Washburn County Land Information Plan 2025-2027



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

About this Document. This document is a land information plan for Washburn County prepared by the land information officer (LIO) and the Washburn County land information council. Under state statute 59.72(3)(b), a "**countywide plan for land records modernization**" is required for participation in the Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP). The purpose of this document is twofold: 1) to meet WLIP funding eligibility requirements necessary for receiving grants and retaining fees for land information, and 2) to plan for county land records modernization in order to improve the efficiency of government and provide improved government services to businesses and county residents.

WLIP Background. The WLIP, administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, is funded by document recording fees collected by register of deeds at the county-level. In 2024, Washburn County was awarded \$78,232 in WLIP grants, and between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 retained a total of \$32,768 in local register of deeds document recording fees for land information.

This plan lays out how funds from grants and retained fees will be prioritized. However, as county budgets are determined on an annual basis with county board approval, this plan provides estimated figures that are subject to change and are designed to serve planning purposes only.

Land Information in Washburn County. Land information is central to county operations, as many essential services rely on accurate and up-to-date geospatial data and land records. A countywide land information system supports economic development, emergency planning and response, and a host of other citizen services. The Washburn County land information system integrates and enables efficient access to information that describes the physical characteristics of land, as well as the property boundaries and rights attributable to landowners.

Mission of the Land Information Office. In the next three years, Washburn County's Land Information Office strives to be recognized for its exceptional webmapping site, gains in governmental efficiencies by broadening the utilization of GIS, improvements in parcel mapping accuracy, and responsiveness to meeting the land records needs of residents and businesses within Washburn County.

Land Information Office Projects. To realize this mission, in the next three years, the county land information office will focus on the following projects:

Washburn C	County Land Information Projects: 2025-2027
Project #1	Acquisition of Orthoimagery
Project #2	Register of Deeds Indexing
Project #3	Scan Town Road Records
Project #4	Development/Upgrading Permit Tracking Software
Project #5	Scan Variance and Conditional Use Permits
Project #6	Production of Plat Book
Project #7	ESRI Software Maintenance
Project #8	Wide format Plotter
Project #9	Replace GPS/Surveyor Equipment
Project #10	Purchase New Survey Truck
Project #11	Maintain, Update and Improve GIS Website
Project #12	Training and Education
Project #13	Next Generation 911
Project #14	Transition to ArcGIS Pro
Project #15	Plan for Updating Tax Roll Software
Project #16	Acquire LiDAR Data
Project #17	NGS 2022 Datum Conversion
Project #18	Hardware/Software Upgrades

The remainder of this document provides more details on Washburn County and the WLIP, summarizes current and future land information projects, and reviews the county's status in completion and maintenance of the map data layers known as Foundational Elements.

1 INTRODUCTION

In 1989, a public funding mechanism was created whereby a portion of county register of deeds document recording fees collected from real estate transactions would be devoted to land information through a new program called the Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP). The purpose of the land information plan is to meet WLIP requirements and aid in county planning for land records modernization.

The WLIP and the Land Information Plan Requirement

In order to participate in the WLIP, counties must meet certain requirements:

- Update the county's land information plan at least every three years
- Meet with the county land information council to review expenditures, policies, and priorities of the land information office at least once per year
- Report on expenditure activities each year
- Submit detailed applications for WLIP grants
- Complete the annual WLIP survey
- Subscribe to DOA's land information listserv
- Coordinate the sharing of parcel/tax roll data with the Department of Administration in a searchable format determined by DOA under s. 59.72(2)(a)

LAND INFORMATION

Any physical, legal, economic or environmental information or characteristics concerning land, water, groundwater, subsurface resources or air in this state.

'Land information' includes information relating to topography, soil, soil erosion, geology, minerals, vegetation, land cover, wildlife, associated natural resources, land ownership, land use, land use controls and restrictions, jurisdictional boundaries, tax assessment, land value, land survey records and references, geodetic control networks, aerial photographs, maps, planimetric data, remote sensing data, historic and prehistoric sites and economic projections.

- Wis. Stats. section 59.72(1)(a)

Any grants received and fees retained for land information through the WLIP must be spent consistent with the county land information plan.

The Statewide Parcel Map Initiative

For Strategic Initiative grant eligibility, counties are required to apply WLIP funding toward achieving certain statewide objectives, specified in the form of "benchmarks." Benchmarks for parcel data—standards or achievement levels on data quality or completeness—were determined through a participatory planning process. Current benchmarks are detailed in the WLIP grant application, as will be future benchmarks.

WLIP Benchmarks

- Benchmark 1 & 2 Parcel and Zoning Data Submission/Extended Parcel Attribute SetSubmission
- Benchmark 3 Completion of County Parcel Fabric
- Benchmark 4 Completion and Integration of PLSS

More information on how Washburn County is meeting these benchmarks appears in the Foundational Elements section of this plan document.

County Land Information System History and Context

The Washburn County Board established the County Land Information Office (LIO) in July of 1990 per resolution #9-90. The main objectives of the office included: Coordination of land information projects within the county, develop and establish a county-wide plan for land records modernization, and review and recommend projects for local government units for grants from the WLIP. When the Land Information Office was first created, it reported to the newly created Land Records Committee which was made up of one member from each of the following committees -Agricultural, Finance, Forestry, Highway and Zoning.

In 1999 the county began funding the PLSS remonumentation program which contracted with local surveyors to perform remonumentation duties. In 2001, Washburn County created the Surveying/Land Information Department which was assigned to the Agriculture/Land Conservation Committee. The department included The County Surveyor, Deputy Surveyor, Survey/GIS Technician and GIS Technician whose primary duties consisted of remonumentation and parcel mapping.

The Land Information Surveying Department is currently made up of the GIS Mapper/LIO, County Surveyor and Real Property Lister/GIS Technician. The primary duties of the office include managing the creation and maintenance of GIS data, overseeing land records modernization, maintaining the tax roll, and perpetuating the Public Land Survey System (PLSS).

County Land Information Plan Process

Counties must submit their plans to DOA for approval every three years. The 2025-2027 plan is to be completed at the end of 2024.

County Land Information Plan Timeline

- DOA release of finalized instructions by March 31, 2024.
- April-September 2024: Counties work on land info plans.
- Complete draft plans due to DOA by September 30, 2024 (but sooner is advised).
- Final plans with county land info council approval due by December 31st, 2024.

Plan Participants and Contact Information

Another requirement for participation in the WLIP is the county land information council, established by legislation in 2010. The council is tasked with reviewing the priorities, needs, policies, and expenditures of a land information office and advising the county on matters affecting that office.

