be used as a cost share for the grant. However, RES will need to look into this. Nonetheless, RES will need letters of support from communities outside the SEWFRC boundary in support of this grant.

Next steps/Clarification

RES is working to clarify on whether RCCP funds can be spent on the mainstem of the Fox River, it might only be allowed on tributaries.

RES will develop a template letter agreement for communities/potential project partners inside and outside the jurisdictional boundary of the SEWFRC so that potential partners can better understand what match looks like to and to be able to communicate that to willing landowners.

Send info for Adaptive Management coordination with RCCP grants-(this question arose from Donny Hefty who asked “Are sites already enrolled in Adaptive Management areas for WWTP’s still eligible for match in the proposed RCCP grant program?” Reach out to the following WWTP’s that have approved Adaptive Management plans within the Fox River watershed:

- City of Burlington WWTP
- Village of Mukwonago WWTP
- Western Racine County Sewerage District

Reach out to other counties within the SEWFRC (i.e., Waukesha and Kenosha counties) for additional project specific landowners/project lists.

Need to determine how much of their Land Conservation Departments are allowed to serve as match in support of the RCCP grant program for counties both within (Kenosha, Racine, Waukesha) versus outside (Walworth) the SEWFRC boundary.

Need to determine the best approach to handle grant administration for projects proposed as part of the RCCP grant program (note-SEWFRC have no staff to administer grants)

Need to determine if match for this RCCP grant can come from organizations outside WI (in the state of IL), specifically the Fox Waterway Agency’s (FWA) boundary is contiguous with the SEWFRC’s boundary at the state line, and the FWA conducts significant dredging and other projects that would seem appropriate match. Note that the SEWFRC and FWA have been seeking to collaborate in some sort of grant project for years, so this RCCP grant may be that opportunity.

Funding Issues for FOTH & RES

Jim Pindel noted that he has been trying to determine how and when will the money get to the SEWFRC in order to be able to pay FOTH & Res for this project. To date



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he has not had much luck, but he continued to follow up on an email from last November from Sara Deburg who claimed to be “working on getting the funding and contract put together for the enumeration for the Fox River Commission in this last budget, and I hope to be able to get that to you by next week”.

b. North Tichigan Road Shoreline Restoration Presentation–

Jon Grove gave a brief summary that this project consists of 3 separate landowners with severely eroded shoreline and Chad Sampson gave formal presentation at the last meeting. Requesting \$17,000 cost to the Commission for this proposal. Wayne confirmed that we have \$25,000 available Jim Pindel noted that with our new restrictions we would have to handle these as 3 separate projects, because of the \$9,000 limit per lake shoreline project. The project will be billed out as \$5,300 per parcel per project. Based on the grant scoring criteria checklist it was determined that the project attained a total score of 48, which exceeds the funding minimum criteria requirement. Therefore, Alan motioned to approve the project for funding and this was seconded by Jim Pindel. Motion passed unanimously.

c. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows

No additional updates for this to report from Tom or Alan.

d. Election of Officers –Alan Barrows

Jim Pindel made a motion to nominate Katelyn Bratz, Chair, Alan Barrows, Vice Chair, Wayne Jensen, Treasurer, and Tom Slawski, Secretary officers for SEWFRC. Seconded from Russ Egan, and no other nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, or Secretary were provided. Alan entertained a motion to close the nominations and cast unanimous vote for Katelyn Bratz, Chair, Alan Barrows, Vice Chair, Wayne Jensen, Treasurer, and Tom Slawski, Secretary. That motion was provided by Larry Long and seconded by Robin Grams. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Reports & Updates

a. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski

No updates provided.

b. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington-

Donny Hefty stated that all the information related to Echo Lake dam and supporting documents regarding alternatives being considered, including costs, are on the following website at [Echo Lake Dam | Burlington, WI - Official Website \(burlington-wi.gov\)](http://www.burlington-wi.gov/echo-lake-dam). He also mentioned that dredging is likely to be considered as part of the future of this impoundment.

c. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre

Rachel noted that monitoring will continue through at least June 2022.

d. Report on the Fox Watershed Mitigation Plan- Tom Slawski

Nothing new to report.



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e. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County-
Jon Grove noted that there is a Winter Workshop February 11, 2022, and it is free to register. Key speaker is Dave Brown, a nationally renowned speaker, and all are encouraged to attend. See website for more details [Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County, WI \(wpcracinecounty.org\)](http://wpcracinecounty.org).

f. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
Alan reminded the group that anyone completing projects to please send photos and details so our website remains up to date.

8. Correspondence

Tom Slawski noted that he sent an EPA Releases CWSRF Best Practices Guide for Financing Nonpoint Source Solutions! on 1/12/2022. See website link here at [CWSRF Best Practices Guide for Financing Nonpoint Source Solutions: Building Successful Project Funding \(EPA 841-B-21-012\)](#)

Miscellaneous Issues –

Alan introduced a new Waukesha County staff member Matt Herrick to the group. Matt is the new Conservation Specialist for the Waukesha County Land Resources Division.

Waukesha County is set to acquire funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Working to use these funds for water quality requirements. Water quality and stormwater management projects are potentially available for funding through ARPA.

Next Meeting and Location is February 18, 2022, at the Village of Mukwonago at 1pm.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting given by Donny Hefty

Jim Pindel seconded the motion

Motion Passes



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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 18, 2022- 1:00 PM

Mukwonago Village Hall; 440 River Crest Ct; Mukwonago, WI 53149

Commissioners and (alternates)		
Representing	Name	Attended (yes/no, by phone)
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler (Mark Jenks-Non-Voting)	X
Racine County	Chad Sampson (Jon Grove)	X
Waukesha County	Alan Barrows (Leif Hauge)	X
City of Waukesha	Robins Grams (Doug Koehler)	X
Town of Mukwonago	Katelyn Bratz (Barb Holtz)	X
Town of Vernon	Lee Manthey	X
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	
Town of Waukesha	Ken Miller	
Village of Big Bend	Larry Long	X
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	X
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	X
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	X
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	
City of Burlington	Donny Hefty	
Town of Wheatland	Andrew Lois	
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	X
WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	X

Guests	
Representing	Name
WWMD	Grant Horn

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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

1. Katelyn Bratz called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm
2. pledge of allegiance
3. roll call listed above and verify quorum.
4. Tom Slawski confirmed the audio recorder was running.
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting held January 21, 2022
 - a. Fred Koeller made a motion to accept the minutes.
 - b. Larry Long seconded the motion
 - c. Katelyn Bratz abstained from the vote, as she was not present at the previous meeting.
 - d. Motion passed
6. Wayne Jensen reviewed the Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Alan Barrows made a motion to accept the minutes
 - b. Wayne Castle seconded the motion
 - c. Motion passes

Old Business

7. Fox River 2022 Summit – Tom Slawski.
 - a. Thursday, March 17.
 - b. Members and Alternates can be reimbursed for the cost of admission.
 - c. SEWFRC will have a booth with info sheet
 - d. Several agencies are giving 3 minute introductory presentations, Wayne Jensen has offered to present who the SEWFRC is.
8. Report on Fox River Park Project – Alan Barrows
 - a. Working on the administrative aspects of the project.
9. Schultz Shoreline Protection Project- Jon Grove
 - a. In process of acquiring the DNR permit

New Business

10. Report on activities of the work being done by Foth and RES
 - a. Tom Slawski- has not gotten any updates from Foth and RES
 - b. We did receive an update via email from Jim Pindel. We have now signed ENUM-23. We have requested \$100,000 advance payment for Foth and Res requests.
 - c. Tom Slawski ran through their checklist of elements that we needed to support. Tom is unclear what the expectations are for division of labor.
 - d. Gregg Breese did request a meeting with Alan Barrows, but gave 1 day notice. Alan was not available. Foth and Res did not

reach out again.

- e. Foth and Res did not communicate or share their progress with the commission. RCCP grant had needed deliverables, which they did not follow up with the commission on.
 - f. Tom Slawski is asking for clarification on how to proceed when working with them.
 - g. Tom Slawski has asked if anyone had the opportunity to review the stakeholder list. Can communities from Illinois collaborate as stakeholders?
 - h. Gregg Breese did reach out to Chad Sampson wanting a project list, which had already been delivered back in October. Foth and Res did send out a letter to landowners, which landowners received on Tuesday. Jon Grove will forward the letter to the commission, which did state there would be no cost to the landowner, which we do not believe is accurate.
 - i. Katelyn Bratz inquired that if letters are being sent out on our behalf to landowners, we should approve the letters prior to the mailing.
 - j. Jon Grove shared they would like a heads up, as they are now fielding inquiries from citizens about the contents of the letter.
 - k. Alan Barrows shared our website has a completed map of projects, we should update the map with all previous projects. Alan shared concern that other aspects of the larger project had not been completed prior to application for a grant. The administration of a grant was also not considered in the discussion.
 - l. Mark Jenks shared that a lot of their agricultural contacts were outside of our commission. He did not observe anything in Kenosha County. There is also concern about what the RCCP grant could be used for.
 - m. Action moving forward: Tom Slawski requesting a schedule and a stronger understanding of responsibility.
 - n. Alan Barrows suggested a virtual meeting
11. North Tichigan Road Shoreline Restoration--Jon Grove
- a. Construction is likely to begin in August.
 - b. They have acquired the bids and pulled the permits.
12. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows -No Update
13. WWMD Grant request proposal-Grant Horn
- a. Grant received the request 2 weeks ago. They have applied for a small-scale dredging project in shallow water.
 - b. An engineering firm has been contracted to complete the project. Kaiser and Associates are working with Geosyntec on the project. \$103,000 is the projected budget.
 - c. Asking for as much as they can acquire, but recognizing that there are budget constraints.
 - d. Can send any additional documentation if needed.
 - e. Katelyn Bratz has forwarded their request onto all the commission members.

- f. Tom asked for clarification on the DNR requirements for the permits. The previous project was a test pilot project for a large scale project. This dredging project is small scale, with sediment to be spread on farmer's fields no thicker than 3 inches. The plan has been approved verbally, They are in the process of acquiring the permit. They do not anticipate major hurdles due to variation from the pilot test.
- g. This is for creation of the project manual, the bathymetric surveys updated from 13 years ago. It is the step prior to the dredging.
- h. Alan Barrows- Did the district do a bidding project for the firms? Grant Horn shared all declined to bid as everyone will want to do their own preliminary work, not reuse the previous bathymetric surveys.
- i. Tom Slawski asked if they were drawing the lake down? Grant Horn shared that they were not drawing down the lake.
- j. Fred Koeller asked would the work with WWMD be able to be cost share matching? Does RCCP grant apply to lakes? Or outside of agricultural uses?

Reports and Updates

- 14. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski
 - a. No update
- 15. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington-Donny Hefty
 - a. No Update
- 16. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
 - a. Went out this week to do flows, and sampling is continuing.
 - b. They have started pulling the data. Looks like we should have enough data when they end in June.
 - c. TSS, Phosphorus is what they are testing for.
- 17. Report on the Fox Watershed Mitigation Plan- Tom Slawski
 - a. Still gathering dam information and infrastructure data
- 18. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Jon Grove
 - a. Winter Workshop of Feb 11th
 - b. 117 attendees, more than double previous attendance.
 - c. There is increased interest in the committee.
- 19. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
 - a. Updating the map with completed projects.
 - b. Tom Slawski asked if we should be posting supplemental information.
 - i. the treasurer report
 - ii. the Foth and Res presentation
 - iii. Would be a better question for Al Sikora
 - iv. Perhaps a commissioners hub
 - v. Presentations should be archived with the minutes
 - vi. Tom Slawski will follow up with Al Sikora

Correspondence

20. Feb 9th- Greg Horeth (WWMD)- Gathering of the Racine County Lakes Districts/Association. Katelyn Bratz will communicate information as it becomes available from this new collaboration.
21. Feb 10th- WWMD's Newsletter was emailed. Katelyn Bratz forwarded the email to the commission.
22. Feb 18th- Grant Horn emailed his presentation information. Katelyn Bratz forwarded the email to the commission.

Miscellaneous Issues

23. Alan Barrows shared information about the \$1,000 for the aquatic invasive species program.
 - a. They had hired a new AIS coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for newsletters, intern hiring, etc.
 - b. Amanda Schmitz, is the new AIS Coordinator. Has a background in water projects in general, not just AIS.
 - c. Activities include:
 - i. hiring 7 interns each summer
 - ii. clean boats, clean waters
 - iii. Work through education, not enforcement
 - d. Costs about \$60,000 to run the program.
 - e. Grants cover about half. Our funding is greatly appreciated.
24. Next Meeting and Location
 - a. April 8th, 1 pm. Mukwonago Village Hall
25. Close Meeting
 - a. Larry Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting
 - b. Jon Grove seconded the motion
 - c. Motion Passes



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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 8, 2022- 1:00 PM

Mukwonago Village Hall; 440 River Crest Ct; Mukwonago, WI 53149

Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

Commissioners and (alternates)		
Representing	Name	Attended (yes/no, by phone)
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler	
Racine County	Chad Sampson (Jon Grove)	Yes
Waukesha County	Alan Barrows (Leif Hauge)	Yes
City of Waukesha	Robins Grams (Doug Koehler)	Yes
Town of Mukwonago	Katelyn Bratz (Barb Holtz)	Yes
Town of Vernon	Lee Manthey	Yes
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	Yes
Town of Waukesha	Ken Miller	
Village of Big Bend	Larry Long	Yes
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	Yes
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	Yes
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	
City of Burlington	Donny Hefty	Yes
Town of Wheatland	Andrew Lois	
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	Yes
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	Yes
WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	

Guests	
Representing	Name
Mark Jenks	Kenosha
Grant Horn	WWMD
Greg Horeth	WWMD
Mark O'Leary	Foth and RES

1. Katelyn Bratz called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum
4. Confirm the audio recorder is running
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting held February 18, 2022.
 - a. Alan Barrows made a motion to accept the minutes
 - b. Donny Hefty made a second to accept the minutes
 - c. Jim Pindel and Bill Hopkins abstained as they were absent from the previous meeting
 - d. Motion passed
6. Reviewed the Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Jim Pindel- We received an invoice for the salt workshop. We received a previous bill in October and paid it in November. We have received a second invoice.
 - i. Alan Barrows will follow up with Jayne Jenks.
 - b. Jim Pindel- talked to Tom Day at the Summit. Eagle Spring never completed the work. We can take the 190.00 off of the budget.
 - c. Reimburse commissioners for the Summit registration fee, submit information if you need the refund.
 - d. Alan Barrows, questions to the DNR about the funding for the RES project. There has been no progress moving forward.
 - e. Alan Barrows made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report
 - f. Larry Long made a second to accept the Treasurer's Report
 - g. Motion passed

Old Business

7. Fox River 2022 Summit – Tom Slawski.
 - a. The hybrid meeting worked okay. They are working to post the recordings for those unable to attend.
 - b. DNR secretary gave great support for our work in the watershed. Hopefully it acquired more stakeholders.
8. Report on Fox River Park Project – Alan Barrows
 - a. Still working on obtaining two additional grants. Parks group has applied for stewardship funds. Still working on permitting with DNR
9. Schultz Shoreline Protection Project- Chad Sampson
 - a. Permitting is done
 - b. Waiting until Aug 1- for the threatened and endangered species

New Business

10. Report on activities of the work being done by Foth and RES
 - a. Jim Pindel- provided our tax ID information to Erin Delawalla. Gave approval for a DUNS number.
 - b. Tom Slawski- Restructured so that the application will be

applied for under SEWFRC's name. We are in the process of creating our account. We can still apply without the government ID. (sam.gov)

- c. Greg Horeth of WWMD- we need to have a recognized address. Are all the entities required to have government id accounts.
 - i. Mark O'Leary- we are unsure of the answer.
- d. Donny Hefty- City of Burlington was able to push a letter of support through the common council at their most recent meeting.
- e. Mark O'Leary- we are at 11.4 million in partner matches. We are asking for 2.6 million. 3 to 1 is the recommended match.
 - i. We are hoping to submit on Monday 4/11. The deadline is on Wednesday 4/13.
- f. All of our projects that we are asking for, must be related back to our goals.
- g. Having our name on the application is a better message. This is a groundbreaking application, so hopefully, we are showing leadership and capacity in the watershed.
- h. Next step will be Foth and RES sharing upcoming grants with the commission for us to determine what we would like to pursue.
- i. Chad Sampson recommended a few other contacts at the county level to reach out to for further support. We should create a list of further contacts on who Foth and RES can reach out to for further support.
- j. The funding would pay for us to pay Foth and RES to execute the administrative aspect of the work.
- k. This grant cannot be used on the mainstream of the Fox.
- l. Comments on the grant application should be delivered to Foth and RES before Monday.
- m. You have to be able to spend the money that you receive. It has been recommended that you start small and demonstrate success. Then you can acquire more funds in the future.
- n. Foth and Res is tracking projects in GIS. They can upload the different community projects into their system, so we can be able to track.

11. North Tichigan Road Shoreline Restoration--Chad Sampson

- a. Permitted and the land owners are ready to go. August or September will be the timeline due to threatened and endangered animals.

12. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows

- a. No Update

13. WWMD Grant request proposal-Grant Horn

- a. Apologizes for the timeline of the project, they appreciate any help that we can offer.
- b. Review Project Criteria : Passed with 47 points
- c. Wayne Jenson reported, we only have approximately \$6, 000 available. We had said we would not approve funds we do not have.
- d. Greg Horeth shared their timeline is challenging because they have deadlines.
- e. Jim Pindel will follow-up on our next ENUM delivery date.
- f. Greg Horeth shared, WWMD would be able to accept a timeline of payments to account for our ENUM schedule.
- g. They are hoping for \$50,000.
- h. Alan Barrows- First page of the budget report, we do have \$22,000 in non-grant funds as a safety net.
- i. Jim Pindel- motion that we will fund \$50,000 from our next Enumeration.
- j. Bill Hopkins made a second that we will fund \$50,000 from our next Enumeration.
- k. Motion Passes

Reports and Updates

- 14. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski
 - a. No update
- 15. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski
 - a. There was an update at the Summit. They are moving forward with some great projects.
- 16. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington-Donny Hefty
 - a. Hired a consultant and created a steering committee. It will go to referendum in November.
- 17. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
 - a. No update
- 18. Report on the Fox Watershed Mitigation Plan- Tom Slawski
 - a. Have mapped all of the flooded structures in the watershed. Still accumulating all the dam information.
 - b. Will be having their next meeting in May.
- 19. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Chad Sampson
 - a. Case Eagle Park- they have several demonstration plots. Their field day will be in September. The demonstration plots show soil health practices. Their goal is to show return on investment.
 - b. Will be presenting to the county board in May.
- 20. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
 - a. No update

Correspondence

- 21. 3-15-22 Erin Delawalla attached video minutes of the SEWFRC

- Municipal and County Shareholders Meeting.
22. 3-31-22 Chad Sampson emailed with project presentations for our May meeting. The Solberg Slope Stabilization and the Ogden Slope and Shoreline Stabilization Projects.
 23. 3-31-22 Kelly DuCoeur from Ruekert & Mielke emailed inquiring about funding timelines and cost caps.
 24. 3-31-22 Jim Pindel emailed with a follow up invoice from Jayne Jenks on the salt workshop- see above minutes for update.
 25. 4-4-22 Greg Horeth- Gathering on Racine County Lake Districts and Associations
 - a. Bryan Young and Greg Horeth would like to create a collaboration with the Racine County Lakes.
 - b. Katelyn Bratz and Chad Sampson will be involved in the correspondence.
 - c. Greg Horeth will give us updates
 - d. There is a similar group in the Lake Country that Alan Barrows works with. It provides great opportunities for funding.
 26. 4-8-22 Alan Barrows- NRCS RCPP letter of support from Waukesha County

Miscellaneous Issues

27. Greg Horeth- wanted to share that the Summit was wonderful. Tom Slawski- he has received great feedback on the entire day.
28. Chad Sampson, Mark Jenks, and Milwaukee County. Scott McComb with UW-Sea Grant- training for Clean Boats, Clean Water. If any lake organization wants his information let Chad Sampson know. Funded through the DNR lake monitoring network.
29. Wayne Castle- Village of Mukwonago's Adaptive Management- Working to comply with phosphorus. They recently toured land owners properties who wanted to stabilize his shoreline. They have also looked at several places where potential projects could be, near the ES canoe launch.

There is a drainage ditch along the wastewater plant, there is a chunk of rip rap and then erosion issues after that. Several potential projects in the Mukwonago area.

30. Donny Hefty- Burlington completed the first full year with 680 acres converted to no till acreage 300+ will be converted this year. Working with the SEWRPC plan.
 - a. 400 lbs of phosphorus removed from farm acreage
 - b. 725 lbs of phosphorus removed from leaf collection process.
 - c. Averages were all below .1 mg/L at monitoring sites.
31. Would be interested in having all the adaptive management plans overlaid on our commission boundaries.
32. Next Meeting and Location
 - a. May 13th
 - b. Mukwonago Village Hall
33. Adjournment
 - a. Larry Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- b. Wayne Castle seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.
- c. Motion passes

* If you have any question about the Agenda, please call Secretary Tom Slawski at (262) 953-3263.



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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 13, 2022- 1:00 PM

Mukwonago Village Hall; 440 River Crest Ct; Mukwonago, WI 53149

Commissioners and (alternates)		
Representing	Name	Attended (yes/no, by phone)
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler	
Racine County	Chad Sampson (Jon Grove)	Yes
Waukesha County	Alan Barrows (Leif Hauge)	Yes
City of Waukesha	Robins Grams (Doug Koehler)	Yes
Town of Mukwonago	Katelyn Bratz (Barb Holtz)	Yes
Town of Vernon	Lee Manthey	Yes
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	Yes
Town of Waukesha	Ken Miller	
Village of Big Bend	Larry Long	Yes
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	Yes
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	Yes
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	Yes
City of Burlington	Donny Hefty	
Town of Wheatland	Andrew Lois	
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	Yes
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	Yes
WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	Yes

Guests	
Name	Representing Organization
Mark Jenks	Kenosha Co.
Grant Horn	WWMD
Greg Horeth	WWMD
Travis Motl	WDNR

Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

1. Katelyn Bratz called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum
4. Confirm the audio recorder is running
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting held April 8, 2022.
 - a. Larry Long made a motion to approve the minutes
 - b. Russ Egan seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion passed
6. Reviewed the Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Jim Pindel reviewed the April treasurer's report for the commission
 - i. Alan Barrows made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.
 - ii. Bill Hopkins seconded the motion.
 - iii. Motion passed.

Old Business

7. Fox River 2022 Summit – Tom Slawski.
 - a. Waiting for the payments to clear and then he will request reimbursement from the commission.
8. Report on Fox River Park Project – Alan Barrows
 - a. Working through permitting and acquiring grants
9. Schultz Shoreline Protection Project- Chad Sampson
 - a. Ready to move forward, August 1st is the start date.
 - b. Hope to be completed in August.
10. North Tichigan Road Shoreline Restoration--Chad Sampson
 - a. ready to move forward, August first is the start date.
11. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski
 - a. No update
 - b. Is there an expected date of completion? Jim Pindel
 - i. The plan is a June draft date- Tom Slawski

New Business

12. Report on activities of the work being done by Foth and RES
 - a. They have requested to pursue the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Grant. Tom will relay that they can go ahead with the grant.

- b. Chad Sampson asked, is that grant to restore wetlands in and around the Fox River, or is it only agricultural areas, can any area that needs restoration apply. Tom Slawski responded, we are unsure if it is limited to agricultural fields, but that is the majority of it.
- c. Alan Barrows did meet with Alan Richter, who has experience with the RCPP grant. They look very similar to the EQUIP program the NRCS program has. If the grant is approved, there is less competition when they apply for grants through us versus the NRCS. If we can establish a grant program, we can promote the advantages.
- d. Foth and RES also asked for further potential sites and partners, if we are aware of them.
 - i. Waukesha County owns the Fox River Greenway, there are many agricultural fields in that greenway. Some do not have any planned development. -Alan Barrows

13. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows

- a. No Update

14. WWMD Project-Grant Horn

- a. Grant Horn wanted to thank the commissioners for the grant approved at the last meeting. Approval was very crucial to their budget.
- b. Have done a bathymetric survey.
- c. By June 10th, they should have a solid estimate on the cost of the project.
- d. Jim Pindel- the grant was contingent on our acquiring the funding.
 - i. Sare DeBruijin responded that the approval will come out shortly after July 4th.
- e. Alan Barrows- what is the plan for dredging?
 - i. contractors have the option for both
 - ii. They have secured a site for hydraulic dredging which is fantastic and can help with the planning.
 - iii. Alan Barrows commented, having a plan for dredging can help immensely with the cost and planning.

15. Solberg Slope Stabilization- Chad Sampson

- a. They have riprap, so erosion of the shoreline is not an issue
- b. The slope above the shoreline is bare ground, which erodes everytime it rains.
- c. Sometimes the rip rap rolls down into the river
- d. The goal will be to establish native plants on the slope
- e. The path will need leveling,
- f. They cannot use a retaining wall, the proposed option is Envirolock bags by Agricol and stabilize the hill.

- g. Seed and mulch will be used in the areas not covered by the bags.
 - h. Total cost will be \$15,000, 90% will be \$13,500
 - i. Alan Barrows- what would be the cost per foot. The slope is approximately 10-12 feet. It would be about \$250.00 per foot.
 - j. Alan Barrows- prefilled pre-stitched bags are an option, it adds a bit of cost, but makes the project easier to install.
 - k. You put the plants between the bags, instead of cutting holes into the bags and weakening the structure.
 - l. Katelyn Bratz, Do they have a timeline of completion? Chad Sampson shared, they could begin as soon as possible.
 - m. Katelyn Bratz confirmed with Jim Pindel, this project would need to come out of the next ENUM.
16. Ogden Slope and Shoreline Stabilization- Chad Sampson
- a. There is 35 feet of shoreline
 - b. There is a swale that is grassed which leads to the river.
 - c. The location of the hole along the shoreline causes a waterfall when it rains. He has lost several trees in the recent past.
 - d. The shoreline would be stabilized from the rock at the top to the shore.
 - e. They have not pinned down the plan for the repair. They are still talking with contractors.
 - f. Parts of the project include:
 - i. Native plants would be needed on the steep slope.
 - ii. Removal of the dead and fallen trees
 - iii. Mulch and erosion control
 - iv. Grade stabilization
 - g. Ball park cost \$13,000
 - h. Mark Jenks- would he consider doing something in the grassy swale to help with the erosion? Is the swale in his property?
 - i. Does this with the shoreline, limit the cost to \$9,000 of the shoreline? Or does it just limit the shoreline not the slope?
17. Katelyn Bratz proposed an agenda item for the next meeting- Individual land owners shoreline vs. slope.
- a. How do we define shoreline vs. slope stabilization- WDNR
 - b. Racine county is 1 foot above the shoreline
 - c. Alan Barrows perhaps the elevation of the floodplain should be taken into account.

Reports and Updates

- 18. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski
 - a. No Update
- 19. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington-Donny Hefty
 - a. Russ Egan- there are several different plans in the works. Goes to referendum in November. The community is very split on the issue.
- 20. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
 - a. Completed the second to last water sampling.

- b. Will have one more flow monitoring
 - c. Then they will begin modeling with the data.
- 21. Report on the Fox Watershed Mitigation Plan- Tom Slawski
 - a. Meeting on May 23rd which will update all on the status.
 - b. Tom Slawski will forward the link to the meeting to the commission members.
 - c. This information will also be shared with Foth and RES
- 22. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Chad Sampson
 - a. Field Day will be after labor day. Case Eagle is the host site for their field plots. Their research plots are underway. There will be various demonstration plots.
- 23. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
 - a. Once we complete a project please send before and after pictures and descriptions in, so we can update and promote the work on the website.

Correspondence

- 24. 4/8/22- Heather Haynes- Long emailed that the commission has an existing DUNS account
- 25. 4/10/22- Greg Horeth sent a thank you from WWMD to the commission.
- 26. 4/11/22- Sara DeBruijn- Emailed letting us know the fiscal year starts July 1st. She will begin to work on processing our ENUM paperwork after the 4th of July. Our contract date will be July 1st.
- 27. 4/11/22 Tom Slawski emailed that the RCPP grant proposal was successfully submitted.
- 28. 5/13/22 Katelyn Bratz forwarded a message from Greg Horath on a Watercraft Inspection Training Opportunity.

Miscellaneous Issues

- 29. We will begin projecting the minutes and treasurer's report, in lieu of printing.
- 30. July 22nd- Tom Slawski will coordinate a location with Donny Hefty and Jim Pindel.
- 31. Close Meeting
 - a. Larry Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - b. Jim Pindel seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion Passes



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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 22, 2022- 1:00 PM

Town of Vernon Fire Station #1, W233 S7475 Woodland Lane, Big Bend, WI 53103

Commissioners and (alternates)		
Representing	Name	Attended (yes/no, by phone)
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler	
Racine County	Chad Sampson (Jon Grove)	Yes
Waukesha County	Alan Barrows (Leif Hauge)	Yes
City of Waukesha	Robins Grams (Doug Koehler)	
Town of Mukwonago	Katelyn Bratz (Barb Holtz)	Yes
Town of Vernon	Lee Manthey	Yes
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	Yes
Town of Waukesha	Ken Miller	
Village of Big Bend	Larry Long	Yes
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	Yes
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	Yes
City of Burlington	Donny Hefty	
Town of Wheatland	Andrew Lois	
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	Yes
WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	

Guests	
Name	Representing Organization
Mark Jenks	Kenosha Co.
Grant Horn	WWMD
Greg Horeth	WWMD

Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

1. Alan Barrows called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum
4. Confirm the audio recorder is running
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting held April 8, 2022.
 - a. Larry Long made a motion to approve the minutes
 - b. Jim Pindel seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion passed
6. Reviewed the Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Jim Pindel reviewed the June treasurer's report for the commission
 - i. Fred Koeller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.
 - ii. Russ Egan seconded the motion.
 - iii. Motion passed.

Old Business

7. Fox River 2022 Summit – Tom Slawski
 - a. Requesting ideas for speakers and topics for next year's summit
 - b. Waiting for the payments to clear and then he will request reimbursement from the commission.
8. Report on Fox River Park Project – Alan Barrows
 - a. 305 total linear feet of riverbank/shoreline, putting this portion of project out for bid in August for a fall 2022 start.
9. Schultz Shoreline Protection Project- Jon Grove
 - a. Ready to move forward, August 1st is the start date due to Threatened & Endangered species deadline date.
 - b. Hope to be completed in August.
10. North Tichigan Road Shoreline Restoration-- Jon Grove
 - a. ready to move forward, August first is the start date.
11. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski
 - a. Draft not completed, but will provide to board for review prior to next meeting.

New Business

12. Report on activities of the work being done by Foth and RES
 - i. No update, and we have not been awarded the RCPP grant to our knowledge.

- ii. Tom Slawski noted that he will send request to them asking for updates and he or or Jim Pindel will share those at the next meeting.

13. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows

- a. No Update, but requested any volunteers to help with this effort and plan to host work subcommittee meetings to improve progress.

14. Review and Discussion of Project Acceptance Criteria/Funding

- a. **Solberg Slope Stabilization-** Jon Grove
- b. The project scored 42 points, so it meets the SEWFRC Project Acceptance Criteria for funding.
 - i. Fred Koeller made a motion to fund the project for up to \$9,000 (on condition of waitlist funding).
 - ii. Russ Egan seconded the motion.
 - iii. Motion passed.
- c. **Ogden Slope and Shoreline Stabilization-** Jon Grove
- d. This project was decided to be broken up into two separate projects.
- e. The slope stabilization portion of this proposed project scored 42 points, so it meets the SEWFRC Project Acceptance Criteria for funding.
 - i. Fred Koeller made a motion to fund the slope stabilization portion of this project for \$5,600 for funding (on condition of waitlist funding).
 - ii. Jim Pindel seconded the motion.
 - iii. Motion passed.
- f. The shoreland stabilization portion of this proposed project scored 39 points, so it meets the SEWFRC Project Acceptance Criteria for funding.
 - i. Jim Pindel made a motion to fund the upland are swale grade stabilization portion of this project for \$5,400 for funding (on condition of waitlist funding).
 - ii. Larry Long seconded the motion.
 - iii. Motion passed.

15. WWMD Project- Grant Horn

- a. Project went out for bid and we did complete dredging project manual to begin in 2023, total 146,000 cubic yards and 8 linear miles of dredging shoreline as well as including connections to bays.

16. Review and discussion of all projects on the Enum- 23 Waitlist

- a. The waitlist grand total of all projects is \$70,000, and includes the WWMD project for \$50,000, Solberg project for \$9,000, and Ogden project for \$11,000.

