



**Oconto County
Land Conservation Department**
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Mission Statement

To serve landowners of Oconto County to manage, protect, and improve land and water resources through cooperation with Federal, State, and private agencies, and secure funding to provide technical and monetary assistance to achieve sound environmental practices to permanently benefit our land and water resources.



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*A County Program
established to financially assist with
water quality projects on public
waterways.*

*Guiding Vision...
"Having the Healthiest
Waters in Wisconsin"*



Purpose:

This Funding Program is to provide financial assistance to communities to enhance, protect and restore water quality, fish and wildlife habitat.

Cost Share:

Successful applicants will be eligible for funds up to 10% of the total project cost if applicant is receiving other state or federal grants, or up to 50% if the applicant is not receiving state or federal grants. A maximum cost share cap will be 10%/50% or \$7,000, limited to whichever cap is reached first. The annual funding pool will be set at \$35,000 unless otherwise approved by the Land Conservation Committee.

Timelines:

Applications will be accepted from January 2nd to September 1st of each year. The Land Conservation Committee will make final awards by November 1st of that year.

All awarded grants will be eligible for 2 years unless an extension is granted. In the case of a **Rapid Response grant (NR 198)**, the applicant will be allowed to apply after the fact; if the application is selected for funding, the applicant may be paid for eligible costs which were incurred prior to the application being selected.



Eligibility:

Cities, towns, villages, Public Inland Lake Protection & Rehabilitation Districts, sanitary districts, lake associations, river associations, conservation organizations, and fish and sportsman clubs.

In areas where no organized water protection entity exists, a local unit of government may act as applicant for a qualifying project. Other entities, not listed in this brochure, may apply with the approval of the Land Conservation Committee.

- All projects must be on property or water that has public access and provides a benefit to the general public.
- Projects that recur on a periodic basis will only be eligible to apply for funds for one occurrence.
- Control project applications require consultation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Requirements:

- Grant recipients will be responsible to submit copies of all eligible project receipts.
- Grant recipients will be responsible to submit paid receipts for their portion of the eligible project costs before grant proceeds will be awarded.



Eligible Projects:

Aquatic Invasive Species – NR 198 Wis. Admin. Code

Education, Prevention and Planning Projects
Early Detection and Response Projects
Established Population Projects
Maintenance and Containment Projects
Research and Demonstration Projects

Lake Management Planning – NR 190 Wis. Admin. Code

Lake Protection – NR 191 Wis. Admin. Code
Wetland and Shoreline Habitat Restoration
Lake Plan implementation

River Protection – NR 195 Wis. Admin. Code
River Planning
River Management

If an application for a project not listed above is received, eligibility for that project shall be determined by the Land Conservation Committee.

For Online Materials & Information:

1. Go to <http://www.co.oconto.wi.us/departments/>
2. Select **Land Conservation** & then select **County Waterways/Aquatic Invasive Species Tab**.



This Program is in collaboration with Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association OCLAWA and the Oconto UW-Extension Community Development Agent