According to s. 59.72(3m), Wis. Stats., the county land information council is to include:

- Register of Deeds
- Treasurer
- Real Property Lister or designee
- Member of the county board
- Representative of the land information office
- A realtor or member of the Realtors Association employed within the county
- A public safety or emergency communications representative employed within the county
- County surveyor or a registered professional land surveyor employed within the county
- Other members of the board or public that the board designates

The land information council must have a role in the development of the county land information plan, and DOA requires county land information councils to approve final plans.

This plan was prepared by the county LIO, the Washburn County Land Information Council, and others as listed below.

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2 FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS

Counties must have a land information plan that addresses development of specific datasets or map layer groupings historically referred to as the WLIP Foundational Elements. Foundational Elements incorporate nationally-recognized "Framework Data" elements, the major map data themes that serve as the backbone required to conduct most mapping and geospatial analysis.

In the past, Foundational Elements were selected by the former Wisconsin Land Information Board under the guiding idea that program success is dependent upon a focus for program activities. Thus, this plan places priority

FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS

PLSS Parcel Mapping LiDAR and Other Elevation Data Orthoimagery Address Points and Street Centerlines Land Use Zoning Administrative Boundaries Other Layers

on certain elements, which must be addressed in order for a county land information plan to be approved. Beyond the county's use for planning purposes, Foundational Element information is of value to state agencies and the WLIP to understand progress in completion and maintenance of these key map data layers.

Foundational Element Name Layer Name List either "Maintenance phase" for dynamic layers that are complete but regularly updated, "Layer complete" for static layers Layer Status that will not be updated, or give **percentage** of dataset that is complete, **and elaborate**. Special instructions are included in some cases, as some layers have additional required information. Layer status can also include: year of acquisition, format, resolution, coordinate system/datum, and any other relevant information. Custodian **Custodial responsibility** – which office or position is responsible for the layer? Maintenance Update cycle/frequency and plan to maintain currency for the dataset over time, as well as archival plans for historical copies of datasets where appropriate. Standards List any standards the dataset adheres to. State whether and in what timeframe the county plans to meet any state, federal, professional, or other standards in the future.

Public Land Survey System Monuments

Layer Status

PLSS Layer Status	
	Status/Comments
Number of PLSS corners (selection, ¹ / ₄ , meander) set in original government survey that can be remonumented in your county	• 3055
Number of PLSS corners capable of being remonumented in your county that have been remonumented	• 3052
 Number of remonumented PLSS corners with survey grade coordinates (see below for definition) SURVEY GRADE – coordinates collected under the direction of a Professional Land Surveyor, in a coordinate system allowed by 236.18(2), and obtained by means, methods and equipment capable of repeatable 2 centimeter or better precision SUB-METER – point precision of 1 meter or better APPROXIMATE – point precision within 5 meters or coordinates derived from public records or other relevant information 	 Survey Grade – 3004 Sub-Meter: 36 Approximate: 15
Number of survey grade PLSS corners integrated into county digital parcel layer (see <u>definition of PLSS integration</u> on page 37)	 Approximately 100%. See "Survey Grade" above.
Number of non-survey grade PLSS corners integrated into county digital parcel layer	 Approximately 100%. See "Survey Grade" above.
Tie sheets available online?	Yes <u>https://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?App=WashburntountyWl&PageType=Map</u>
Percentage of remonumented PLSS corners that have tie sheets available online (whether or not they have corresponding coordinate values) Percentage of remonumented PLSS corners that have tie sheets available online (whether or not they have corresponding coordinate values) and a corresponding	100%100%
URL path/hyperlink value in the PLSS geodatabase PLSS corners believed to be remonumented based on filed tie-sheets or surveys, but do not have coordinate values	• 0
Approximate number of PLSS corners believed to be lost or obliterated	• 15
Which system(s) for corner point identification/ numbering does the county employ (e.g., the Romportl point numbering system known as Wisconsin Corner Point Identification System, the BLM Point ID Standard, or other corner point ID system)?	 Washburn County uses two systems: 1-3055 system based on the chronological original establishment of the corners. Romportl System
Does the county contain any non-PLSS areas (e.g., river frontage long lots, French land claims, private claims, farm lots, French long lots, etc.) or any special situations regarding PLSS data for tribal lands?	• No
Total number of PLSS corners along each bordering county	 Barron County 52, Douglas County 53, Burnett County 81, Sawyer County 78.
Number of PLSS corners remonumented along each county boundary	Barron County 52, Douglas County 53,Burnett County 81, Sawyer County 78. All at 100%
Number of remonumented PLSS corners along each county boundary with survey grade coordinates	 Can't quantify. See "Survey Grade" above.

Custodian

• Washburn County Surveyor's Office is responsible for the perpetuation of PLSS corners.

Maintenance

• Update monument records and coordinates as corners are in danger or have been reestablished by using current survey standards. Washburn County in 2017 started using the WISCORS network and subsequently have been obtaining NAD 83/(2011) coordinates. A

systematic approach has been put into effect to revise and update coordinates and monument records as time allows.

Standards

- Statutory Standards for PLSS Corner Remonumentation
 - s. 59.74, Wis. Stats. Perpetuation of section corners, landmarks.
 - s. 60.84, Wis. Stats. Monuments.
 - ch. A-E 7.08, Wis. Admin. Code, U.S. public land survey monument record.
 - ch. A-E 7.06, Wis. Admin. Code, Measurements.
 - s. 236.15, Wis. Stats. Surveying requirement.
- North American Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022 (NATRF2022)
- SURVEY GRADE standard from Wisconsin County Surveyor's Association:
 - **SURVEY GRADE** coordinates collected under the direction of a Professional Land Surveyor, in a coordinate system allowed by 236.18(2), and obtained by means, methods and equipment capable of repeatable 2 centimeter or better precision
 - **SUB-METER** point precision of 1 meter or better
 - **APPROXIMATE** point precision within 5 meters or coordinates derived from public records or other relevant information

Other Geodetic Control and Control Networks

e.g., HARN, Height Mod., etc.

Layer Status

 In 2004, Washburn County completed a densification project, which resulted in the Geodetic Control Network increasing to 63 blue-booked stations. WisDOT completed the WI-HMP project in this area during Phase 7B of the project wherein monuments were constructed and blue-booked. WisDOT operates WISCORS, Wisconsin Continually Operating Reference Stations, which provides properly equipped users the ability to obtain survey grade accuracy or very near to.

Custodian

 Washburn County Surveyor's office assumes partial custodial responsibility for the Geodetic and WI-HMP control stations, this responsibility should be shared between multiple entities.