Reports and Updates

17. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski
 - a. No Update
18. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington-Donny Hefty
 - a. No Update
19. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
 - a. No Update
20. Report on the Fox Watershed Mitigation Plan- Tom Slawski
 - a. Conducting analysis of dams and other infrastructure.
21. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Jon Grove
 - a. No firm date on upcoming field day workshop to be held in early September.
22. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
 - a. No updates

Correspondence

1. 5/16/22 Tom Slawski sent an email to the commissioners with the link to the Fox River Watershed Mitigation Planning Team meeting scheduled for May 23rd
2. 5/17/22 Katelyn Bratz forwarded an email to the commissioners for a meeting of Racine County Lakes, interested parties for a meeting on My 23rd.
3. 7/22/22 Small Scale Dredging Delayed Summer 2022 from info@waterfordwwmd.com

Miscellaneous Issues

23. Jim Pindel provided a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article entitled “State suing over PFAS costs” by Laura Schulte. Jim is concerned that this issue will also be important within our watershed and we may need to be prepared to start funding projects related to PFAS cleanup (forever chemicals) in the future.
24. Next meeting September 23- Tom Slawski will confirm Town of Vernon location.
25. Close Meeting
 - a. Fred Koeller made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - b. Jon Grove seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion Passes



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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 23, 2022- 1:00 PM

Town of Vernon Fire Station #1, W233 S7475 Woodland Lane, Big Bend, WI 53103

Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

Commissioners and (alternates)		
Representing	Name	Attended (yes/no, by phone)
Kenosha County	Andy Buehler Mark Jenks (non-voting)	Yes- Mark
Racine County	Chad Sampson (Jon Grove)	yes
Waukesha County	Alan Barrows (Leif Hauge)	Yes
City of Waukesha	Robins Grams (Doug Koehler)	Yes
Town of Mukwonago	Katelyn Bratz (Barb Holtz)	Yes
Town of Vernon	Lee Manthey	Yes
Town of Waterford	Jim Pindel (Shelley Tessmer)	Yes
Town of Waukesha	Ken Miller	
Village of Big Bend	Kayla Rush	
Village of Mukwonago	Wayne Castle	Yes
Village of Waterford	Fred Koeller (Al Sikora)	Yes
Village of Rochester	Wayne Jensen	Yes
Town of Burlington	Russ Egan	
City of Burlington	Donny Hefty	Yes
Town of Wheatland		
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	
WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	Yes

Guests	
Representing	Name
WWMD	Greg Horeth
WWMD	Grant Horn

1. Call meeting to order. Katelyn Bratz called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum
4. Confirm the audio recorder is running
5. Katelyn Bratz asked all commissioners to update their contact information.
6. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting held July 22, 2022.
 - a. Fred Koeller made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.
 - b. Chad Sampson seconded the motion.
 - c. Katelyn Bratz abstained from voting, since she was not present.
 - d. Motion passed
7. Review the Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Wayne Jensenn met with Sara DeBrujin of the WDNR.
 - i. Sara clarified the following: ENUM accounts- 100,000 we can request as an advance
 - ii. The second 100,000 we have to submit invoices, once approved by the DNR they will release the funds to us.
 - iii. In the past, we paid from the funds we have, once we receive the funds from the DNR we rebalance the accounts. Per Jim Pindel
 - b. Status of ENUM
 - i. 20 completed
 - ii. 21- 35,000 according to the state
 - iii. 22- we have committed 255,000
 - iv. 23- Foth and Res ENUM- we have been invoiced, sent the information to Sara DEBrujin. Paperwork has been submitted; we have received the 160,000. Res has cleared their check.
 1. Balance of 40,000
 - v. 24- the access 55,000 will transfer to 24, state has approved, but we do not have the funds in our account.
 - c. Grant Horn, confirmed the ENUMS are a two year account for 200,000
 - d. Donny Hefty made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report

- e. Fred Koeller seconded the motion.
- f. Motion passed

Old Business

- 8. Fox River 2023 Summit – Katelyn Bratz shared to following from an email from Tom Slawski
 - a. The date for the next Fox River Summit is tentatively March 16, 2023.
 - b. Tom made a request for \$5,500 in funding for the next Fox River Summit.
 - c. Jim Pindel made a motion that we find \$5,500 for the next Fox River Summit.
 - d. Donny Hefty seconded the motion.
 - e. Motion passes
 - f. Katelyn Bratz then clarified that the funding for the Summit comes from our grant funds.
- 9. Report on Fox River Park Project – Alan Barrows
 - a. Leif Hauge
 - i. Still in the planning phase
- 10. Schultz Shoreline Protection Project- Chad Sampson
 - a. Completed a month ago
 - i. received the paid in full invoice and turned into Wayne Jensen
 - ii. Project can be removed from old business
- 11. North Tichigan Road Shoreline Restoration--Chad Sampson
 - a. 3 neighboring property owners
 - i. Completed a month ago
 - ii. 2 of the 3 owners have submitted paperwork. Waiting on the third paperwork
- 12. WWMD Project-Grant Horn
 - a. They went forward with the project.
 - i. Manual is completed
 - ii. Will submit the paperwork
 - iii. Looking for a rebid this fall
 - iv. Suggested we remove it from the agenda.
 - v. Greg Horeth wanted to share that this Saturday there is an annual meeting, there were challenges with the announcements, the meeting will be informational only.
 - vi. Oct 29th will be their adjournment meeting date.
 - 1. Which will approve the annual budget and all

appointments.

- vii. Wayne Jensen asked for clarification on the finances of the WWMD projects. There were two different projects in discussion. Reviewing a past approval and the future approval project.

13. Solberg Slope Stabilization- Chad Sampson

- a. Working on permitting
- b. We were approved for 9,000 dollars
- c. Chad Sampson asked if we had these funds or if the landowner needed to wait.
- d. Wayne Jensen will need to submit an invoice and the state will reimburse for the funds.

14. Ogden Slope and Shoreline Stabilization- Chad Sampson

- a. Approved for 11,000- still in the design and permitting phases, 2023 build estimate.

15. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski

- a. No update

New Business

16. Approval of authorized SEWFRC representative (need to approve resolution (i.e., vote) to appoint an authorized representative for the purposes of signing documents and complete and sign form, and provide to WDNR)

- a. Jim Pindel made a motion approving Wayne Jensen as primary and Katelyn Bratz as the alternate
- b. Fred Koeller seconded the motion
- c. Motions passes

17. Report on activities of the work being done by Foth and RES
Katelyn Bratz read the following email update:

MEMORANDUM

From: Ry Thompson & Mark O'Leary, Resource Environmental Solutions (RES)
Tom Ludwig (Foth)
To: Tom Slawski (SEWRPC) + SEWFRC Board
Date: September 23, 2022
Subject: RES-FOTH Update to SEWFRC Board on Contract Activities

A representative from the RES-Foth team is not able to attend the in-person SEWFRC Board Meeting on Friday, September 23rd. We have prepared the following written update, but would

look forward to finding a time to meeting in person and present the update at the October or November meeting.

- ***Stakeholder Outreach:***

Over the last few months, team representatives have continued outreach efforts to identify high-priority projects and partnership opportunities for furthering water quality improvement and ecological restoration within the Fox River watershed through a presentation at Sweetwater conference, and meetings with Waukesha County Parks, Waukesha County Land Conservancy, Kishwaukee Conservancy, Geneva Lakes Conservancy, SEWRPC, Committee for Watershed Protection for Racine County, and Wisconsin DNR / Preston Cole.

- ***Grant Updates:***

Over the course of several months of meeting and attempts to find projects, there have been challenges with finding “shovel-ready” projects and securing match, though we continue to reach out to seek partners with projects, available match and a need for grant writing assistance to fulfill our commitment to bringing restoration funds to the watershed. We would welcome any assistance from the SEWFRC Board on any project they know of to further these efforts.

1. Regional Conservation Planning Partnership (RCPP) – In August, we learned from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that our RCPP application was not funded. The primary reason appeared to be a mismatch on the proposed match, as much of the match was dredge money from local communities. We are scheduling a meeting with NRCS WI representative Ryan Gerlich to discuss further and determine if a refined resubmittal is appropriate.
2. USFWS North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA) – After seeking appropriate projects and speaking with Ducks Unlimited, it was determined that applying for a NAWCA grant was not feasible or wise, largely due to the recent successful Ducks Unlimited applications that will bring wetland restoration dollars to the watershed.
3. Federal Highway Administration (FHA) Protect Program – This program is part of the \$7.2 Billion Federal Infrastructure program. We are evaluating the list of 25 bridges identified by SEWRPC that are in need of repair/replacement for the best candidate to submit to the Protect Program, which will be administered by Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT). Foth will lead this effort to bring a significant infrastructure investment to the watershed.
4. Wisconsin DNR Wetland General Permit – We are evaluating several potential wetland enhancement / restoration projects in the Fox River watershed that could benefit from this funding source. We will be presenting to the Kishwaukee Conservancy Board on Monday, September 26 with a proposal to assist with fundraising and implementation of hydrologic restoration (tile removal) at the Conservancy. This would include a tile survey and disabling tiles to further their restoration efforts.
5. Wisconsin DRN Wetland In-Lieu Fee Program – We have been in preliminary discussions with Wisconsin DNR and other watershed partners about suitable wetland enhancement / restoration projects in the Fox River watershed that could benefit from this funding source.
6. Waukesha County Opportunities –

- a. We had a productive call with Waukesha County Parks and Waukesha County Land Conservancy and will be assisting with finding funding for several ecological restoration opportunities in the watershed.
 - i. *Fox Bend Park on the Fox River* – This site has extensive restoration opportunities, including wetland restoration in agricultural fields that are annually flooded by the Fox River. The 600-acre site has a now-dated Management Plan and they are excited to work together to identify appropriate funding sources to begin restoration of the site.
 - ii. *Tamarack Swamp Preserve* – This site is located in the Village of Menomonee Falls and includes an 830-acre wetland system. Opportunities exist to further wetland restoration throughout the area, in collaboration with the Conservancy, with the potential to help bring an Wisconsin DNR ILF Wetland Restoration grant to the area.

a. Commissioners voiced concern that the Menomonee Falls project is out of jurisdiction

b. Donny Hefty asked for clarification on what we are funding.

i. The RCPP is a starting point for grant writing.

1. Chad Sampson would be interested in talking further about the projects and contacts as he suggested several private matches to Foth and RES

ii. Rachel Sabre talked with them on several projects. She did not see any of the projects she had talked with them on surface water grant in the RCPP grant.

iii. Chad Sampson talked with them on the wetland grant application- He provided names and contact information for partnering landowners. He does not know the status of this communication.

iv. Greg Horeth- did we enter into the agreement a year ago- they are going to meetings to address information.

1. In one year, what do we have to show for their work? A disconnect on their part between the mission and agenda.

2. Offers himself to go to meetings to talk with them about the status of the work. What can they do with any of the information they have collected?

3. There is a disconnect between the amount of effort we are putting in and the amount of money that is putting in.
 4. We spent hours submitting information to Foth and RES. And they need to be attending our meetings.
- c. Katelyn Bratz and Tom Slawski will touch base with Foth and RES
- i. Wayne Jensen- there is only \$40,000 remaining in the ENUM-23
 - ii. They need to be in attendance at the meetings, so they can communicate with us their progress.
 - iii. Katelyn Bratz stated- We need to see the product before any further invoices are paid.
18. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows
- a. No update
 - b. Jim Pindel shared that they would be part of the subcommittee.
 - i. Mark Jenks and Jim Pindel both agreed to help the subcommittee.
19. Review and discussion of all projects on the Enum- 24 Waitlist
- a. We will add a section to the treasurer’s lists, of the waitlist, but pending funds.

Reports and Updates

20. SEWRPC Survey from Waterford Dam to Illinois border-Tom Slawski
- a. No update
21. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski
- a. No update
22. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington-Donny Hefty
- a. Referendum is set- will be on the Nov 8th ballot
 - b. 7.7 million to remove dam
 - c. 8.1 million to repair the dam
 - d. Cost homeowner about 120.00 per year- City of Burlington tax payers
 - e. Several upcoming informational meetings
23. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
- a. EPA consultant has submitted final report
 - b. June compiled data, waiting on the modelers- will take about 2 years to process everything.
 - c. Outreach should be happening this year....

24. Report on the Fox Watershed Mitigation Plan- Tom Slawski
 - a. No update
25. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Chad Sampson
 - a. Field day was Thursday, September 15
 - b. 4 members attended, best one yet
 - c. Three stations- soil pit, cover crops, and research plots.
 - d. Drone spread cover crop over standing corn. Starts your cover crop earlier in the warmer weather. Can drop as certain rates, has had calls with interest.
 - e. Rainfall simulator- shows cover crops vs traditional farming.
 - f. 70 participants- not seeing the growth they would like in the farmer participation. Might make personal visits and touch back with past participants and re-energize them.
 - g. Good presence from Union Grove FFA
 - h. Saturday, September 24- Low Daily Brewing in Burlington
 - i. They will have 10 members and are doing education on soil health activities- 5pm they will speak.
 - i. Had a lot more money for cover crop grants- was able to provide the money to the guys that have been preaching and sharing the information but not taking the funds. If anyone would like funds for cover crops reach out to Chad Sampson
 - j. Winter Workshop
 - i. Feb 10
 - ii. At Cotton Exchange
 - iii. Keynote- David Brandt of Iowa will speak on farm soil health no till cover crops, share his story and answer questions.
 - iv. Had over 100 people last year.
 - v. Wayne Jensen said the program was really excellent, would support funds being used close to the waterway.
26. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
 - a. Make sure to submit before and after photos of projects.

Correspondence

27. 8/3/22 Village of Big Bend email is to inform you that Kayla Rush (krushmsw@gmail.com) is our newest appointee to the Southeast Wisconsin Fox River Commission to replace Larry Long.
28. 8/20/22 Katelyn Bratz forwarded an email to the commissioners for the Summer Field Day Brochure from Chad Sampson. Register by September 9th.
29. 8/30/22 Tom Slawski forwarded an email sharing this latest approach to flood control from our friends and colleagues in Illinois. See article below and I provide a link to the Engineering With Nature An Atlas, Volume 2 here, if interested:
https://ewn.ercd.dren.mil/?page_id=2463

30. 8/31/22 Tom Slawski forwarded an email share that our friends at the Fox Waterway Agency are completing a watershed management plan.
31. 9/7/22 Tom Slawski forwarded an email share a News articles - Echo Lake Burlington
32. 9/7/22 Tom Slawski forwarded an email share Fabulous Fox! Water Trail branding update.
33. 9/9/22 Tom Slawski forwarded an email update for an upcoming meeting hosted by the Fox Waterway Agency.
34. 9/23/22 Tom Slawski forwarded an email from Foth and RES with an update to share at the meeting.

Miscellaneous Issues

1. Chad Sampson– Potential Projects John Margis Jr. Wildlife Area-
 - a. Bohner’s Lake outlet into holding ponds, used to be a fishery
 - i. 200 feet of shoreline that could be restored
 - b. Maybe add a few access points- parking lot is already there.
 - c. We have a 9,000 limit to individual landowners- we have no limit on public land.
 - d. The supervisor would like something to happen.
 - e. Chad will communicate if addition to the agenda is needed
2. Next Meeting and Location
 - a. Public hearing on our budget- must be published 13 days ahead of time.
 - b. Need potential projects from the counties to include in the report.
 - c. October 28th
 - i. Town of Vernon Fire Station #1, W233 S7475 Woodland Lane, Big Bend, WI 53103
3. Close Meeting
4. Motion- Fred Koeller made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Chad Sampson seconded the motion
Motion passes.



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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 28, 2022- 1:00 PM

Town of Vernon Fire Station #1, W233 S7475 Woodland Lane, Big Bend, WI 53103

Commissioners and (alternates)		
Representing	Name	Attended (yes/no, by phone)
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Town of Wheatland		
Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	
WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	

Guests	
Representing	Name
WWMD	Grant Horn

Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

1. Katelyn Bratz called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum
4. Confirm the audio recorder is running
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting held September 23, 2022.
 - a. Fred Koeller made a motion to approve the minutes.
 - b. Chad Sampson seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion passed
6. Review the Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Alan Barrows made a motion to approve the report
 - b. Russ Egan seconded the motion
 - c. Motion passes

Old Business

7. Fox River 2023 Summit – Tom Slawski
 - a. No Update
8. Report on Fox River Park Project – Alan Barrows
 - a. The riverbank restoration component is scheduled to start this week, but it is waiting for the Army Corps of Engineers to approve.
 - b. Contractor selected and ready to go.
 - c. Shoreline is scheduled for this year and the rest for next year.
9. North Tichigan Road Shoreline Restoration--Chad Sampson
 - a. 3 property owners completed
 - b. We have submitted our paperwork
 - c. Can removed from the agenda
10. WWMD Project-Grant Horn
 - a. Completed, paid, and working on submission of documents
 - b. Hoping to have an annual meeting before the end of the year to select a contractor.
11. Solberg Slope Stabilization- Chad Sampson
 - a. Slope above the shoreline
 - b. Owner cleared the slope
 - c. Have not been able to get the contractor out to work on the project.
May contact a different contractor come spring.
12. Ogden Slope and Shoreline Stabilization- Chad Sampson
 - a. Shoreline and grade stabilization structure
 - b. Received 1 very high contractor quote
 - i. Looking for more contractors
 - c. Slated for spring

New Business

13. Report on activities of the work being done by Foth and RES

- a. Katelyn shared email
- b. Discussion of the jurisdiction vs watershed boundary for the work of Foth and Res.
 - i. We were under the assumption it was specific to RCPP, not universal
 - ii. Katelyn Bratz asked for clarification of whether we can fund projects outside of the projects.
 1. Alan Barrows- Can we manage grants that are outside of our area for administration of a grant?
 2. RCPP used the entire watershed, but we should not fund if the projects do not connect to the watershed.
 3. Katelyn Bratz would communicate to Foth and Res that projects not connected to our jurisdiction, should not be applied for. For larger watershed wide projects, the commission will address on a case by case basis as Foth and Res suggests them.
- c. Alan Barrows shared that they shared the issue of lack of cash matches when applying for grants. Was not surprised to hear it. More work needs to be done with foundations, corporations, or non-profits.
- d. Chad Sampson- NRCS on the RCPP grant. We received had a ½ page positive comments, but 3 pages of negative comments.
 - i. Partners and goals were great
 - ii. Who is holding the contracts for our projects? Unclear who is holding the landowners responsible.
 - iii. Who is doing the construction design, who is completing the structural report?
 - iv. Who is holding the easements?
 - v. Our work was too general and broad. We need to narrow the area and the scope.

