

POLK COUNTY LAND & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (LWRD)

Mission Statement: To Preserve, Protect and Enhance our Natural Resources

Overview: The Polk County LWRD enforces several county ordinances aimed at natural resource protection, provides technical assistance to other county departments, and works with lake associations, landowners, farmers, contractors, and schools regarding local conservation and education programs. LWRD also administers various Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) programs at the local level.

STATE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE LWRD:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Statute 92 Soil and Water Conservation and Animal Waste Management • State Statute 91 Farmland Preservation • NR151 Agricultural Standards and Prohibitions and Non-Agricultural Standards • NR120 Priority Watershed Program • NR135 Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Program • ATCP50 Soil & Water Resource Management Program; Farmland Preservation Program/Working Lands Initiative • ATCP50 Farmland Preservation Program/Working Lands Initiative • DNR Wildlife Damage Program 	
POLK COUNTY ORDINANCES ADMINISTERED BY THE LWRD:	STATE PROGRAMS AND COUNTY ORDINANCES ASSISTED BY THE LWRD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Ordinance • Manure and Water Quality Management Ordinance • Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance • Illegal Transport of Aquatic Plants and Invasive Animals Ordinance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NR243 Animal Feeding Operations • Polk County Shoreland Protection Zoning Ordinance • Polk County Subdivision Ordinance
OTHER PROGRAMS AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS CONDUCTED BY THE LWRD:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for grants and technical assistance to landowners and various entities for conservation projects • Assist lake associations and lake districts with lake management plans, lake protection grants, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) control programs, aquatic plant management plans, etc. • Annual Transect Survey to monitor cropland soil erosion trends • Work with school districts to provide conservation education: outdoor classrooms, field trips, conservation poster and speaking contests, soil judging contest, Arbor Day and Earth Day presentations. • Groundwater sampling and monitoring programs • Farm conservation and nutrient management plans • Education tent at the Polk County Fair. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County tree sales program; own and rent county tree planters and mulcher • Wetland delineation and inventory for the county and ag related reviews • Coordinate and develop GIS county coverage maps for specific data needed • Review, approve designs and supervise habitat/shoreline restoration projects • Education/Workshops for: landscapers, ag operators, lake associations and students • Engineering: construction survey, design, layouts, bids, cost estimates, checks and certification • Easements • Citizen Advisory Committees • General public requests for information