Maintenance

• Blue-booked values are maintained by NGS. At this time we are considering building and obtaining additional control monuments to be used as vertical benchmarks.

Standards

• Chapter 236 of Wisconsin Statutes.

Parcel Mapping

Parcel Geometries

Layer Status

- **Progress toward completion/maintenance phase:** In Washburn County, 100% of the parcels are available in a commonly used digital GIS format. Along with routine parcel updates, the Land Information Office staff continues to adjust parcel data as remonumentation efforts move forward, and additional control is collected.
- Washburn County has approximately 32,000 tax parcels within the county. All tax parcels have been digitally drawn and are referenced to the PLSS. The parcel boundaries are designated but would not be considered survey quality representation for accurate title boundary line or land survey line information. The tax parcels are maintained in ESRI's file geodatabase format (gdb)(version 10.8).
- Projection and coordinate system: Projected Coordinate System: NAD_1983_HARN_Adj_WI_Washburn_Feet Projection: Lambert_Conformal_Conic

False_Easting:768000.0000000False_Northing:0.0000000Central_Meridian:-91.78333333Standard_Parallel_1:45.77222222Standard_Parallel_2:46.15000000Latitude_Of_Origin:44.26666667LinearUnit:Foot_US

Geographic Coordinate System: GCS_NAD_1983_HARN_Adj_WI_Washburn Datum: D_NAD_1983_HARN_Adj_WI_WB Prime Meridian: Greenwich Angular Unit: Degree

- **Integration of tax data with parcel polygons:** The County does have a parcel polygon model that directly integrates tax/assessment data as parcel attributes.
- Online Parcel Viewer Software/App and Vendor name: Beacon – hosted, implemented, and maintained by Schneider Geospatial

• Unique URL path for each parcel record:

Yes - https://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?App=WashburnCountyWI&PageType=Map The following information is available through a stable URL for each parcel record: Property assessment data Tax records Tax Bill Statements Documents Permits

Custodian

• Washburn County Land Information Office.

Maintenance

 Update Frequency/Cycle. Parcel polygons are updated continually. Parcel changes are mapped as documents are recorded. Parcel adjustments are also made as new surveys and control are established.

Standards

• **Data Dictionary:** Metadata for the spatial components of the parcel mapping have been compiled in Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) compliant format. A Data Dictionary for all attributes linked to the Property Ownership, Assessment and Tax system data have a dictionary in human-readable form for all information required by s. 59.72(2)(a).

Parcels Without Land Value

Layer Status

- Number of parcels without a land value recorded to-date: 0 as of 10/04/2024
- County geolocates/maps parcels for improvements only and without a land value by:
 By creating new polygons and parcel stacking

Act 12 of 2023 amended sec. 70317(1), Wis. Stats and removed the option of assessing improvements on leased land as personal property. According to the Department of Revenue, state law provides two processes to list and value buildings, improvements, and fixtures that are on leased land, exempt land, forest cropland and managed forest land along with mobile homes not subject to a parking permit fee or otherwise exempt. Washburn county plans to: under secs. 70.17(3) or 70.27, Wis. Stats. – create a separate parcel for the buildings, improvements, and fixtures. Sec. 70.17(3) provides for a real property assessment with only an improvement value.

Assessment/Tax Roll Data

Layer Status

- Progress toward completion/maintenance phase: NA
- **Tax Roll Software/App and Vendor name:** Novus from contractor/vendor Manatron/Thomson Reuters. Washburn County has been using Novus property tax record system since 2007. The Treasurer's Office and Real Property Lister are responsible for the maintenance of the database and work closely with contracted programmers and the IT Department to deal with software issues, upgrades or statutory changes. All maintenance of tax/assessment data and distribution of tax bills is handled by the Treasurer's Office and Real Property Lister.

• Municipal Notes: NA

Custodian

• Washburn County Treasurer and Real Property Lister

Maintenance

- **Maintenance of the Searchable Format standard:** To maintain the Searchable Format standard, the county will continue to work with a contracted programmer to ensure Searchable Format requirements are met.
- Searchable Format Workflow: The County maintains parcel/tax roll data in such a way that requires significant formatting every year—whether by the county staff in-house, or a third-party contractor/vendor.

Standards

- Wisconsin Department of Revenue Property Assessment Manual and attendant DOR standards
- DOR XML format standard requested by DOR for assessment/tax roll data
- s. 59.72(2)(a), Wis. Stats. Presence of all nine "Act 20" attributes

Non-Assessment/Tax Information Tied to Parcels

Zoning Permits

Layer Status

• Sanitary and Land Use permits are 100% scanned and available in the County Imaging system. The Zoning office is now looking at scanning Conditional Use, Rezones, and Variances. In the next three years we plan on having all zoning permits available online.

Custodian

• Washburn County Zoning Office

Maintenance

 The Zoning Department currently maintains all of its permit data in a system developed by Fairview Industries, Inc. The system was developed under the direction of the Washburn County Zoning Office. Specific data regarding land use permits, sanitary permits, variances and conditional use permits is entered into the system on a permit-issuance basis. The permit data is then tied to Novus Software making it available to the public online. New Sanitary and Land Use permits are scanned into the Vanguard IMS imaging system as time allows. The Zoning office plans on scanning in all Conditional Use, Variance and Rezone permits. Over the next three years the Zoning Department will be migrating to the Novus Zoning module to manage zoning permits.

ROD Real Estate Document Indexing and Imaging

Layer Status

• Grantor/Grantee Index: The Register of Deeds maintains a grantor/grantee and tract index

so that searches can be made by grantor and grantee, legal description, document number, volume and page.

- Current Status:
 - Digital Indexing and verification from 1980 forward
 - Digital Indexing from 1960 1980 without verification
 - Paper tract index for records prior to 1960
- Tract Index: The tract index is PLSS Based. Digitized tract index from 1995 to present. Prior to 1995 tract index is paper based and available online with Colortract.
- **Imaging:** All images are available to be searched by Volume and Page or Document number. All images are Tiff format from 1883 forward.

ROD Software/App and Vendor Name:

- Avid/Laredo/Tapestry software for recording and viewing documents from contractor/vendor Fidlar
- **Avid** electronic recording of documents through Simplifile, ePN, CSC and Indecomm
- **Inspect** Optical Character Recognition technology with rule based logic to identify information such as names, dates and dollar values. (no fee)
- Avid redaction software for social security numbers (no fee)
- **Colortract**/On Q Solutions-is an online viewing of paper tract index Grantor/Grantee Index-PDF online

Custodian

• County Register of Deeds

Maintenance

• Daily backups to on-site and off-site servers

Standards

- s. 59.43, Wis. Stats. Register of deeds; duties, fees, deputies.
- ch. 706, Wis. Stats. Conveyances of real property; Recording; Titles.
- 236, Wis. Stats. Platting Lands and Recording and Vacating Plats.
- 703, Wis. Stats. Condominiums.
- 84.095, Wis. Stats. Transportation Project Plats.