- vi. Steve Becker prefers natural steam processes without rip rap. He would want to see it naturalized. Riffles and some riprap, meandering. Disappointed that we did not have specifics. He is reviewing the applications.
- vii. Ry Thompson and Erin DeWalla from RES will have phone call on Monday with Chad Sampson on what we can do to narrow down the scope. Anyone who wants to join the phone call is welcome to.
- viii. Was a good conversation, but seemed like they were unsure we were capable of managing the projects.
- ix. Alan Barrows- we talked about before the RCPP grant was submitted. The administration needs to be worked into the grants. Perhaps consultant services that could be bid out.
- x. This \$200,000 is seed money for 4-6 grants.
- xi. 12-16 months from contract. They will continue to work.
- xii. Wayne Jensen paid based on the contract. Katelyn Bratz clarified that they paid based on the contract. The remainder of the funds need to be requested from the commission before submitting.
- xiii. Chad Sampson asked if a report was submitted for the meeting. Katelyn Bratz said no update was provided from Foth and Res.

14.

15. 2021 – 2030 SEWFRC Implementation Plan – Tom Slawski & Alan Barrows

a. No Update

16. Review and discussion of all projects on the Enum- 24 Waitlist

a. No discussion

Reports and Updates

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a. No Update

18. Report on activities of Fox Waterway Agency of Illinois – FWA or Tom Slawski

a. No Update

19. Report on future of the Echo Lake Dam in Burlington-Donny Hefty

a. Vote on November 8

- i. There is a lot of uninformed information circulating.
- 20. Report on Fox River Watershed TMDL progress – Rachel Sabre
 - a. No Update
 - b. Alan Barrows- might be a few years out beyond 2024.
- 21. Report on the Fox Watershed Mitigation Plan- Tom Slawski
 - a. No Update
- 22. Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County- Chad Sampson
 - a. Soy beans are off of fields
 - b. Cover crops are going in
 - c. A lot of farmers applying for cover crops funding.
 - d. Would like to see new farmers joining the programs.
 - e. Winter Workshop
 - i. Feb 10
 - ii. At Cotton Exchange
 - iii. Keynote- David Brandt of Iowa will speak on farm soil health no till cover crops, share his story and answer questions.
- 23. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
 - a. Alan Barrows shared, Foth and Res requests pictures for the story map from the website. Please submit pictures of the newer completed projects.

Correspondence

1. October 14th- Tom Slawski emailed Foth and RES requesting an update on their work and sharing the recently voiced concerns from the previous SEWFRC meeting.
2. October 18th- Tom Slawski forwarded a Doodle meeting request to the commissioners to schedule a meeting with Foth and RES.
3. October 19th- Tom Slawski forwarded to the commission a news release about the about the new data viewer the WNDR has launched for PFAS.
4. October 20th- Tom Slawski forwarded to the commission the link for a virtual meeting of the commissioners with Foth and RES.
5. October 27th- Katelyn Bratz forwarded to the commission the September meeting minutes.
6. October 27th- Tom Slawski forwarded to the commissions the storyboard outline and recording of the update meeting with Foth and RES.

Miscellaneous Issues

7. Alan Barrows– Alyssa Vaughan is new to the land conservation team. She will be running the non-urban programs. She has a degree in conservation. Alyssa is someone to reach out to with questions.

8. Next Meeting and Location

- a. December 9th 1:00
- b. Town of Vernon Fire Station #1, W233 S7475 Woodland Lane, Big Bend, WI 53101

9. Close Meeting

- a. Chad Sampson motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Russ Egan seconded the motion.
- c. Motion passed.

* If you have any question about the Agenda, please call Secretary Tom Slawski at (262) 953-3263.



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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Public Hearing

Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 28, 2022- 1:00 PM

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Village of Salem Lakes	Bill Hopkins	
SEWRPC	Tom Slawski (non-voting)	
WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	

Guests

Representing	Name
WWMD	Grant Horn

Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Public Hearing

1. Call meeting to order
2. Katelyn Bratz called the public hearing to order at 1:03 pm
3. Only order of business is the review of the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Proposed Budget for 2022-2023.
4. This is the sixth budget based on the July 1- June 30th Fiscal year. For the record the notice of public hearing and the Proposed Budget was published in the 3 newspapers, Waukesha Freeman, Racine Journal times, and Kenosha News.
5. Wayne Jensen read the proposed budget for the record.
6. Discussion-
 - a. Grant horn asked where the Foth and Res outgoing money came in.
 - i. Wayne Jensen replied, Enun- 23.
 - b. Chad Sampson- confirming that some of the completed projects are on the list, is that an issue?
 - i. Wayne Jensen says no, this is where we budgeted the funds to come from.
7. Katelyn Bratz asked, “Do any non-commission members have any questions?”
8. Katelyn Bratz asked a second time, if anyone wanted to speak in favor or against the proposed budget.
9. Katelyn Bratz asked a third time if anyone wanted to speak in favor or against the proposed budget.

10. Alan Barrows motioned to close the public hearing.

a. Chad Sampson seconded to close the public hearing.

b. Motion passes

11. Meeting closed at 1:15 pm.



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Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, December, 9 2022- 1:00 PM

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WDNR	Sara DeBruijn (non-voting)	
WDNR	Rachel Sabre (non-voting)	

Guests	
Representing	Name
WWMD	Grant Horn
WWMD	Greg Horeth

FOTH	Tom Ludwig
SEWRPC	Laura Herrick
RES	Ry Thompson
RES	Erin Delowalla
RES	Tyler Schwartz

Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission Meeting

1. Alan Barrows called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Roll call and verify quorum-We did not meet quorum
4. Confirm the audio recorder is running
5. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting held September 23, 2022.
 - a. Since we did not meet quorum, it was decided to defer approval of minutes from the previous meetings held October 28, and December 9, 2022, at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
6. Review the Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Since we did not meet quorum, it was decided to defer approval of the Treasurers Report from the previous meetings held October 28, and December 9, 2022, at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Old Business

7. Fox River 2023 Summit – Tom Slawski
 - a. Tom submitted paperwork to Wayne on Form #8700_002 for final reimbursement of \$4,200.36 for the 2022 Fox River Summit. Tom then made a request for the SEWFRC to fund the 2023 Fox River Summit up to \$5,500 which was the same amount as last year. However, the Commission deferred to vote on this request until the next meeting when we had quorum.
8. Report on Fox River Park Project – Alan Barrows
 - a. The contractor mobilized about two weeks ago and the project is under construction right now.
 - b. Some funding expires by the end of the year, so it's a push to get it done, and that is expected to be accomplished in time.
 - c. There was a 3-4 week delay in working out some cultural resources issues on this site that were resolved working with at State Archeologist to get those cleared off the site.
9. WWMD Project-Grant Horn
 - a. Submitted documents for reimbursement.
10. Solberg Slope Stabilization- Chad Sampson
 - a. Planned for summer 2023 construction.
 - b. Plan use of native plantings and envirolock management practices in

this design.

11. Ogden Slope and Shoreline Stabilization- Chad Sampson
 - a. Shoreline and grade stabilization structure.
 - b. Planned for summer 2023 construction.

New Business

12. Report on activities of the work being done by Foth and RES
 - a. RCPP Grant
 - i. RES had good meeting with NRCS and in-depth feedback from NRCS on the grant application that was rejected last summer 2022.
 - ii. Highlighted concerns mostly related to capacity and ability to manage the program. Primarily the ability to manage contracts and full design phase for proposed projects. Who would pull the easements and matching fund requirements were not adequately addressed in the application.
 - iii. How can we improve application going forward?
 1. Selecting a more refined (smaller) area of the watershed or more targeted focus area.
 2. Focus on fewer conservation practices on willing private farmers lands, because they were concerned about having too many types of best management practices in the application.
 3. Funding match-we used large public works projects (e.g., dredging, dam removal) as our match in the grant, and NRCS felt like those projects would be happening anyway. So, these were not considered good matching dollars. They want to see more cash match than project match.
 - iv. SEWFRC does not have a lot of dollars in the bank to use as cash match. So, going forward, should we re-apply for a more refined RCPP grant in 2023 or wait another year until we can determine a better or more appropriate cash match that NRCS is looking for? SEWFRC as the sponsor of the RCPP grant does not currently have the capacity to implement such a grant.
 - v. Perhaps one or more counties should be the sponsor for such an RCPP grant? Would they be willing? Is there enough staff to implement that? They have the experience.
 - vi. What is next step? Want to lay foundation to submit second round RCPP grant. Identify key partners to help with fundraising, (i.e., non-profit conservation fund, land trust, TNC, and others) or look to municipalities to put up capital as match in this grant, need to put this together in time for the next grant application.
 - vii. Easements-who holds easement? long-term maintenance-classic path NRCS hold easements or sponsor holds easements. RES

thought that they could hold the easements originally, on behalf of SEWFRC, but due to the way NRCS funds are reimbursed this is not possible. If NRCS holds the easements that does not provide funding for long-term maintenance. There are a lot of benefits going the alternative route (i.e., going outside the classic NRCS path) private entity-puts more challenge on the sponsor, but those need a pot of funding match to support the easement purchase and long-term management.

- viii. No RCPP funds can be used on the mainstem of the Fox River, but tributaries are eligible. So, we need new priority areas amongst the tributaries in the next application.
- ix. April 2023 might be the next RCPP grant due date.
- x. Stream bank versus on-field practices, need projects identified. And riparian owners need to be identified.
- xi. We know the worst loading subwatershed areas in the Fox River watershed such as the Wind Lake Drainage Canal, which would require a combination of on-field and in-stream restoration practices (e.g., need to reconstruct stream/flooding bench, remeandering, riparian buffers, wetland restoration, etc.)
- xii. NRCS wants a clear concise targeted project and one that can show change or improvement upon implementation of proposed practices. We need a project with a strong narrative and the Wind Lake Drainage Canal project may be a good candidate project. However, some of these areas are outside of SEWRPC jurisdictional boundary, but SEWRPC can expand its boundaries to include this area or establish partnerships with entities outside. RES was going to contact the Norway/Dover Drainage District to discuss potential for collaboration on a Wind Lake Drainage Canal project.
 - 1. POINT OF CLARIFICATION-Formation of SEWFRC is based on Section 33.57(5) of the Wisconsin State Statutes was based on general purpose units of government forming the Commission. That said, there is nothing in the law that would prohibit entering into Section 66.0301 formal or other informal cooperative agreements with general or special purpose units of government such as the WWMD, Wind Lake District or any of the Ch 88 drainage districts. They would not have representation on the SEWFRC Commission but as interested parties they could attend meetings and comment either during public comments or on specific agenda items. And SEWFRC could enter into joint projects, etc., as these districts are within their overall boundary.
- xiii. We also need to address match and who holds the contracts in the next application.
- xiv. Instead of expanding boundaries it may be better to submit a

multiple partnered application inclusive of areas inside and outside SEWFRC boundaries. Or there are perhaps better grants to accomplish this than RCPP?

- xv. The current agreement/contact between SEWFRC and RES/FOTH includes completing and submitting 4-6 grant applications and so far RES/FOTH have submitted only 1 grant application to date. They are committed to fulfilling the remaining grant applications over the next year to fulfill this and the other portions of the agreement.
- b. NAWCA grant
 - i. Unfortunately, Brian Glenzinski, Wisconsin Biologist-Ducks Unlimited, was not able to attend the meeting and we will try to reschedule to a future meeting.
 - ii. RES did not submit a NAWCA grant on SEWFRC's behalf in 2022, because DU already had a grant that covered Racine and Kenosha County areas within the Fox River watershed.
 - iii. Chad noted that Racine County has collaborated with DU on many projects and is a good potential to collaborate with and they are very knowledgeable.
 - iv. Once we learn more about DU's current NAWCA grant will determine how to proceed in future, however this focuses on wetland restoration and SEWFRC would have to determine if that was a primary focus versus other BMPs.
- c. Federal Highway Administration (FHA) Protect Program Grant
 - i. Laura Herrick, Chief Engineer-SEWRPC, presented on the Flooding Summary of the entire watershed conducted as part of the Fox River Watershed Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Laura's presentation is attached hereto.
 - ii. Tom Ludwig summarized the PROTECT grant and discussed SEWRPC's potential more comprehensive Infrastructure Project ideas on the Fox River-projects for funding in an email to the Commission on 11/28/2022, (see correspondence below). This project proposes to improve flood resiliency and water quality within the mainstem of the Fox River from Hwy 83/50 to CTH-W in Kenosha County.
 - iii. Andy Buehler confirmed that the County and other public entities own nearly all land landowners
 - iv. Tom Ludwig thinks that this proposed project would be an excellent candidate for the PROTECT funds, particularly after seeing Laura's presentation that identified flooding issues on the Fox River at Hwy 83/50.
 - v. This FHA funding is a 5-year program, so it is unclear how it would be implemented in steps through construction.
 - vi. Andy agrees that this proposal is consistent with what Kenosha County have been trying to do for years, including the buyout program, reduced flooding, and infrastructure protection. They are very interested in helping to pursue one or more of the

- elements identified in SEWRPC's proposal.
- vii. The Kenosha County Executive is also interested in pursuing one or more of the elements identified in this proposed project.
 - viii. Kenosha County has removed about 120 structures out of the floodway since 1995. The Village of Salem Lakes and Town of Wheatland own about 10% of lands in the floodway and Kenosha County owns the other 90 % within the proposed project area. The Village and Town are willing partners, and this proposed project would be the ultimate restoration and turning areas into park and plan use as well.
 - ix. WDNR has discussed cutting the stream through the peninsula adjacent to state owned lands in years past and are open to helping fixing flooding and erosion problems in this section of the River.
 - x. Key parcels could be purchased to get more flood storage in this project area.
 - xi. Andy said that there are still 70 structures left in the floodplain that get flooded periodically within this area.
 - xii. Tom has contacts and wanted to know if they should begin/proceed lobbying efforts—need more details with Commission's permission to pursue this. Especially given Laura's presentation and some preliminary modeling.
 - xiii. It was decided that FOTH was going to do some preliminary modelling and make some enquiries and try to figure out a better sense of project success and report back at the next SEWFRC meeting in January.
- d. Story Map Outline
- i. RES is supporting the mapping and GIS elements regarding project locations and priority projects.
 - ii. The outline is still work in progress and is an online interactive mapping tool designed to tell a story about what SEWFRC is trying to do and to facilitate outreach and encourage new partners to join our efforts.
 - iii. RES is working with SEWRPC to determine if they can host the arcgis online story map on their website on behalf of SEWFRC, including licensing issues.
 - iv. Who will update/edit the story map in the future after this is established by RES?
 - v. RES requests photos and video from all Commissioners to help build the narrative and graphics.
- e. Long Term Finance Framework outline
- i. This is a draft and roadmap moving forward including various strategies and a long list of grants opportunities.
 - ii. Goal is to build momentum to build strong partnerships and match funding to implement projects in the future.
 - iii. Looking for comments and feedback on the draft document
 - iv. Requested that SEWFRC help with section 6.1 and conduct a

survey on where each of the communities stand concerning phosphorus compliance. RES requested putting together a short survey to determine how much money is going into water quality projects to help with cost-share match on future water quality trading grants.

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 - c. Andy announced new Regenerative Producer Group in Kenosha County
21. SEWFRC Website – Al Sikora or Alan Barrows
 - a. No update.

Correspondence

1. 12/9/2022, Tome Slawski, email-FW: email-RES/ - Draft Long-term Capital and Financial plan framework document
2. 11/28/2022, Tom Slawski, email-Infrastructure Project Funding & Ideas on the Fox River-for discussion at our next SEWFRC mtg
3. 11/17/2022, Tom Slawski, email-FW: Fox River Study Group Draft 2022 Implementation Plan
4. 11/15/2022, Tom Slawski, email-FW: FF!WT Application has been submitted!

5. 11/15/2022, Tom Slawski, email-FW: RES/Foth Update Meeting - Draft Story Map & Financial plan documents
6. 10/27/2022, Katelyn Bratz, email-Fwd: September Meeting Minutes
7. 10/27/2022, Tom Slawski, email-FW: Cloud Recording & Documents - SEWFRC - RES / FOTH Update Meeting is now available
8. 10/19/2022, Tom Slawski, email-FW: NEWS RELEASE: New Interactive PFAS Data Tool Available
9. 10/18/2022, Tom Slawski, email-FW: RES-Foth SEWFRC Project Update - DOODLE POLL

Miscellaneous Issues

1. Next Meeting and Location
 - a. January 20th 1:00pm
 - b. Town of Vernon Fire Station #1, W233 S7475 Woodland Lane, Big Bend, WI 53101
2. Close Meeting
 - a. Alan Barrows ended the meeting without motion or voting to adjourn the meeting.

* If you have any question about the Agenda, please call Secretary Tom Slawski at tslawski@sewrpc.org or (262) 953-3263.

