



Zoning & Permitting



Land Development



Mapping & GIS



Conservation



Septic Systems



Housing Programs

COMPASS POINTS

WISCONSIN FUND GRANT PROGRAM: COST-SHARING FOR FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Kenosha County has participated in the Wisconsin Fund program since April of 1981. Over the years, the County has received one million two hundred sixty-five dollars (\$1.265M) in grant awards to be distributed to eligible applicants. Although the program has gone through numerous changes over the years, eligible property owners continue receiving grant monies for replacing their failed private sewage systems.

The Division of Planning and Development works with applicants to prepare the individual application and submits a county-wide application by Feb. 1 each year. Applicant eligibility includes:

- The private sewage system must meet the Wisconsin Administrative Code definition of failure and be confirmed by the County sanitarian.
- The failed system must have been constructed prior to July 1, 1978.
- The structure that is served by this failed system must be owner-occupied.
- If the failed system is serving a residence, the federal adjusted gross income for the household must be less than \$45,000 per year for the year prior to or the year of application for the grant.
- Small businesses may be eligible if they have an annual gross revenue of less than \$362,500.

Grants are paid out to applicants in October and November each year. The applicant has to proceed with obtaining a soil test and a sanitary permit from the County as part of the application process for the grant. Applicants must also have the system installed and pay their contractor in full prior to receiving any of their grant money. Grants are only partial payment for the replacement systems and amounts are based on a flat rate table developed by the State's Department of Safety and Professional Services. The applicant receives a flat rate amount for each system component that is replaced or installed based on the minimum sizing requirements found in the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

This Wisconsin Legislature has terminated this program effective 2020. For more information on the Wisconsin Fund Program, please call the office of Planning and Development at (262) 857-1895.



Wisconsin Fund -

Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Replacement or Rehabilitation Financial Assistance Program



Financial Assistance for Homes & Small Businesses



IN THIS ISSUE

WI Fund Grant	1
Floodplain Facts	2
Chapter 14	3
Steve Rea Intro	3
County Spotlight	4
Upcoming Events	4

Planning & Development Calendar 2018

June	
13	Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee, Public Hearing Room, 6 p.m.
21	Zoning Board of Adjustments, Hearing Room A, 6 p.m.
July	
11	Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee, Public Hearing Room, 6 p.m.
19	Zoning Board of Adjustments, Hearing Room A, 6 p.m.
August	
8	Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee, Public Hearing Room, 6 p.m.
16	Zoning Board of Adjustments, Hearing Room A, 6 p.m.

EIGHT FACTS ABOUT FLOODS TO HELP PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES PREPARE

As the people of Kenosha labor to recover from the storms of last July, people all over Wisconsin should take heed and prepare for future floods in their communities. Here are eight facts about floods to help people and communities prepare.

1. Floods are the most common natural hazards in the United States.

In terms of number of lives lost and property damage, flooding is the most common natural hazard. Floods can occur at any time of the year and at any time of the day or night. While heavy precipitation is the common cause of flooding, winter storms and snowmelt are common, but often overlooked, causes of flooding.

2. Floodplains are among the most biologically productive and diverse ecosystems on earth.

Floodplains are the low-lying areas that surround rivers and lakes that naturally flood on a frequent basis. Kenosha County contains over 20,000 acres of floodplain, about 11.5% of the County. Floodplains play an integral role in providing clean water and wildlife habitat among many other benefits, including one of the most noticeable functions, the ability to store large volumes of floodwater and slowly release these waters over time.



3. Wetlands give storm water a chance to soak in, preventing flooding.

Approximately 21,893 acres of wetlands cover Kenosha County. Wetlands act as natural sponges, storing and slowly releasing floodwaters. A single acre of wetland, saturated to a depth of one foot, will retain 330,000 gallons of water – enough to flood thirteen average-sized homes thigh-deep.

4. Over the past century, we have experienced more intense and frequent storms.

With a changing climate we are experiencing an increase in heavy downpours. It is believed that the nation's floodplains may grow by 40 to 45% over the next 90 years, putting more people in harm's way.

5. The federal government provides flood insurance to homeowners, but the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is deeply in debt because premiums are not keeping pace with the increasing risk of floods.