LiDAR and Other Elevation Data

Lidar

Layer Status

- Most recent acquisition year: 2016 3DEP Grant Project
- Accuracy:
 - Vertical Accuracy Specifications per USGS QL2 level:
- LAS: Non-Vegetated Vertical Accuracy (NVA) equates to 10 cm RMSEz, or 19.6 cm (0.64 ft) at the 95% confidence level.
- DEM: (Non-Vegetated Vertical Accuracy) NVA equates to 10 cm RMSEz, or 19.6 cm (0.64 ft) at the 95% confidence level.
- DEM: Vegetated Vertical Accuracy (VVA) equates to 29.4 cm (0.96 ft) at the 95th percentile.
- The NVA and VVA statistics for the project were within the above stated specifications.
- Post spacing: 0.7 meter
- Contractor's standard: Ayres and Associates Vertical Accuracy Specifications per USGS QL2 level
- Next planned acquisition year: 2030-2035 dependent on funding and need.
- QL0/QL1/QL2 acquisition plans: QL2 collected in 2016. Our next planned acquisition will adhere to USGS Standards at the QL1 level.

Custodian

• Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

Static Dataset

Standards

USGS <u>Lidar Base Specification</u>

LiDAR Derivatives

e.g., Bare-Earth Digital Terrain Model (DTM), Bare-Earth Elevation Contours, Bare-Earth Digital Elevation Model (DEM), Digital Surface Model (DSM), Hydro-Enforced DEMs etc.

Layer Status

- The following derivatives were completed as part of the 2016 LiDAR fight
 - Bare-Earth Digital Elevation Model (DEM)
 - 2-foot elevation contours (ESRI Shapefile)
 - Hydro flattening breaklines including streams 20-feet in width or wider (ESRI shapefile)
 - Classified point cloud, LAS version 1.4 format
 - Intensity imagery (GEOTIFF)
 - FGDC compliant metadata.
 - Tile Schematic in (ESRI shapefile)

Custodian

• Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

Static Dataset

Standards

USGS QL2 base specifications

Orthoimagery

Orthoimagery

Layer Status

- Most recent acquisition year: 2024
- Resolution: 6"
- Contractor's standard: 6 inch pixel resolution digital orthoimagery to meet ASPRS Level 2 horizontal accuracy standards of 1.4 feet RMSE.
- Next planned acquisition year: 2027/2028

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• Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

• Updated flight every 3-4 years

Standards

• ASPRS Level 2 horizontal accuracy standards of 1.4 feet RMSE.

Historic Orthoimagery

Layer Status

- Ongoing Through contracted services, Washburn County has obtained digital orthoimagery for the following years: 1996, 2004, 2009. 2016, 2020.
- 2020 flight was flown by Ayres Associates. Imagery was collected countywide color, spring leaf-off, 6" resolution
- 2016 flight was flown by Pictometery. Imagery was collected countywide color, spring leaf-off, 6 inch resolution.

- 2009 flight was flown by Pictometery. Imagery was collected countywide color, spring leafoff. Areas with high population density were collected at 6 inch resolution, low density areas where collected at 12 inch.
- 2004 flight was flown by Image-America. Imagery was collected countywide black & white, spring leaf-off, 6 inch resolution.
- 1996 flight was flown by Ayres Associates. Imagery was collected countywide black & white, spring leaf-off, 1 meter resolution.
- 1980 Scanned Black and White images georectified into countywide raster dataset.
- 1962 Scanned Black and White images georectified into countywide raster dataset.
- 1938 Scanned Black and White images georectified into countywide raster dataset.

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• Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

• No maintenance activities anticipated

Standards

• NA

Other Types of Imagery

Layer Status

• 2009 Oblique imagery – Pictometry

Countywide color 12 inch resolution two angle oblique (North & South views) and approximately 60% county coverage color 4 inch resolution four angle oblique (North, South, East and West). Acquired in the spring of 2009,

• 2016 Oblique imagery - Pictometry

Countywide color 9 inch resolution four angle oblique (North, South, East and West). Acquired in the spring of 2016. Pictometry International captured the leaf off Oblique imagery

Custodian

• Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

• Static Datasets

Standards

• NA

Address Points and Street Centerlines

Access Point Data

Layer Status

• Site Access Points Completed. Points have been placed at access locations off of named private and public roads, specifically the address/fire number signs. Nearly 100% of all site access points have been gps'd with a Trimble sub-meter unit at the location of the address sign. This is a countywide layer that encompasses every address in the county. Contracted with GeoComm in 2023 to convert access point data to the Wisconsin GIS NG9-1-1 Data Standard. Data is ready to go live in NG9-1-1 project by the end of 2024.

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• Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

Ongoing

Standards

- Sec. 60-25. Washburn County Address sign policies.
- Wisconsin GIS NG9-1-1 Data Standard (Site/Structure Address Point)

Building Point Data

Layer Status

 Building Points Completed. Building Points are maintained Countywide. If there are multiple structure's on a parcel, the point is placed onto the primary living structure. In 2018 building points were rectified with building footprints to improve accuracy. New building points are added with newly acquired orthoimagery.

Custodian

Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

Ongoing

Standards

Wisconsin GIS NG9-1-1 Data Standard (Site/Structure Address Point)

Building Footprints

Layer Status

 Completed. Countywide building footprints were created from the 2016 LiDAR point cloud. New building footprints are added as new orthoimagery is acquired.

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Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

• Ongoing - New footprints are added through the acquisition of new orthoimagery flights.

Standards

• Not in statute.

Other Types of Address Information

e.g., Address Ranges

Layer Status

• Completed. Washburn County has address ranges for all named roads within the County. The ranges were built utilizing our existing address points, and are utilized daily for 911 response. The ranges are housed within the road centerline layer.

Custodian

Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

 Address ranges are created for newly built roads, and updated to ensure new address points fall within a given road range.

Standards

- Washburn County Addressing and Road Naming Ordinance.
- Wisconsin GIS NG9-1-1 Data Standard

Street Centerlines

Layer Status

• Completed and maintained countywide in the Wisconsin NG9-1-1 data standard format. Contracted with GeoComm in 2023 to convert road centerline data to the Wisconsin GIS NG9-1-1 Data Standard.