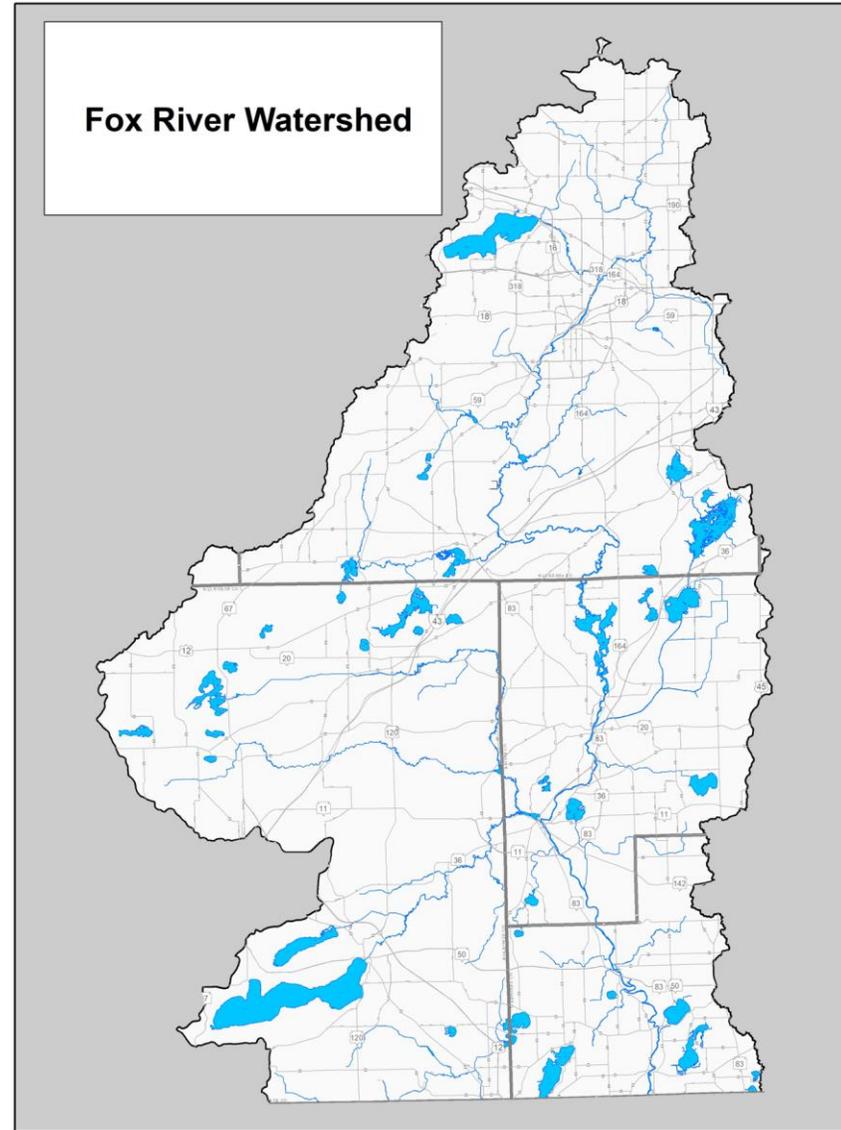
Southeastern Wisconsin **Regional Planning Commission**



Fox River Regional Watershed Mitigation Plan

Overview to SEWFRC
December 9, 2022

- **Scope Overview**
- Flooding Concerns
- Project Ideas



●●●●● Scope Overview

2017 Burlington flood

Racine Co. property damages totalled \$23.8M



- Planning effort – develop mitigation projects for future implementation
- 2 Year Effort – ending October 2023



FY 2019 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program

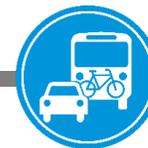
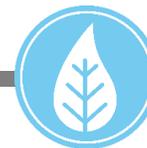
As appropriated by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Proper Public Law 116-6); the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program provides resources to assist states, tribal governments, territories and local communities in their efforts to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program, as authorized by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5133).

The 2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Guidance applies to the FY 2019 PDM grant program application cycle. Applicants are encouraged to review the Notice of Funding Opportunity announcement and the HMA Guidance for detailed information regarding eligibility and to contact their FEMA Regional Office for additional information.

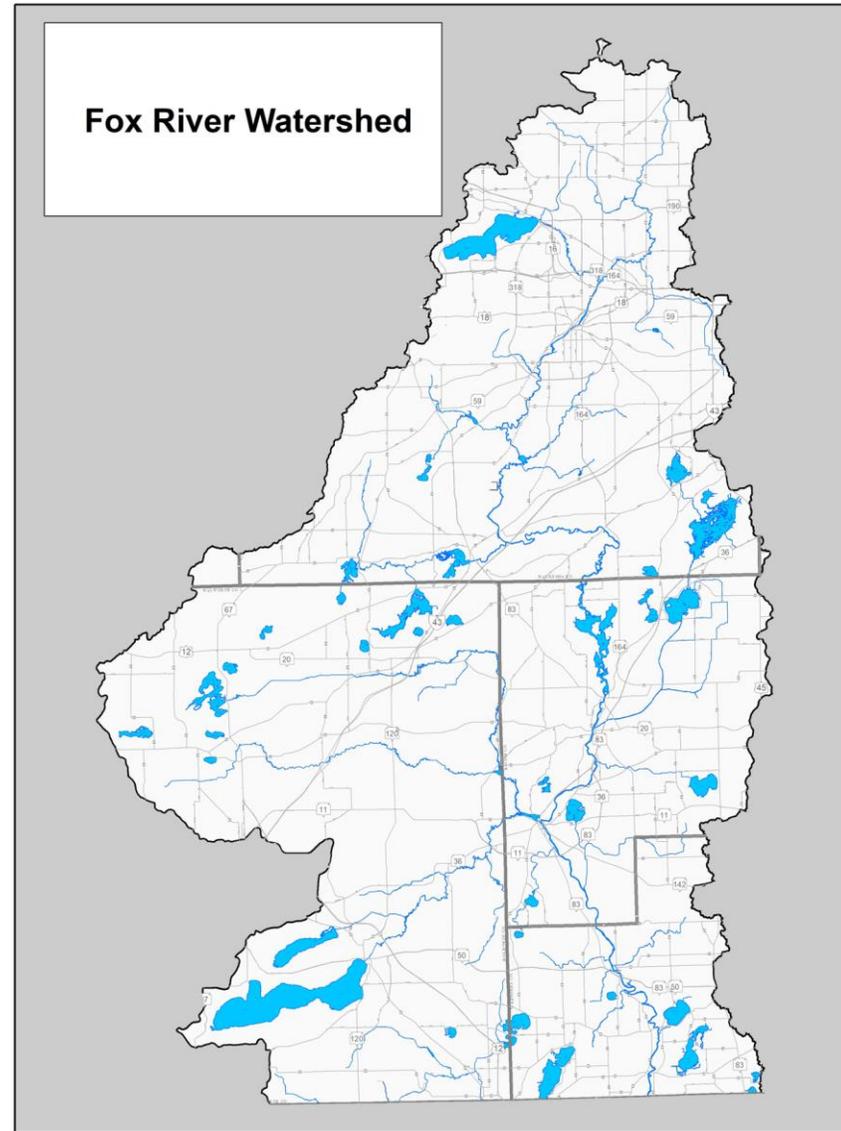
In Fiscal Year 2019, \$250 million is available to assist state, tribal, territorial and local governments in reducing overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters.



1. Coordinate flood hazard mitigation for the watershed
2. Improve flood risk assessment and flood forecast warning
3. Promote a regional effort to protect communities and infrastructure from flooding and droughts
4. Develop a prioritized plan for long term resilience
5. Identify potential funding sources



- Scope Overview
- **Flooding Concerns**
- Project Ideas



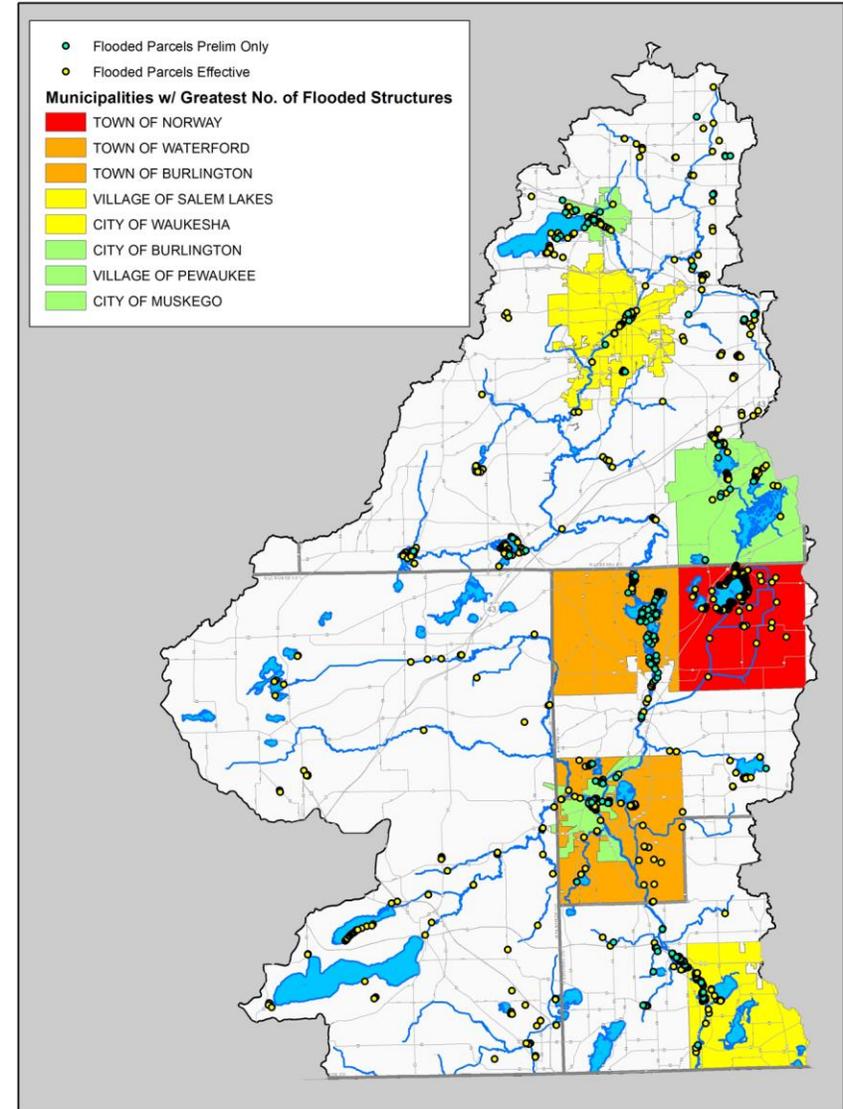
Structures Mapped in the Floodplain

Totals by County

	Effective
Walworth	109
Waukesha	420
Kenosha	107
Racine	523
Total	1159

Top 10 Communities (sorted by structures in effective floodplain)

County	Municipality	Structures in Effective FP
Town of Norway	Racine	289
Town of Burlington	Racine	99
City of Waukesha	Waukesha	77
Village of Salem Lakes	Kenosha	70
City of Muskego	Waukesha	56
Village of Pewaukee	Waukesha	55
City of Burlington	Racine	54
Town of Mukwonago	Waukesha	47
City of Pewaukee	Waukesha	43
Town of Waterford	Racine	42

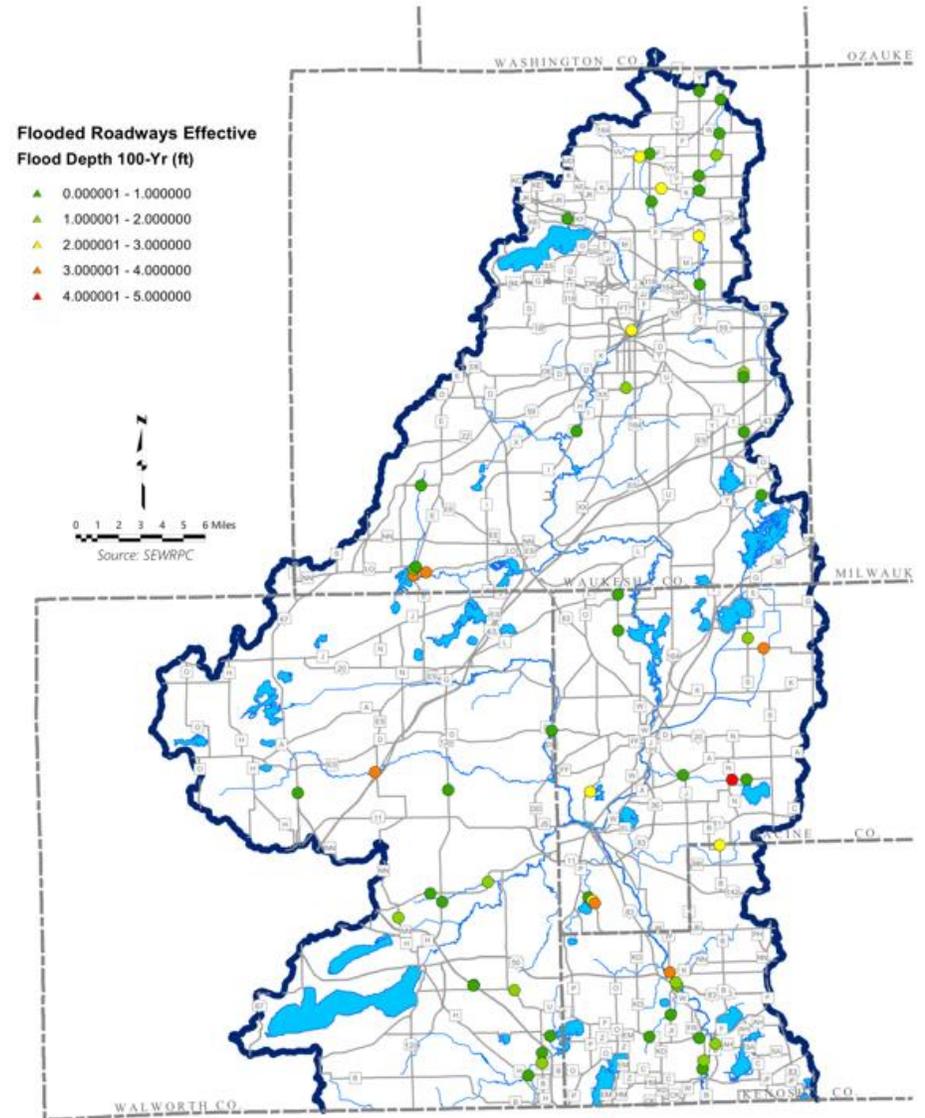


Flooded Major Roadways

➤ Effective floodplains

- 33 in Waukesha County
- 12 in Racine County
- 10 in Kenosha County
- 15 in Walworth County

Map 3.x
Major Roadway Flooding Locations-Effective 1-Percent-Annual- Probability Floodplain
in the Fox River Watershed

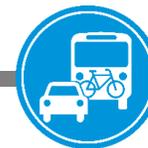


➤ 224 DOT Maintained Bridges/Culverts Over Streams in Fox River Watershed

- 159 Bridges
- 65 Culverts
- Median Structure Construction Year: 1984
- **10** out of 159 bridge superstructures rated poor or worse
- **5** out of 65 culverts rated poor or worse

➤ 20 DOT Maintained Stream Crossings Flooded by 1% Flood

- **2** out of 20 rated poor or worse
- CTH XX over Pebble Creek (Village of Waukesha) and CTH JJ over Pewaukee Lake Tributary (City of Pewaukee)



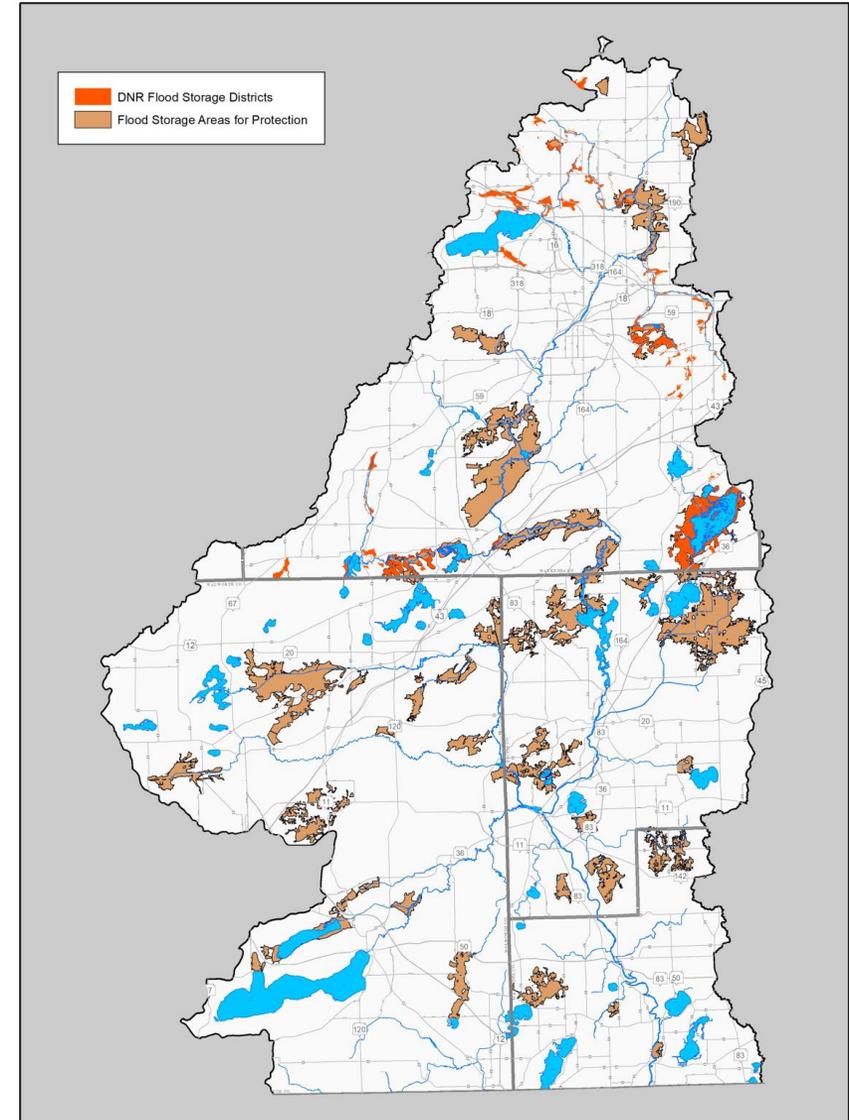
Flood Storage Areas for Protection from Development