Claims have increased significantly over the last decade due in large part to major hurricanes that will certainly increase the overall NFIP debt. Most homeowners at risk of flooding don't have flood insurance and are thus at the mercy of disaster assistance, which costs taxpayers billions of dollars per year in addition to claims paid by the NFIP.

6. Roughly 17% of all the urban land in the United States is located in the "100-year" or special flood hazard area (SFHA).

If you live in a SFHA and you have a federally backed mortgage, you must buy flood insurance. Flood insurance costs are growing steadily. Kenosha County participates in FEMA's voluntary Community Rating System (CRS), which saves 25% on your insurance premium. If you live near the 100-year floodplain, you should seriously consider purchasing flood insurance. You can purchase flood insurance through an insurance agent or an insurer participating in the NFIP. If your insurance agent does not sell flood insurance, you can contact the NFIP Referral Call Center at 1-800-427-4661 to request an agent referral.

7. Over the course of a 30-year mortgage, homeowners in the 100-year floodplain have a 1 in 4 chance or greater of being flooded – twice the probability of fire damage.

Over 20% of the flood insurance claims and one-third of all flood disaster assistance is for flood damage outside the 100-year floodplain. The concept of a 100-year flood is a statistical projection that refers to the flood event that has a 1 percent chance of occurring each and every year. As the climate changes, the size and area subject to the 100-year flood may increase.

8. Flood mitigation practices that reduce the loss of life and damages to properties provide \$5 in benefits for every dollar invested.

When homeowners take steps to protect themselves and to reduce the impacts of flooding through mitigation practices such as elevating or flood-proofing their homes, or removing flood prone structures out of harm's way, they can save themselves and taxpayer's money because it's less expensive to prepare for a flood than it is to keep cleaning up afterwards.

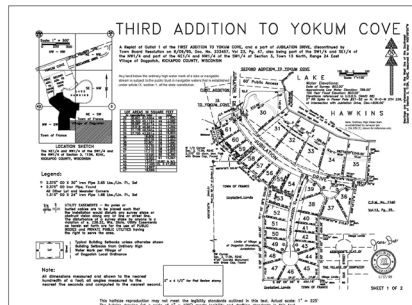
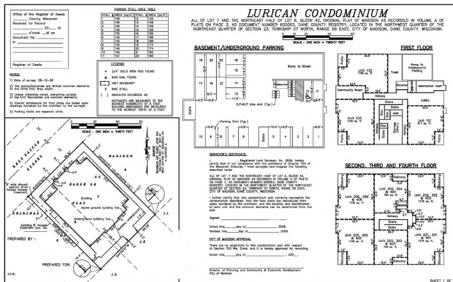
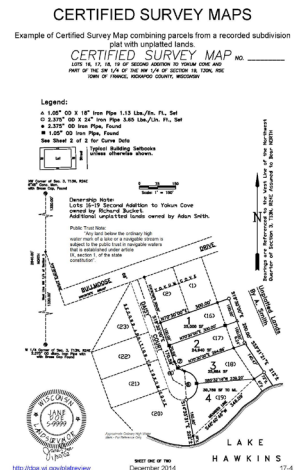
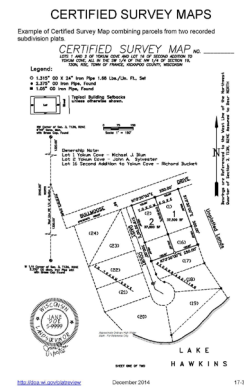


UPDATED KENOSHA COUNTY LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE

In the fall of 2017 the County Board repealed the Kenosha County Subdivision Control Ordinance and adopted a new land division control ordinance called the Kenosha County Land Division Ordinance.

With assistance from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission's Community Assistance Program, this work was completed in response to a request from Kenosha County staff to update the ordinance to comply with Wisconsin Statutes including Chapter 236, Platting Land and Recorded and Vacating Plats; Chapter 282, Private On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems; and Chapter 703, Condominiums; the update was also made to create consistency with other comprehensive plans such as bike/pedestrian plans and highway width and access management plans. It also set new requirements for minor land divisions within the County and created flexibility for minor land divisions in commercial and industrial settings.

You can learn more about land division regulations in Kenosha County by visiting the [Zoning & Land Development webpage](#), by viewing the complete Land Division Ordinance at the [Ordinances webpage](#), or by contacting the Kenosha County Department of Planning & Development at 262-857-1895.