Custodian

• Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

Updated as needed

Standards

- Washburn County Addressing and Road Naming Ordinance.
- Wisconsin GIS NG9-1-1 Data Standard (Road Centerline)

Right-of-Way

Layer Status

• Not Complete.

Custodian

• Washburn County Land Information Office.

Maintenance

- Currently all ROW is maintained as a part of the parcel layer with ROW-identifying information in the PIN/PARCELID attribute field.
- As time allows, right-of-way polygons are created in a separate layer based off of road records, right-of-way plats and legal descriptions, with identifying document numbers. This is an ongoing project that is worked on as time allows.

Standards

• Not in statute.

Trails

e.g., Recreational Trails, Snowmobile Trails

Layer Status

• Complete - The Washburn County Forestry Department have created and maintain datasets of Recreational Trails and County Parks located within Washburn County.

Custodian

Washburn County Forestry Department

Maintenance

- The Forestry Department maintains and routinely updates the following list of trails.
 - Horse County forest lands only
 - Ski Tails County forest lands only
 - Snowmobile/ATV Trails Private and Public Lands
 - County Parks County forest lands only

Standards

• None in statute

Land Use

Current Land Use

Layer Status

• Washburn County does not maintain a Current Land Use Layer.

Custodian

• NA

Maintenance

• Washburn County has no plans on adopting a current land use layer.

Standards

• NA

Future Land Use

Layer Status

• Washburn County does not maintain a Future Land Use Layer.

Custodian

• NA

Maintenance

• Washburn County has not adopted a comprehensive plan and does not plan to adopt one in the future.

Standards

• s. 66.1001, Wis. Stats. Comprehensive planning.

Zoning

County General Zoning

Layer Status

 Completed - The County <u>does</u> maintain a GIS representation of county general zoning boundaries. Washburn County Administers Comprehensive Zoning for 18 of 21 Towns.
 Washburn County does not maintain zoning for incorporated areas within the county.

Custodian

• Washburn County Zoning Office.

Maintenance

 Under the direction of the Zoning Office, the Land Information Office maintains a general zoning layer within the County GIS. As rezones occur, attributes are updated accordingly. Washburn County does not maintain general zoning for incorporated areas of the county or the Towns of Bashaw, Evergreen and Trego.

Standards

• 59.69, Wis. Stats. Planning & Zoning Authority.

Shoreland Zoning

Layer Status

 Completed - The County <u>does</u> maintain a GIS representation of county shoreland zoning boundaries. The layer is complete and based off of buffer distances of 1000 feet for navigable lakes/ponds and 300 feet for rivers.

Custodian

• Washburn County Zoning Office.

Maintenance

 Jurisdictions (pursuant to NR115) are maintained by the Land Information Department. They are overlaid with digital parcels/orthophoto and utilized for zoning assessments (setback measurements etc.).

Standards

• 59.692, Wis. Stats. Zoning of shorelands on navigable waters.

Farmland Preservation Zoning

Layer Status

- Not administered by county. Expired 2016
- Year of certification: 1982

Floodplain Zoning

Layer Status

- The County does maintain a GIS representation of floodplain zoning boundaries.
- The county's floodplain zoning GIS data is the same as/identical to the FEMA map.
- Letters of Maps Change FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) can be changed through "Letters of Maps Change," which is comprised of a few things: Letters of Map Amendment, Letters of Map Revision, and Letters of Map Revision Based on Fill. These are documents issued by FEMA that officially remove a property and/or structure from the floodplain. They are collectively called Letters of Map Change.
- PL-566 (PL-566 Watershed Program) Breach Routes –we have adopted several dam failure studies where the hydraulic shadow exceeds the 100 year FP

Custodian

• Washburn County Zoning Office.

Maintenance

• Letters of Map Amendments are filed with the Zoning Office.

Standards

Chapter 38 Washburn County Ordinance FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

Airport Protection

Layer Status

• Not administered by county.

Municipal Zoning Information Maintained by the County

Layer Status

• Washburn County does not maintain City or Village zoning. See General Zoning Section for information on Town Zoning.

Administrative Boundaries

Civil Division Boundaries

e.g., Towns, City, Villages, etc.

Layer Status

• Completed. Municipal Civil Boundaries are maintained for all municipalities within the County. Civil Division are generated from the PLSS and Parcels.

Custodian

• Washburn County Land Information Office.

Maintenance

• Updated as annexations occur or remonumentation updates are made.

Standards

• NA

School Districts

Layer Status

- Progress toward completion/maintenance phase: 100% complete. Maintenance phase
 - **Relation to parcels:** The Department of Revenue (DOR) school district ID is maintained within the tax roll for each parcel. Utilizing the school ID, tax parcel polygons were dissolved together to create school district boundaries. This process has been completed for Washburn County and is checked yearly for changes.
 - Attributes linked to parcels: School District Name, School District Number

Custodian

• Washburn County Land Information Office.

Maintenance

• Yearly

Standards

NA

Election Boundaries

e.g., Voting Districts, Precincts, Wards, Polling Places, etc.

Layer Status

 100% Complete including: Municipal Wards Supervisory Districts Polling Locations

Custodian

• Data is maintained by the Land Information Office under the direction of the Washburn County Clerk

Maintenance

As needed

Standards

• NA

Utility Districts

e.g., Water, Sanitary, Electric, etc.

Layer Status

• Complete. There are currently 3 sanitary districts in Washburn County. The Layer was created utilizing tax parcels.

Custodian

Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

As needed

Standards

• NA

Emergency Service Boundary – Law/Fire/EMS

Layer Status

Law Enforcement boundaries - complete:

The Land Information office maintains ESN Law Enforcement zones for all municipalities in the county.

- Fire response boundaries complete: The Land Information maintains ESN fire response districts for all municipalities within the County.
- EMS boundaries complete: The Land Information maintains ambulance response districts for all municipalities within the County.
- Contracted with GeoComm in 2023 to convert all NG9-1-1 data layers to the Wisconsin GIS NG9-1-1 Data Standard.

Custodian

• Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

• Layers are updated as needed under the direction of the Emergency Management Office. **Standards**

• Wisconsin GIS NG9-1-1 Data Standard (Emergency Service Boundary)

Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Boundary

Layer Status

- Complete Washburn County has one PSAP which services all the municipalities within the County. The PSAP is located in the Washburn County Law Enforcement Center in Shell Lake, Wisconsin. Contracted with GeoComm in 2023 to convert our PSAP Boundary layer to the Wisconsin GIS NG9-1-1 Data Standard.
- PSAP boundary is the same as/coincident with the county boundary

Custodian

• Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

• As needed under the direction of the Emergency Management Office.