➤ Flood Storage Areas Identified Using

- FEMA Floodplains
- Existing Wetlands
- TNC Wetlands by Design/Potentially Restorable Wetlands

➤ Existing Flood Storage Districts

- Waukesha County Only
- Existing Protection from Development



Flooded Roadways

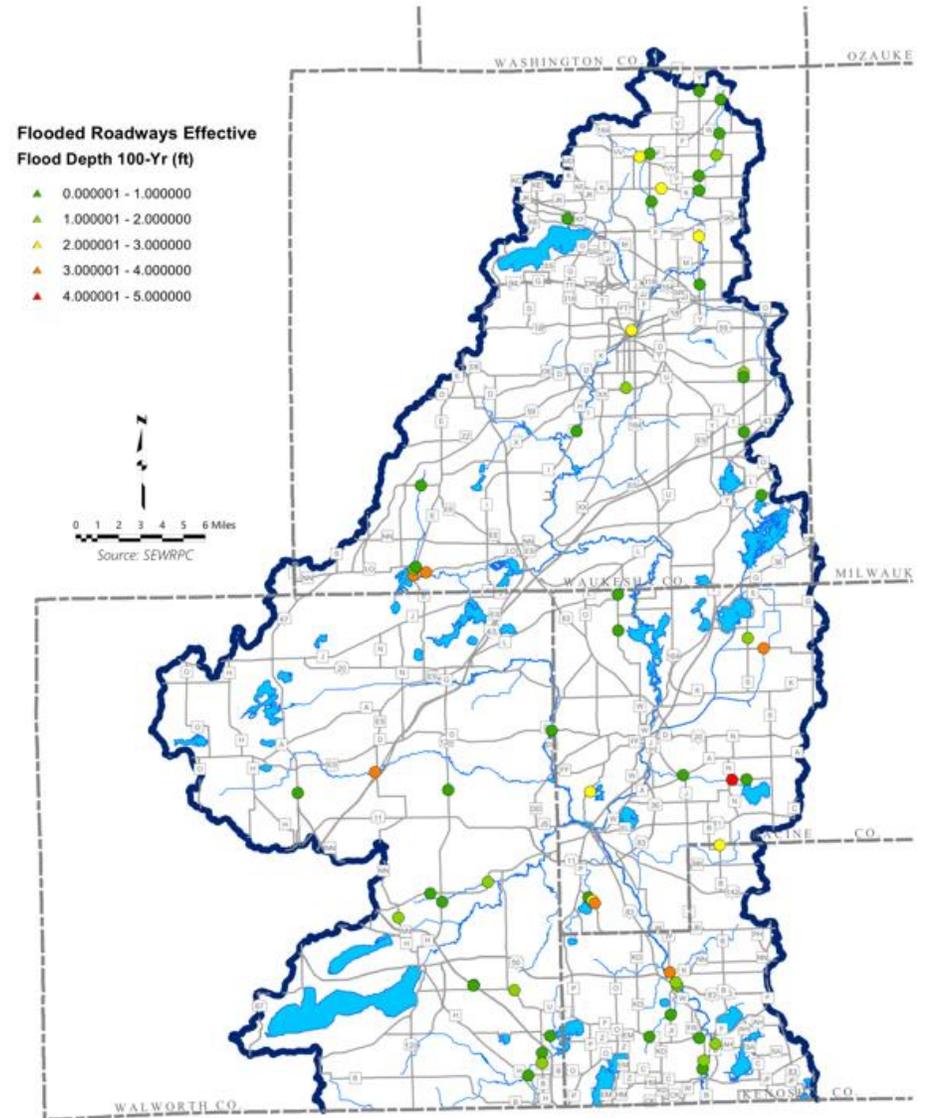
➤ Structural Updates

- Raise roadway elevations
- Upsize culverts and bridge openings
- Avoid raising upstream or downstream base flood levels

➤ Emergency Preparedness

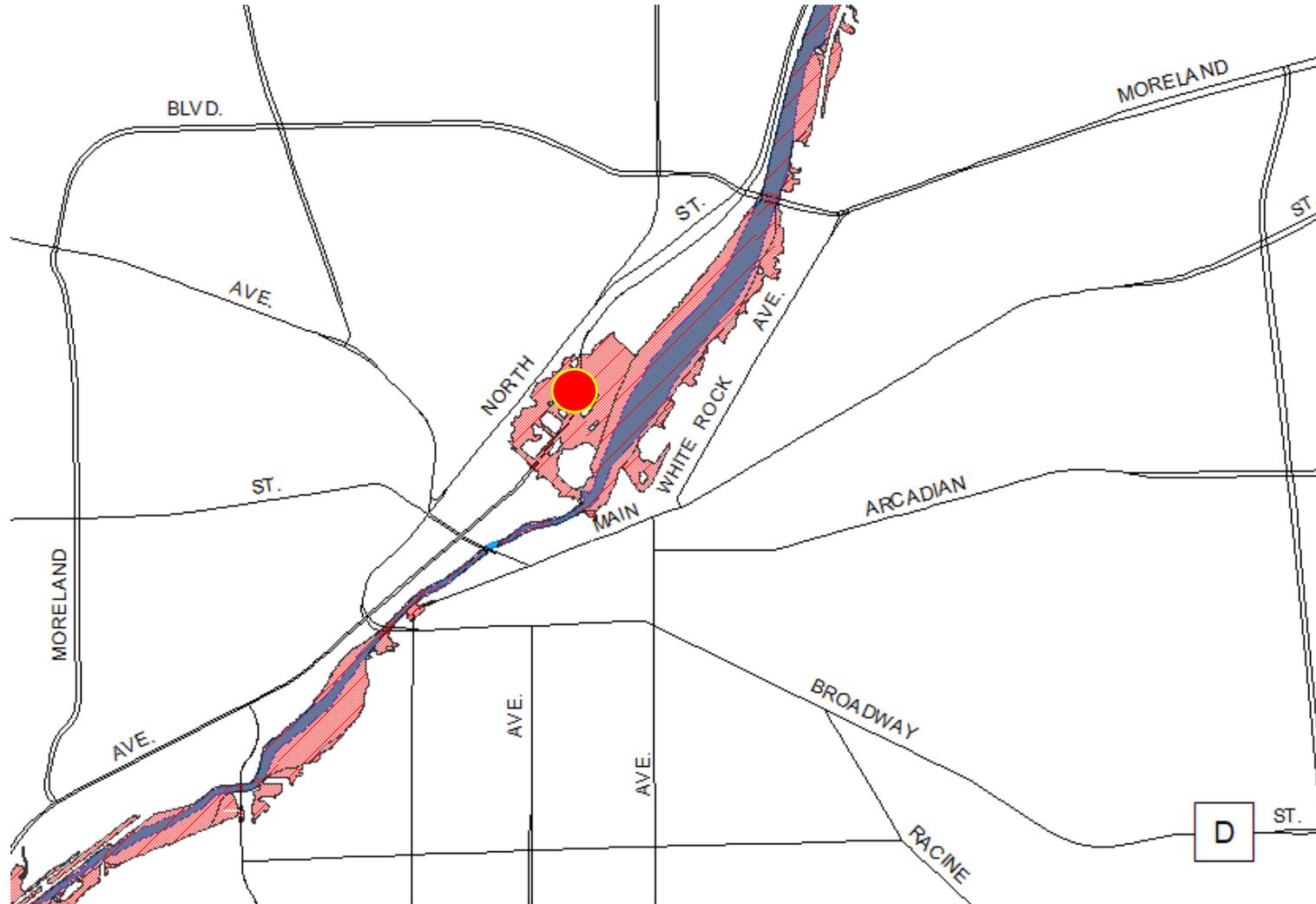
- Map emergency traffic routes
- Plan roadway closure procedures

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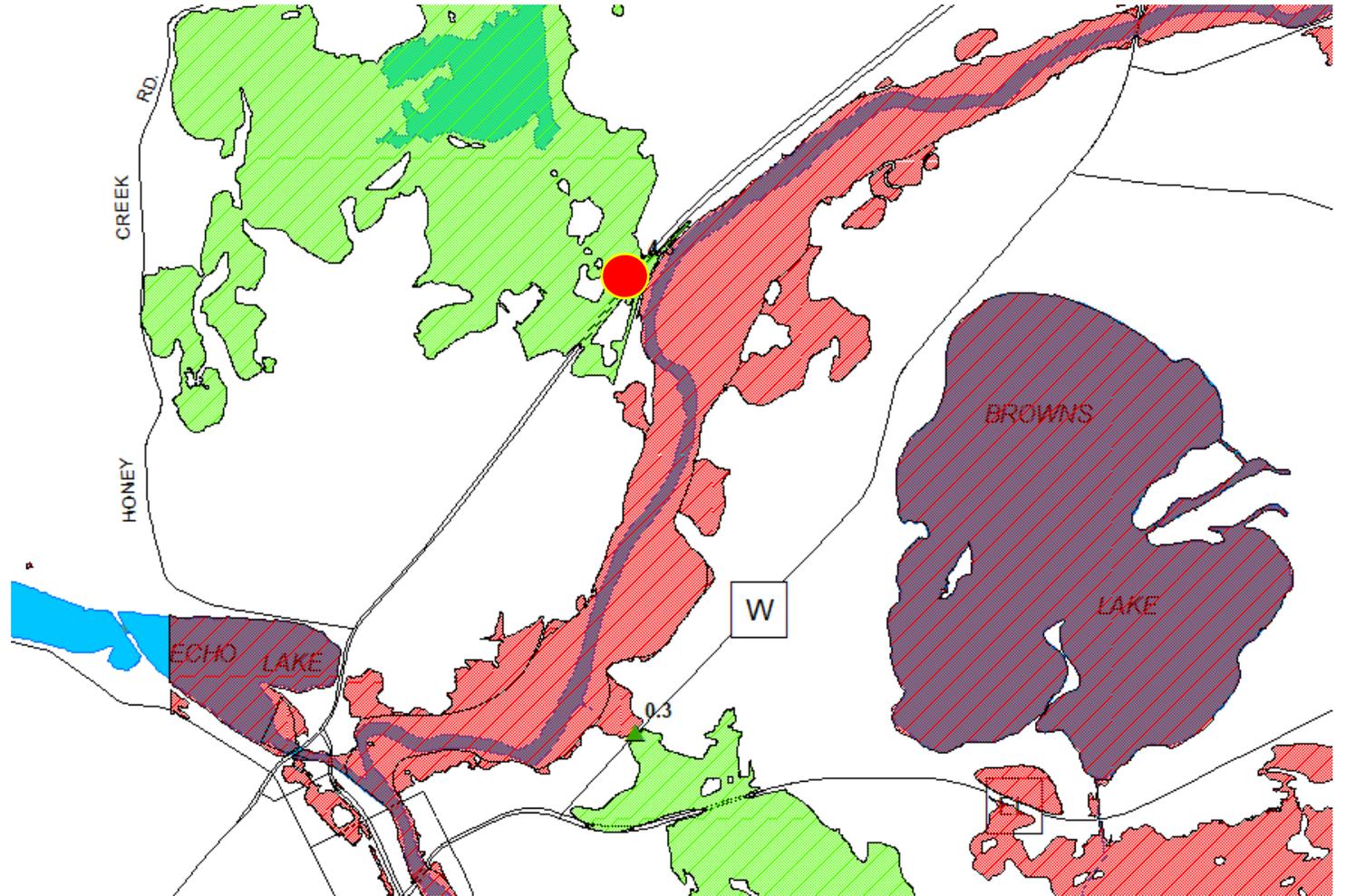
Flooded Roadway Examples – Fox River mainstem

- Location: City of Waukesha on E. Saint Paul Ave., adjacent to the Fox River
- Preliminary detailed study 100-year floodplain predicts **E. Saint Paul Ave.** would overtop by 2.3 ft at this location
- Highly developed commercial and residential area



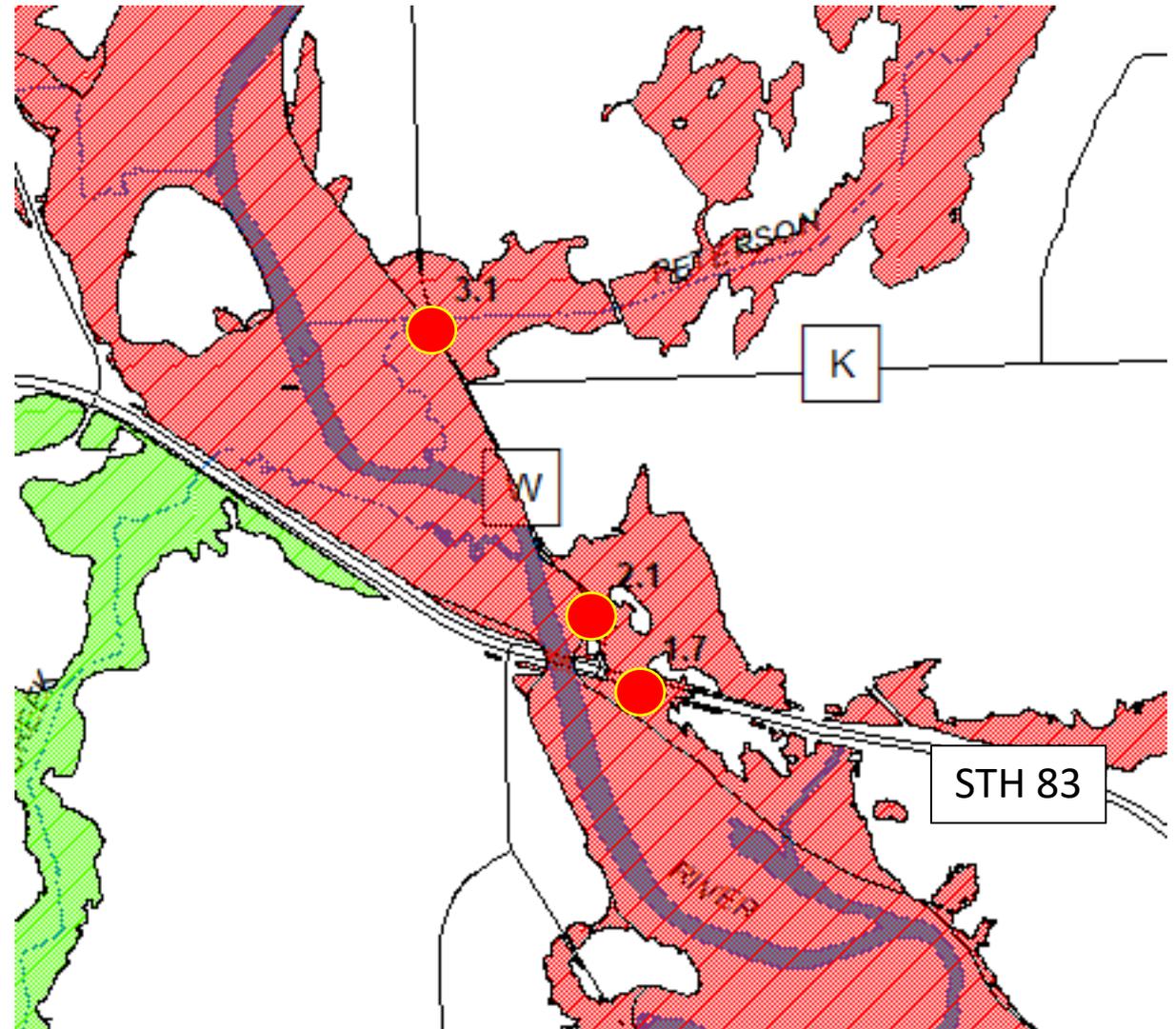
Flooded Roadway Examples – Fox River mainstem

- Location: Northeast of downtown City of Burlington on Milwaukee Ave., adjacent to the Fox River
- Preliminary Zone A 100-year floodplain predicts **Milwaukee Ave.** would overtop by 4.3 ft at this location
- Several commercial structures nearby