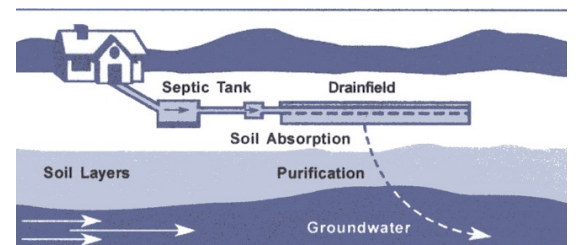
A NOTE FROM STEVE REA

Hello everyone,

My name is Steve Rea. I am an inspector for the Kenosha County Health Department Environmental Health Division. I began my career with Kenosha County in February 2009 as a Correctional Officer until transferring to the health department in August 2015. One of the programs that I have begun to learn about and work with is the Private On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems program (POWTS). Some of you may have already spoken with me regarding POWTS related issues as I have been assisting other staff in that program for about three years now.

Some of the POWTS duties include working on the retroactive POWTS maintenance program. Some of you may have received a notice from me recently inquiring about the existing POWTS that may be serving your property. This program is an addition to the POWTS maintenance program that Kenosha County has administered since 1981. The retroactive program specifically is intended for those POWTS that were installed prior to 1981. Please contact me if you have any questions related to POWTS.

Steve Rea
Kenosha County Health Department
Environmental Health Division
8600 Sheridan Road, Suite 600, Kenosha, WI 53143
(262)-605-6744



Example of a POWTS system

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT: VICKIE LEFLORE, POSITIVE YOUTH AND FAMILIES EXTENSION EDUCATOR



Vickie LeFlore was hired as the Positive Youth Development Educator with Kenosha County UW-Extension in March, 2018. Vickie was born and raised in Kenosha and is a Bradford High School alumni. Previously, Vickie was an Educational Talent Search Program Director at UW-Milwaukee, which is a pre-college program focused on middle and high school youth and their families. Her Master's degree is in Administrative Leadership in Adult Education from UW-Milwaukee, and her B.S. is in Sociology from UW-Parkside.

As a Positive Youth Development Educator, Vickie's role focuses on positive youth development based programming focused on reaching under-served and underrepresented audiences, providing leadership for community partnerships and coalitions focused on youth development issues including Youth in Governance, Youth as Resources, development of educational resources including curriculum

development focused on positive youth development, providing professional development to youth-serving professionals in the community, and providing educational resources to the 4-H program.

Vickie has a concern and passion for working with youth. She is dedicated to bridging the gap through serving underrepresented population. Vickie states that she "wants to make a difference in the lives of young people and their families."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Location	Dates	Time
Revolutionary War Re-enactment	Petrifying Springs Park	6/9-6/10	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Coueurs de Bois Run/Walk	Petrifying Springs Park	6/10	9:30 a.m.
Pringle Nature Center 20th Anniversary Celebration	Bristol Woods Park (9800 160th Ave., Bristol)	6/15	TBD
Dairy Air Bike Ride	Starting - Bristol Woods Park (9800 160th Ave.) Ending - Spoerlein Farms (25222 52nd St.)	6/16	6:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Rods for a Reason Car Show	Petrifying Springs Park	7/8	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Hil100py+ Relay and Hot Hilly Hairy Run/Walk	Petrifying Springs Park	7/28	6:00 a.m.
Picnic in the Park	Petrifying Springs Park	8/11	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Nightcrawlers Run/Walk	Silver Lake Park	8/11	7:50 p.m.
Go to http://www.kenoshacounty.org/600/Parks for a list of all events in Kenosha County Parks			



For up-to-date Kenosha County news and upcoming events, visit
www.facebook.com/kenoshacountygovt/

Kenosha County Department of Planning and Development
19600 75th Street, Suite 185-3, Bristol, Wisconsin, 53104
Phone: (262) 857-1895 | Fax: (262) 857-1920
<http://www.kenoshacounty.org/>

It is the mission of the Kenosha County Planning and Development Division to provide professional, customer-centered services to residents and organizations pursuing individual and community development goals while ensuring the balance of our community's economic advancement with protection of the natural environment. The Division provides services that; encourage the use of natural resources in a planned and orderly manner, utilize technology to ensure the efficient/accurate communication of technical land-use information, improve our local economy and advance the common good of the citizens of Kenosha County.