Standards

• Wisconsin GIS NG9-1-1 Data Standard (PSAP Boundary)

Provisioning Boundary

Layer Status

 Complete - Contracted with GeoComm in 2023 to convert our Provisioning Boundary layer to the Wisconsin GIS NG9-1-1 Data Standard.

Custodian

Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

• As needed under the direction of the Emergency Management Office.

Standards

Wisconsin GIS NG9-1-1 Data Standard (Provisioning Boundary)

Other Public Safety

Healthcare Facilities

Layer Status

- Complete Hospitals and healthcare facilities.
 - The Land Information Office maintains a point feature class layer for healthcare facilities within the County.

Custodian

Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

• As needed under the direction of the Emergency Management Office.

Standards

• NA

Lake Districts

Layer Status

• Completed. There are currently two Lake Districts within Washburn County.

Custodian

• Washburn Land Information office.

Maintenance

As needed

Standards

NA

Native American/Tribal Lands

Layer Status

• Washburn County does not maintain a Native American Lands Layer.

Custodian

NA

Maintenance

• NA

Standards

• NA

Other Administrative Districts

county lands, state lands, federal lands

Layer Status

- County Lands complete. The boundaries for the layer were created from the tax parcel polygons and ownership designation within tax roll database.
- State Lands complete. The boundaries for the layer were created from the tax parcel polygons and ownership designation within tax roll database.
- Federal Lands complete. The boundaries for the layer were created from the tax parcel polygons and ownership designation within tax roll database.

Custodian

• Washburn County Land Information Office.

Maintenance

Layers are updated routinely to account for changes.

Standards

• NA.

Other Layers

Hydrography Maintained by County or Value-Added

e.g., Hydrography maintained separately from DNR or value-added, such as adjusted to orthos; Elevation-Derived Hydrography

Layer Status

 Completed. Washburn County's Hydrography data layer was created in 1997 by Ayres and Associates, and is based off the County's 1996 Orthophotography flight. This countywide dataset includes Lakes, Rivers, Streams and Ponds for the entire county, and is the hydro layer that has been used for parcel mapping. At this time, there are no plans to update this dataset.

Custodian

• Washburn County Land Information Office.

Maintenance

• Changes are made to this layer as needed.

Standards

USGS Elevation-Derived Hydrography Specifications

Cell Phone Towers

- **Layer Status**
 - Completed. A point layer is maintained of all cell towers located in the County.

Custodian

Washburn County Land Information Office

Maintenance

Updated as needed

Standards

• NA

Culverts

Layer Status

• Completed - The County Highway Department maintains a culvert layer for County Roads. A layer for County Highway signs is also maintained by the Highway Department.

Custodian

Washburn County Highway Department

Maintenance

As Needed

Standards

NA

Other/Miscellaneous

County Highway signs

Layer Status

• Completed – The County Highway Department maintains a signs layer for County Highways.

Custodian

• Washburn County Highway Department

Maintenance

• Routinely

Standards

• NA

Other/Miscellaneous

Aquatic Invasive Species

Layer Status

• Maintenance phase - The Washburn County Conservation Department maintains an aquatic

invasive species layer for the following invasives:

- Purple Loosestrife
- Curly Leaf Pondweed
- Japanese Knotweed
- Zebra Mussels
- o Eurasian Watermilfoil

Custodian

• Washburn County Land Information Office under the direction of the Conservation Department

Maintenance

As Needed

Standards

• NA

3 LAND INFORMATION SYSTEM

The WLIP seeks to enable land information systems that are both modernized and integrated. Integration entails the coordination of land records to ensure that land information can be shared, distributed, and used within and between government at all levels, the private sector, and citizens.

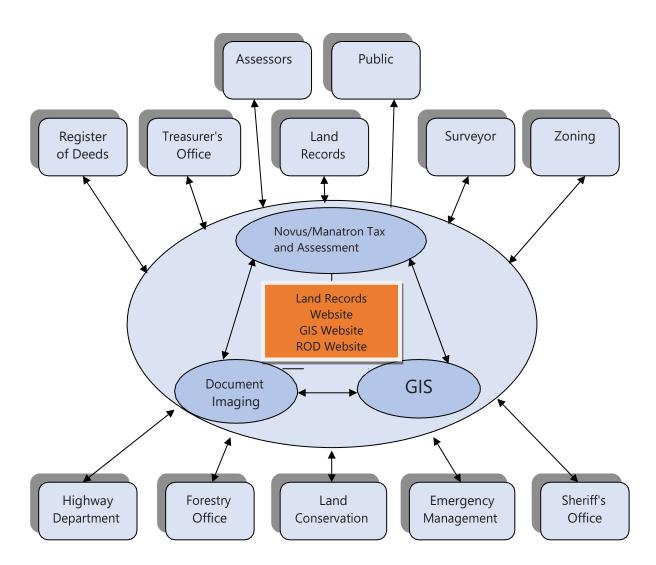
One integration requirement is listed under s. 16.967(7)(a)(1), Wis. Stats., which states that counties may apply for grants for:

• The design, development, and implementation of a land information system that contains and integrates, at a minimum, property and ownership records with boundary information, including a parcel identifier referenced to the U.S. public land survey; tax and assessment information; soil surveys, if available; wetlands identified by the Department of Natural Resources; a modern geodetic reference system; current zoning restrictions; and restrictive covenants.

This chapter describes the design of the county land information system, with focus on how data related to land features and data describing land rights are integrated and made publicly available.