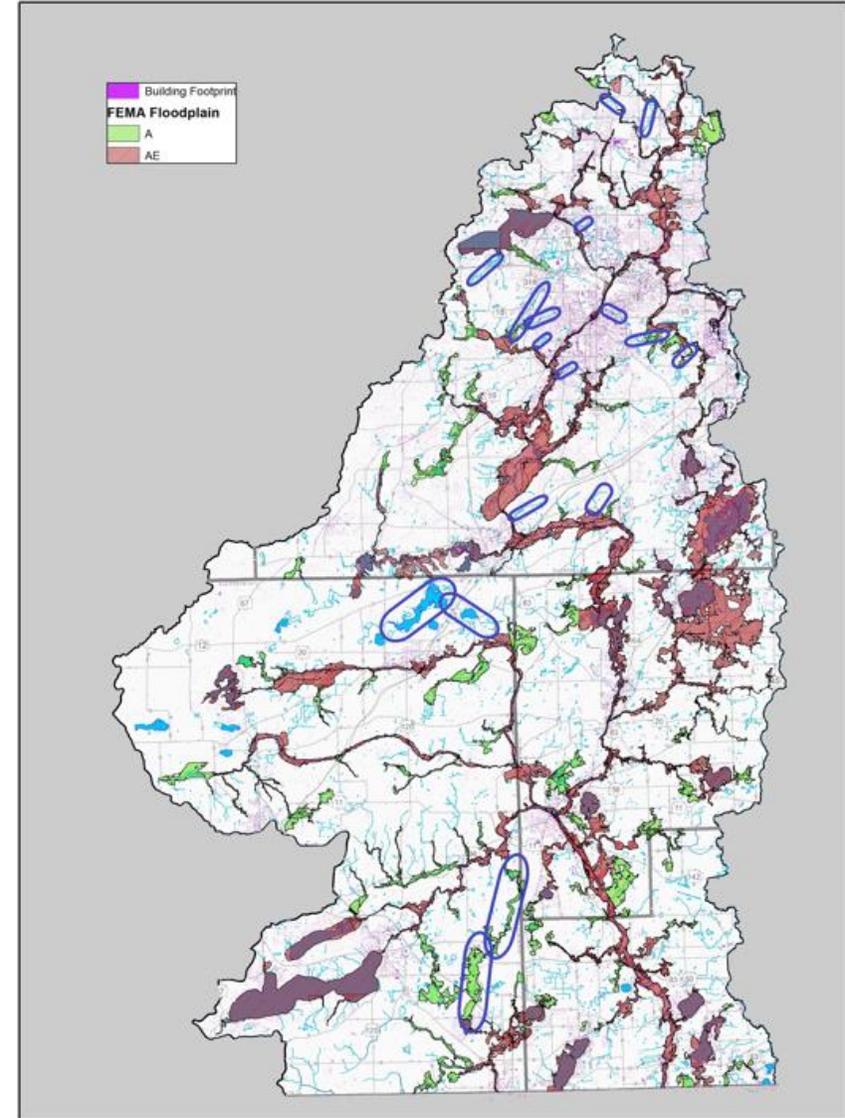
Flooded Roadway Examples – Fox River mainstem

- 3 locations in Village of Salem Lakes along the Fox River
- Based on preliminary detailed study of 100-year floodplain
- Crossing of **CR W** and Peterson Creek
 - Expected to overtop 3.1 ft
- CR W adjacent to Fox River
 - Expected to overtop 2.1 ft
- Crossing **STH 83** and Fox River
 - Expected to overtop 1.7 ft



Additional Streams for Detailed Flood Study

- FEMA Effective and Preliminary Floodplain
- Building Footprint For Current Development Visualization
- Additional Streams Identified for Potential Detailed Flood Study



Additional Stream Gages

➤ NOAA NWS

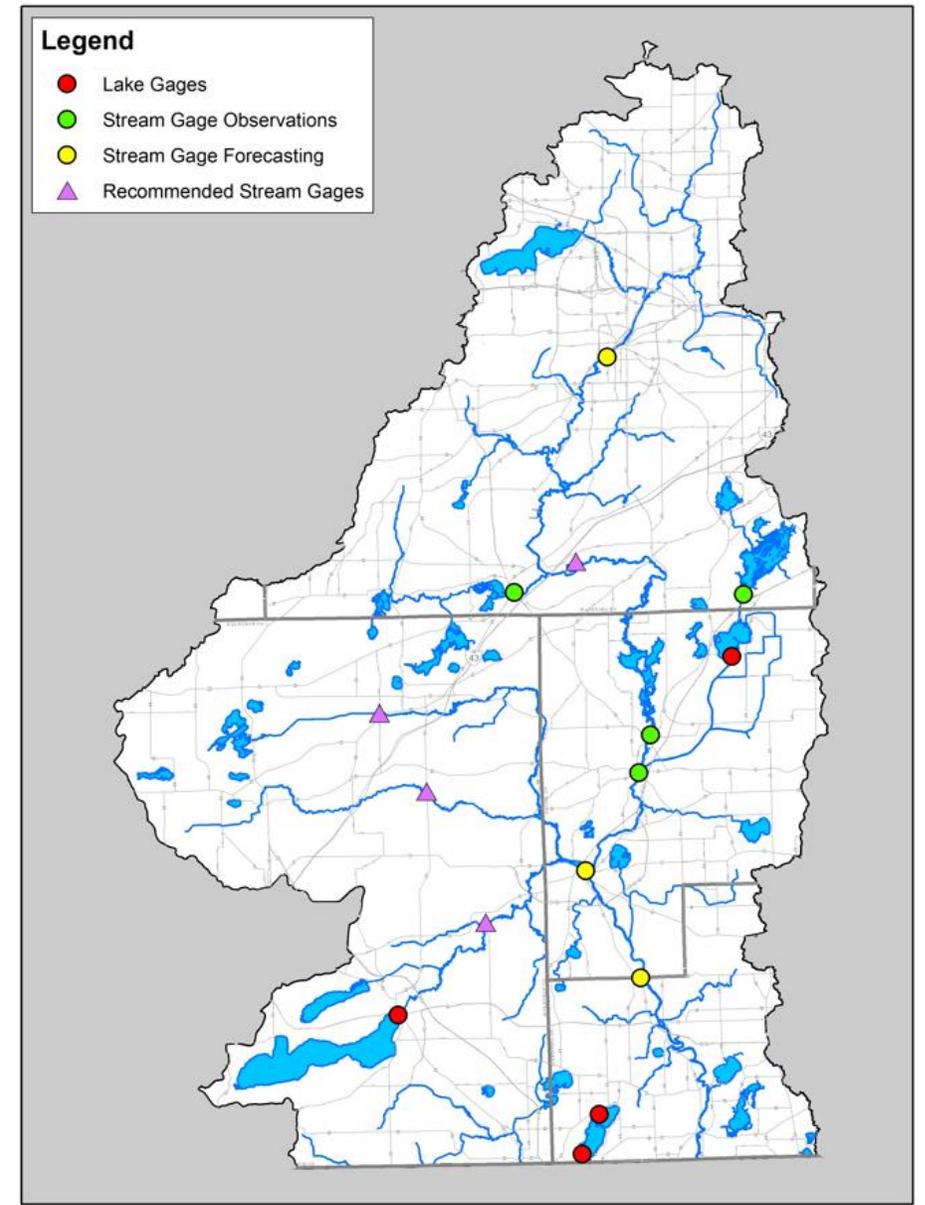
- Stream Observation and Forecasting Stations
- About: <https://www.weather.gov/mkx/FoxRiverFIM>
- <https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=MKX>

➤ USGS

- Lake and Stream Observation Stations
- <https://dashboard.waterdata.usgs.gov/>

➤ Four new stream gage locations recommended

- Fox River mainstem (2 miles downstream of Mukwonago River confluence)
- Honey Creek
- Sugar Creek
- White River



Additional Rain Gages

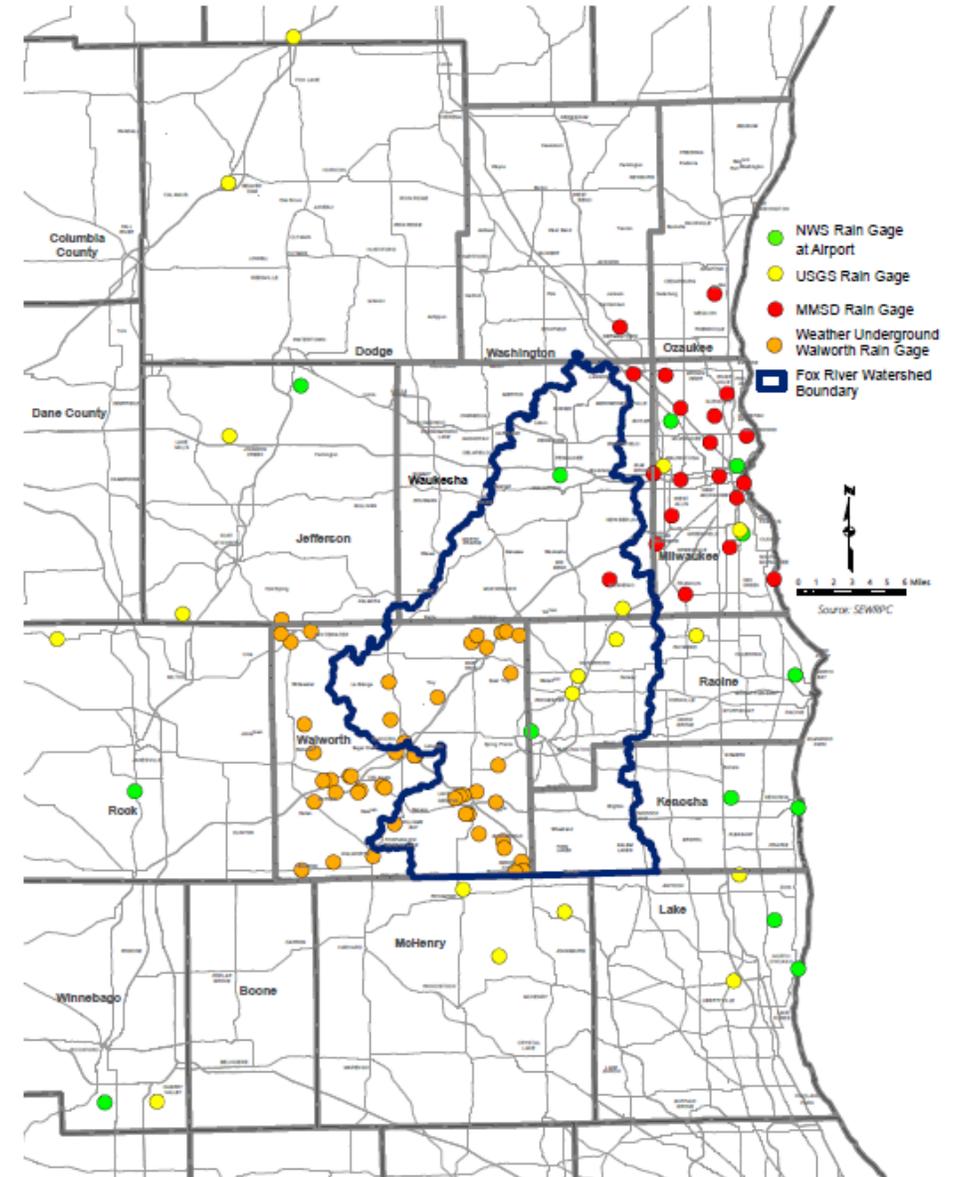
➤ Sources of Rain Gage Data

- NWS (at airports)
- USGS
- MMSD
- Weather Underground

➤ Recommendations

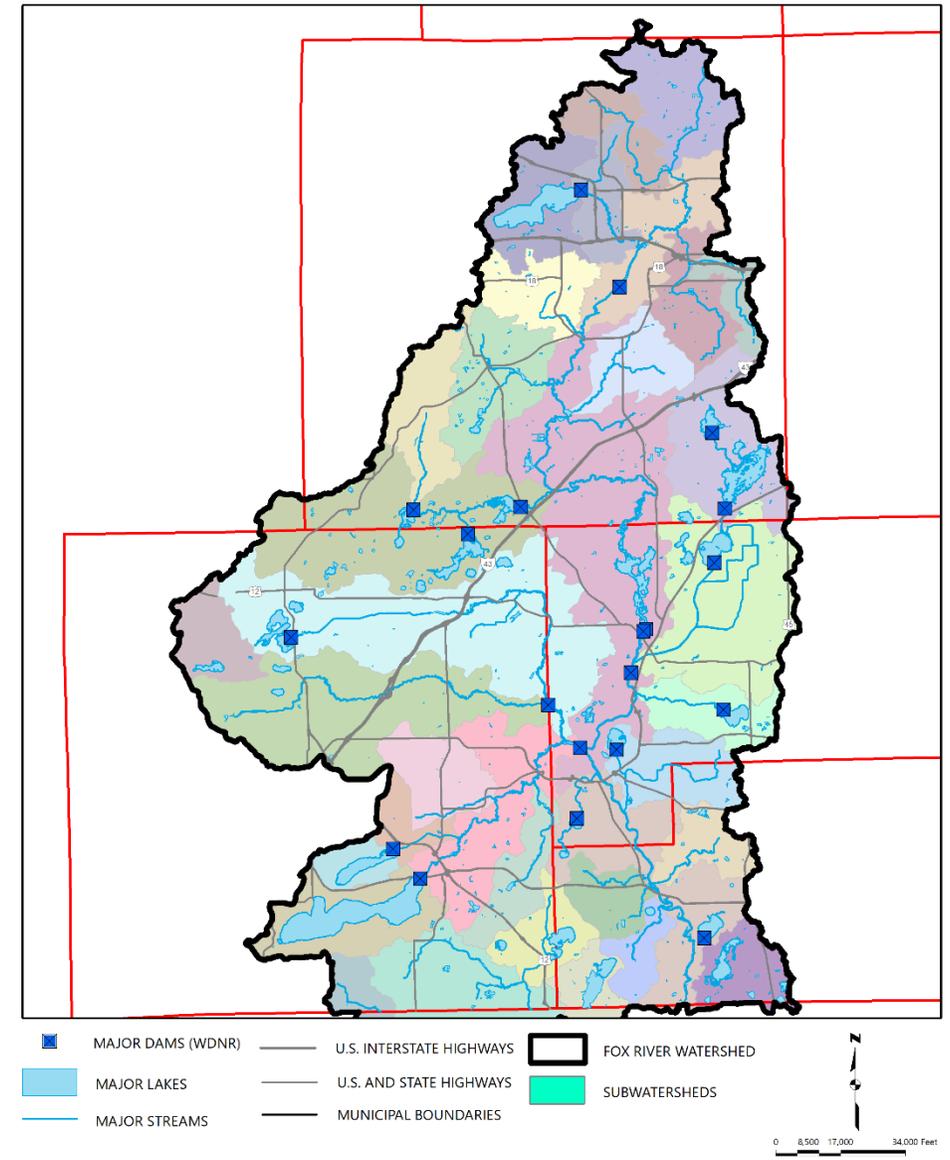
- Additional USGS rain gages in
 - Waukesha County
 - Walworth County
 - Kenosha County
- Supplement with averaged Weather Underground data in interim

Map 2.14
Sub-Daily Rain Gages in and near the Fox River Watershed



Watershed Dams

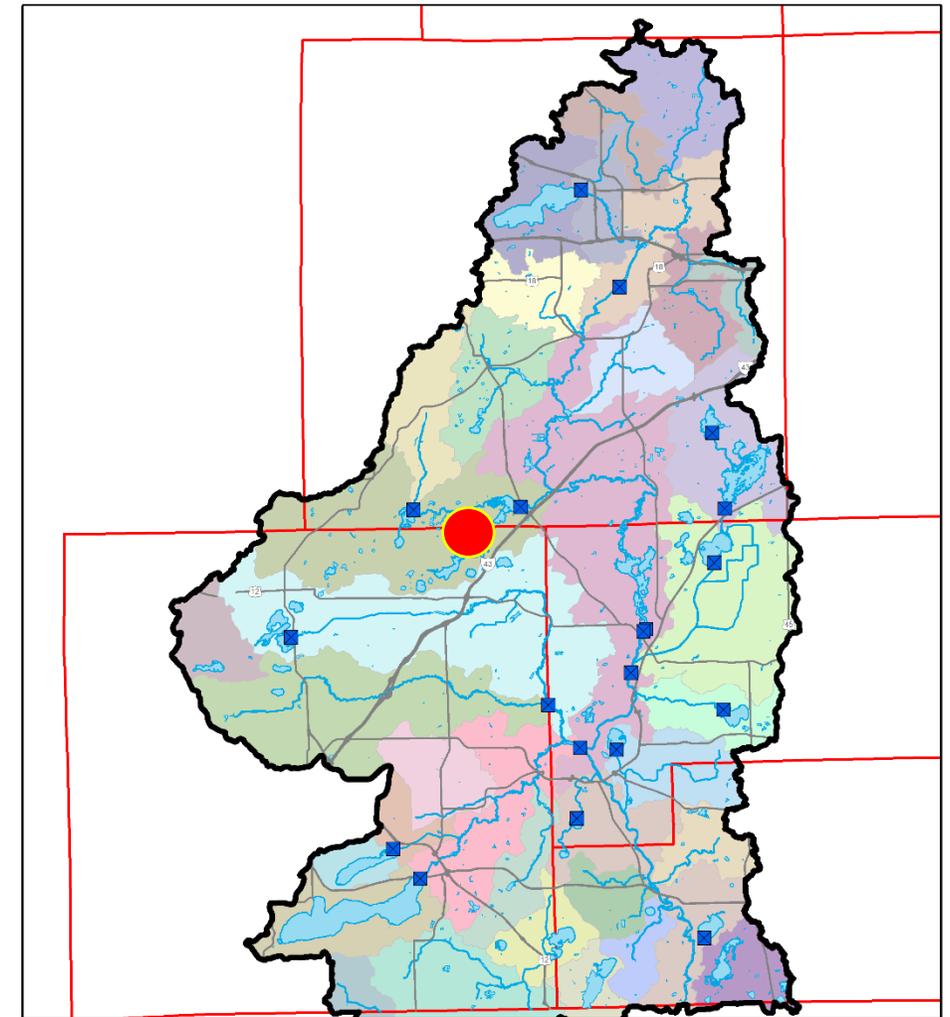
- 92 dams within watershed
 - Retrieved information on ownership, water levels, hazard ratings, impoundment sizes, discharge amounts, and structural information
- Focused efforts on “major” dams
 - Criteria:
 - On Fox River or large tributary
 - High water storage potential
 - High or Significant hazard rating
 - Capacity to manipulate water levels
 - 19 “major” dams in watershed
 - Retrieved dam IOM plans, EAPs, water level orders, and other records