Current Land Information System

Diagram of County Land Information System

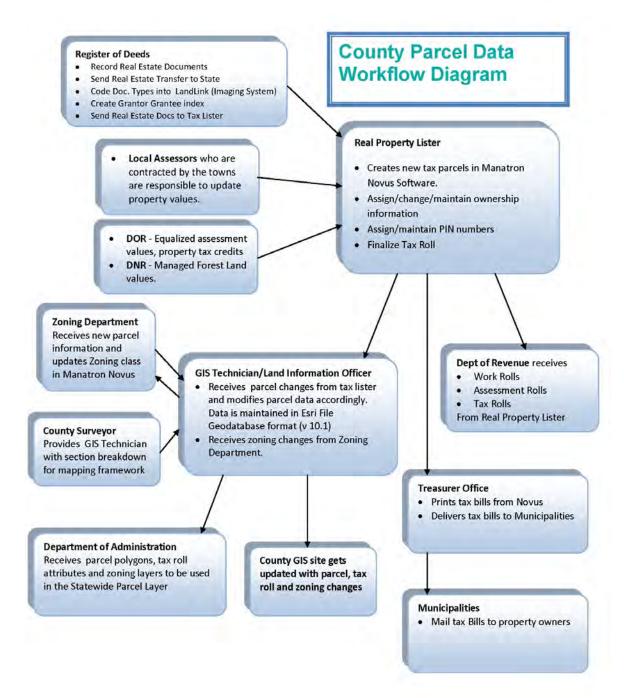


County Parcel Data Workflow Diagram

The following diagram depicts parcel data creation and workflow:

- Major components of parcel data, especially those referenced by s. 59.72(2)(a), including:
 1) parcel polygons, 2) tax roll data, and 3) zoning information
- Integration of parcel polygons with other data/attributes, if applicable

Departments/offices/staff involved with the creation and maintenance of parcel data



Technology Architecture and Database Design

This section refers to the hardware, software, and systems that the county uses to develop and operate computer systems and communication networks for the transmission of land information data.

Hardware

The County's GIS/LIS environment is comprised of networks of computers and VMware virtual servers used for data creation and maintenance. The technology environment is based on Microsoft Windows operating systems with tabular data residing in mainly Microsoft SQL 2016 databases. These SQL databases exist on a series of HP DL360 Proliant servers with Storage being provided by an EMC VNX3200e Storage Area Network. Other Hardware used to maintain the land information system include:

Printers Scanners Large Format Plotters Large Format Scanner Label Makers Handheld GPS Units

Software

The following software is used in the creation, storage and transmission of Land Information data:

- ESRI Suite This is used for all GIS data creation, management and storage.
 - 4 Standalone seats of ArcGIS Advanced
 - 7 Standalone seats of ArcGIS Basic
 - County currently uses ArcGIS Pro: No
 - County plans to upgrade to ArcGIS Pro: Yes, by estimated date: 2026
 - AutoCAD Civil 3D 2018 Currently maintain 3 seats.
 - 1 used by the County Surveyor to create, manage and store all the county survey data.
 - 1 seat used by the Conservation Department
 - 1 seat used by County Highway Department
- Fidlar Technologies Software used within the Register of Deeds office
 - Laredo Land Records Management software used by the Register of Deeds office.
 - Tapestry Web based inquiry into Land Record documents for external internet users.
 - Avid Electronic recording application and redaction software for ssn
 - Inspect Optical Character Recognition technology
- On Q Solutions Color Tract Provides web-based access to ROD tractbooks
- NOVUS Software used by RPL and Treasurer's Office for creating and maintaining parcel and tax data. Also has web browser interface.
- Vanguard IMS/21 Imaging software used to store land record documents.
- Permit information is maintained using custom designed Land Regulation software with the data being housed in a SQL database. An interface was created to the NOVUS software for inquiry purposes.
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Microsoft Windows 10 operating systems.
- Adobe Acrobat Pro
- Internet access to Washburn County is contracted thru WiscNet, which provides gigabitspeed for uploading and downloading of information.

Website Development/Hosting

- Beacon Washburn County contracts with Schneider Geospatial to host GIS and Tax roll data for Washburn County.
- NOVUS Produces overnight datadumps for updated property record information and tax collection data to tie into Beacon parcel reports.
- ArcGIS Online Washburn County Uses Web Applications to serve up Right-of-Way Plats and parcel maps in pdf format.

Metadata and Data Dictionary Practices

Metadata Creation

• **Metadata creation and maintenance process:** Metadata is created and maintained as needed using ArcCatalog.

Metadata Software

- Metadata software: ArcCatalog is the software generally used to generate metadata
 - The software generates metadata consistent with the FGDC Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata, and ISO geographic metadata standard 19115.
- Metadata fields manually populated: None

Metadata Policy

• **Metadata Policy:** At this time Washburn County does not have a policy in place for minimum metadata requirements.

Municipal Data Integration Process

At this time Washburn County <u>does not</u> integrate local data into the county land information system. The cities of Shell Lake and Spooner Utilize county data within their GIS.

Public Access and Website Information

Public Access and Website Information (URLs)

Public Access and Website Information

GIS Webmapping Application(s) Link - URL	GIS Download Link - URL	Real Property Lister Link - URL	Register of Deeds Link - URL
olication.aspx?App=WashburnCounty	https://www.co.washburn.wi.us/depa rtments/land-info-surveyor- mapping/gis-data	https://www.co.washburn.wi.us/depa rtments/county- treasurer/landrecords	https://tapestry.fidlar.com

Single Landing Page/Portal for All Land Records Data

URL

https://www.co.washburn.wi.us/land-tax-info/

County Webpage with Link to Statewide Parcel Map (www.sco.wisc.edu/parcels/data) URL

https://www.co.washburn.wi.us/departments/land-info-surveyor-mapping

Data Sharing Data Availability to Public

Data Sharing Policy

- It is the policy of the Washburn County Land Information Office to provide GIS data upon request free of charge. In 2017 a GIS Data portal was created which allows the public to download the following data layers free of charge. Other data layers such as LiDAR and Aerial Imagery can be downloaded through the county ftp site or WisconsinView.
- Layers available for download include:
 - Tax Parcels includes all tax parcels for Washburn County. The Geodatabase includes parcel polygons, parcel lines, annotation and Tax Roll data.
 - PLSS include Section Corners, Section Polygons
 - Road Centerline includes the entire road network for Washburn County and driveways
 - Address Points includes countywide site access and building points
 - Municipal Boundaries Incudes polygon files for all Municipalities in Washburn County
 - School District Boundaries Incudes polygon files for all School Districts in Washburn County
 - Public Lands Incudes polygon files for Federal, State and County Lands in Washburn County
 - Voting Districts Includes Assembly Districts, Supervisory Districts, Wards and Polling Locations
 - Hydro Data Includes both Hydro Lines and Hydro Polygons for Washburn County
 - Emergency Services includes a point feature class of Fire Hall locations and polygons for Ambulance/Fire Districts
 - Building Footprints includes the building footprints for all of Washburn County.

Open Records Compliance

• It is the goal of Washburn County to make access to Land Records and GIS data seamless and free of charge. Along with our current GIS data portal and Land Records interface, it is our plan over the next three years to make other datasets and land records more easily accessible.

Data Sharing Restrictions and Government-to-Government Data Sharing

Data Sharing Restrictions

- The Department of Land Information follows the Wisconsin Public Records Law, Wisconsin State Statutes 19.32 through 19.39, for the distribution of digital Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data (records).
- Washburn County adheres to Wisconsin Open Records Laws and carries no restriction on data distribution or searches. In 2017 Washburn County created a GIS data portal where many of our data layers can be downloaded free of charge. Other layers can be obtained upon request.