●●●●● Recommendations for Dams

➤ Lake Beulah Dam

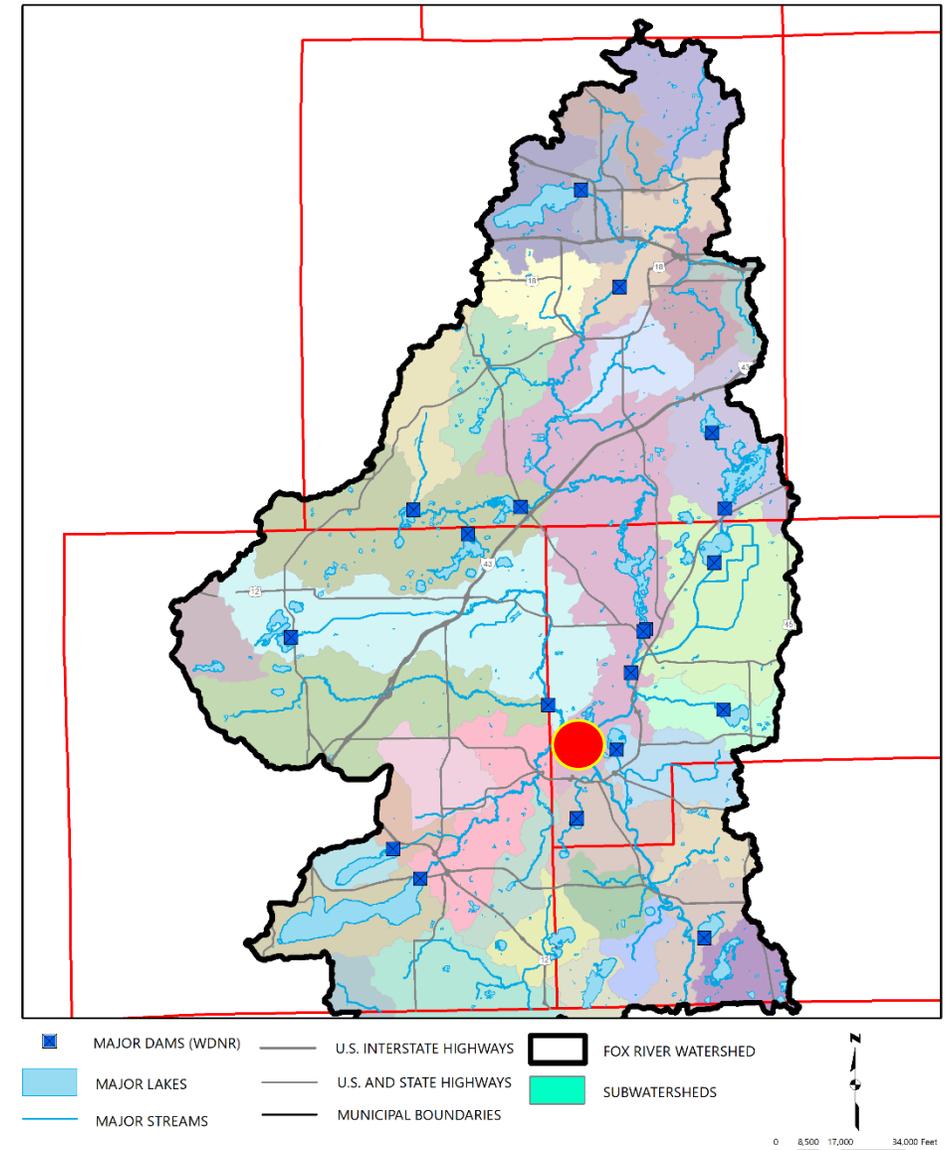
- Possible seepage through earthen embankment observed during July 2019 inspection
 - Recommended operator observe for additional signs of seepage and stabilize the embankment if necessary
- Trees growing on embankment
 - Recommended to seek agreement with landowners to remove these trees



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➤ Burlington (Echo Lake) Dam

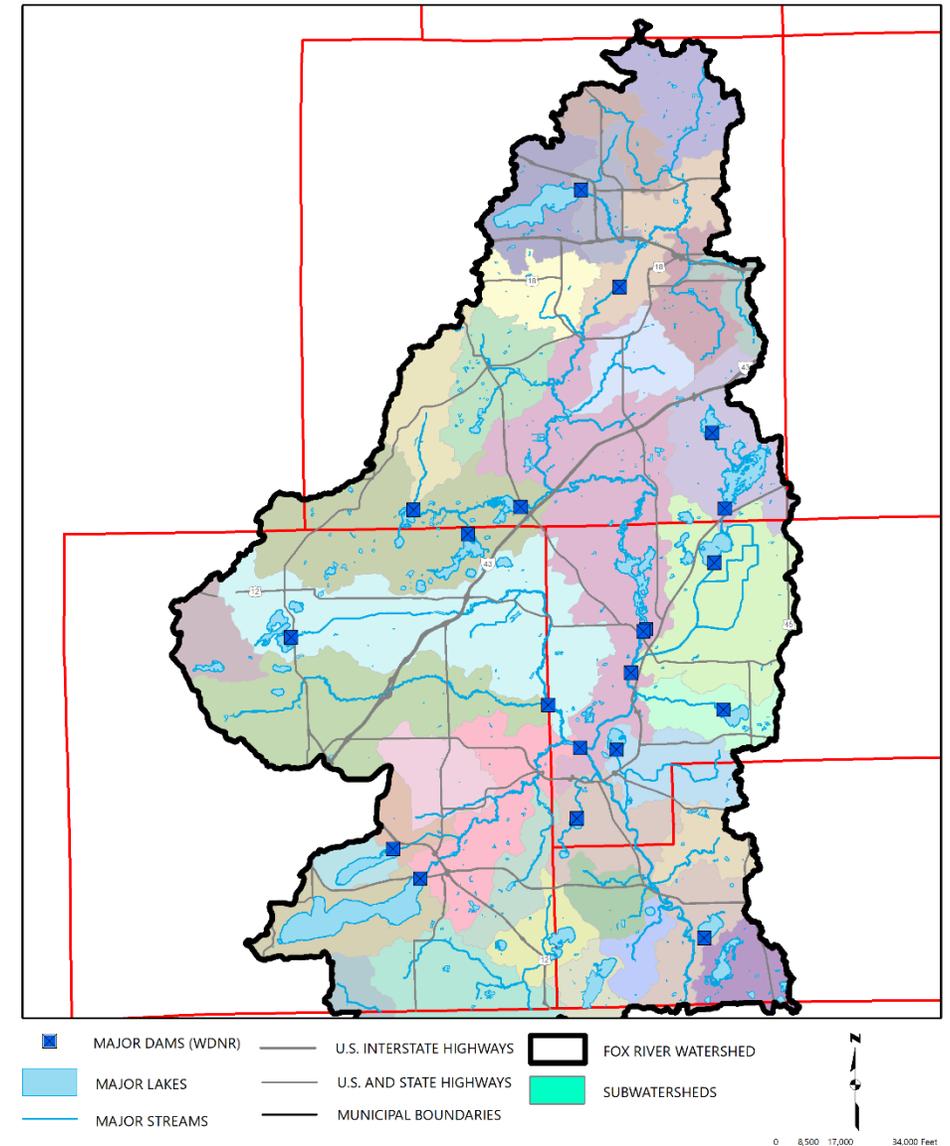
- Most of spillway is undermined by one to two feet due to scouring
 - Recommended that downstream side of spillway be grouted
- Dam doesn't have spillway capacity for 500-year event (required for "significant hazard" rated dams)
 - City currently exploring options to either increase spillway capacity or remove the dam



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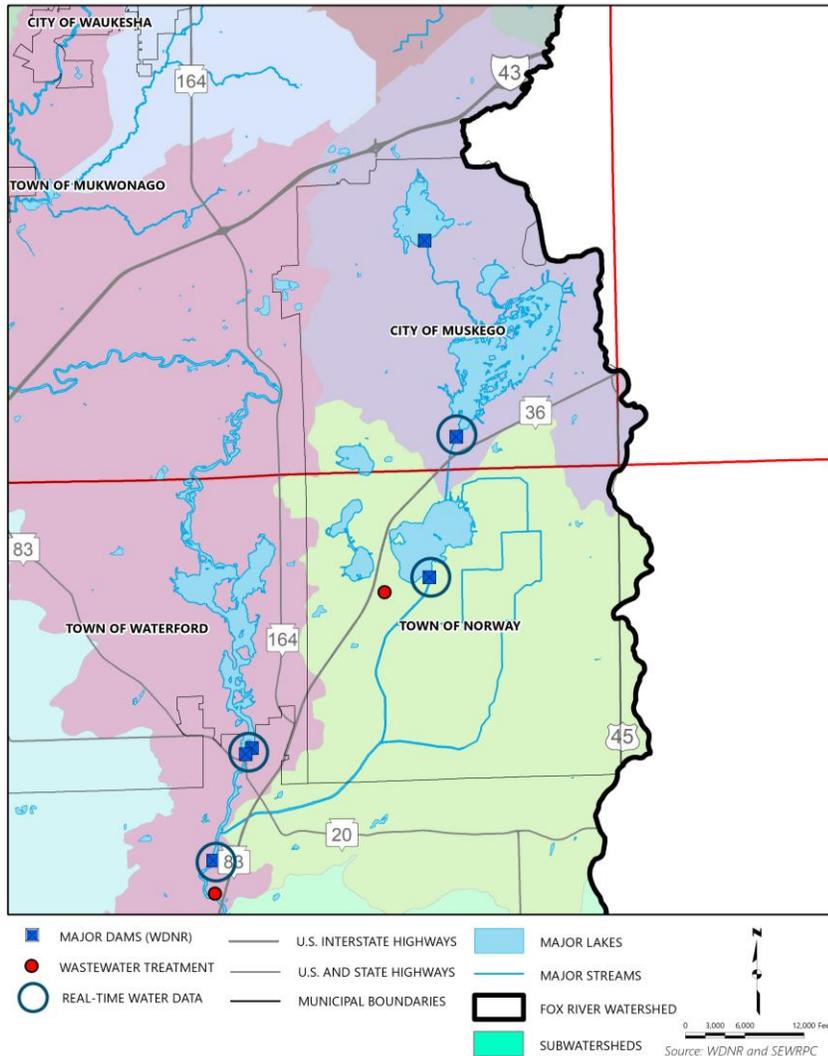
➤ General Recommendations

- Encourage communication between dam operators and communities within the same subwatershed
 - Notify downstream of any planned water releases
 - Share data, Emergency Action Plans, IOMs
- **Continually monitor**
 - Water level
 - River flow
 - Dam seepage
- Plan ahead
 - Watch weather predictions and release water in anticipation of heavy storm event





Dam Coordination Example: Muskego-Wind Lake-Middle Fox



➤ Dam Operation Contacts

- Tom Halter (Wind Lake and Rochester)
- Tom Zagar (Big Muskego)
- Bob Anders (Waterford)

➤ Major Municipalities

- City of Muskego
- Town of Norway
- Town of Waterford

➤ Wastewater Treatment Facilities

- Town of Norway Sanitary District No. 1
- Western Racine County Sewerage District



●●●●● Drought Mitigation Strategies

➤ Groundwater Recharge Area Protection

- Make “high” and “very high” groundwater recharge potential areas highest priority
- Preserve public parks and open spaces
- Prioritize acquisition and protection of privately owned parks and open spaces

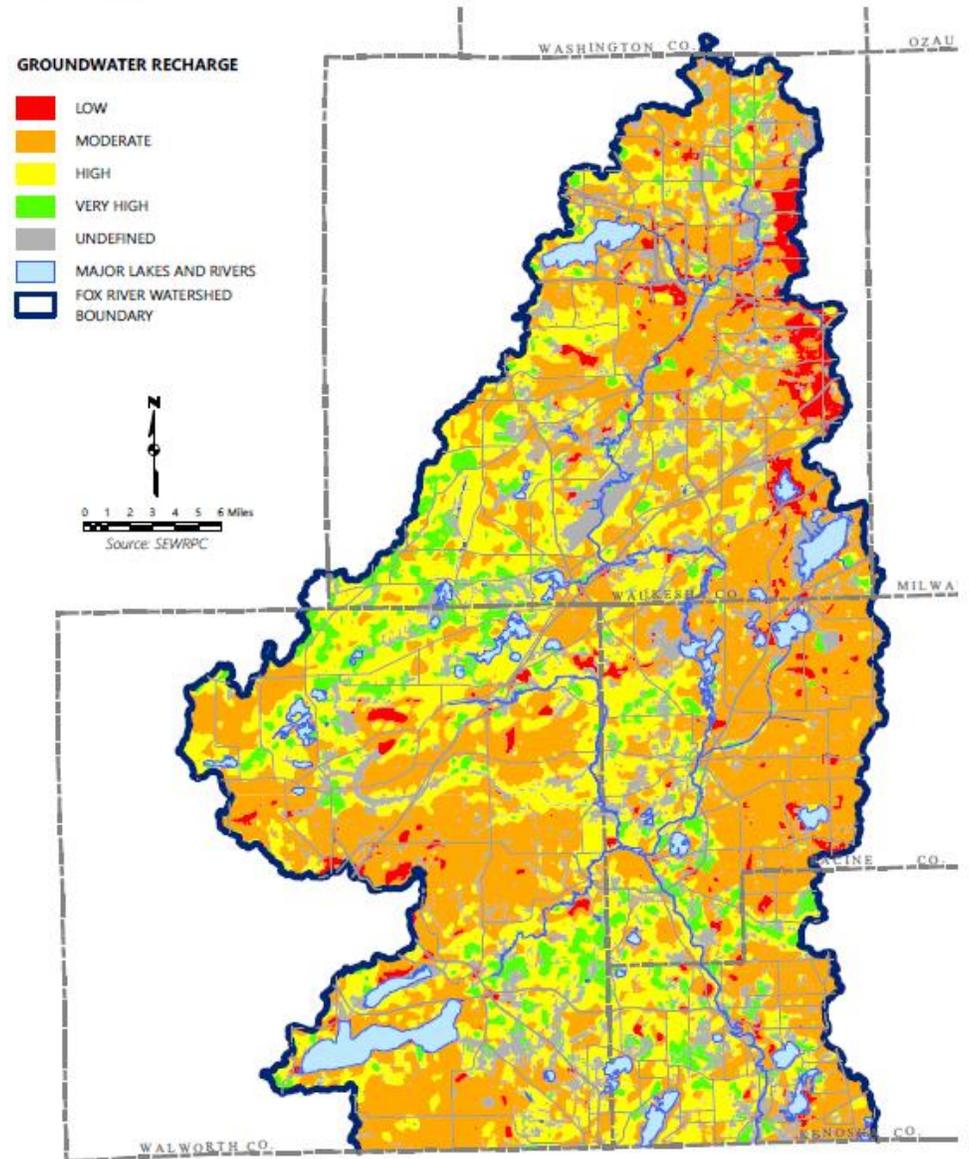
➤ Monitor Drought Index

- National Integrated Drought Information System provides variety of tools to monitor drought, including 1-month and 3-month outlook predictions

➤ Surface Water Withdrawal Management

- During extreme drought, consider temporary suspension of Section 30.18 of *Wisconsin Statutes* that requires a permit to withdraw water from streams for agricultural purposes. This was employed in 2012.

Map 2.9
Low, Moderate, High and Very High Potential Groundwater Recharge Areas in the Fox River
Watershed: 2015



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