Government-to-Government Data Sharing

• It is the policy of Washburn County to share data with other governmental agencies free of charge and upon request

Training and Education

Where budgets allow, Washburn County will continue to fund staff training. This could include participation in workshops, conferences, and courses aimed at the development and implementation of the Land Information System. Land Information staff will also continue to work with GIS consultants for technical assistance when needed.

Training such as hands-on, classroom, and internet is being held on various software programs as related to land records modernization. Technical assistance is received from software venders, WLIA, WLIP, State Agencies, and State Cartographers Office.

All Washburn County offices have access to the Internet that allows for use of the technical assistance list server. We are participating and will continue to monitor the development of the clearinghouse and standards adopted.

4 CURRENT & FUTURE PROJECTS

This chapter lists the current and future land information projects the county is currently undertaking or intends to pursue over its planning horizon. A project is defined as a temporary effort that is carefully planned to achieve a particular aim. Projects can be thought of as the *means* to achieving the county's mission for its land information system.

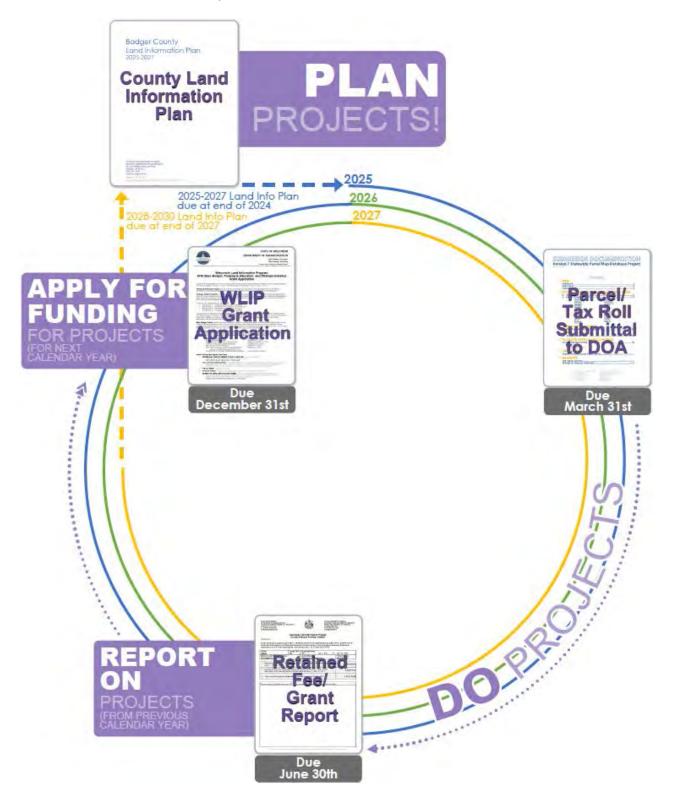


Figure 1. <u>The WLIP Land Information Plan/Grant Project Cycle</u>

Project : Plan for PLSS (Benchmark 4) Project Title: Project Plan for PLSS (Benchmark 4) Project Description

Current Status

• See <u>PLSS Layer Status table</u> in Chapter 2.

Planned Approach

• At this time Washburn County has a full time County Surveyor without support staff. The time available for PLSS remonumentation and maintenance is balanced with other surveyor responsibilities. The few corners without a USPLSS monument records will be a priority and looked at over the next three years. For every corner the county visits a new monument record should be filed, being the document that proves that an accurate "survey grade" coordinate was obtained. A coordinate on a monument without a monument record could very well be a survey grade coordinate on a bad corner monument. It will be our goal to file a new monument record every 20-30 years. Each year approximately 65 corners are destroyed by road work and require maintenance. New PLSS coordinates will be integrated into the digital parcel map for improved accuracy of the parcel layer.

Missing Corner Notes

• **Documentation for any missing corner data:** As maintenance on USPLSS corners is being accomplished, any missing corner notes will be highlighted on a new Monument Record being filed. The corners in Washburn County with no Monument Record filed yet, weren't high priority corners, they are meander corners with no effect on nearby parcels as they have been platted over without regard to the section lines. Although these corners are of little significance at this time beyond historical value or to be used as a tie line for a survey, an effort will be applied to finish these corners.

County Boundary Collaboration

- In what ways does your county collaborate with or plan to collaborate with neighboring counties for PLSS updates on shared county borders?
- Washburn County is willing to share data between adjoining counties. When a monument record
 is completed along a county boundary, a final signed record is sent to the adjoining county for
 filing.

Business Drivers

- Completion and integration of PLSS will improve the geospatial accuracy of the parcel layer and other county land information system layers.
- Parcel Mapping is more accurate when using the Survey Grade coordinates.
- Accurate parcel mapping generally is the basis for all other layers, so districts, zones, boundaries all become more accurate.
- The cost of private surveying should be less for property owners if the corners exist and are maintained and documented well.
- Assessed acreages should be closer to actual if assessors utilize the parcel mapping.

Objectives/Measure of Success

- The objective is to meet Benchmark 4 (Completion and Integration of PLSS) by the end of 2027.
- Number of corners to be remonumented and/or rediscovered by 2027: 36
- Number to have new coordinates stabled by 2027: A new survey grade coordinate will be obtained for each corner that is visited.
- Accuracy class for these new coordinates by 2027: Survey Grade
- Number of new corner coordinates to be integrated into the parcel fabric by 2027: Once new PLSS coordinates are collected, parcels will be adjusted to reflect the change.
- Number of new tie sheets to be posted online by 2027: For every corner the county visits a
 new tie sheet will be filed and posted online.

Project Timeframes

- Washburn County will be active in the maintenance of USPLSS corners. This maintenance will be
 ongoing with an emphasis on filing monument records and obtaining documented survey grade
 coordinates.
- The remaining corners that require remonumentation will be looked into and with an estimated completion time of 12/31/2027.

Responsible Parties

County Surveyor

Estimated Budget Information

- See table at the end of this chapter (for budget information for the planning period 2025-2027).
- Estimated remaining cost for completion and integration of PLSS (to reach maintenance mode)
 - Estimated approximate average cost of remonumentation per corner: \$400
 - Total cost of remaining remonumentation: \$14,400 (\$400 x 36 sub-meter corners)
 - Total cost of remaining integration of PLSS points into parcel layer: N/A
 - Cost of anything else remaining: (Maintenance of current survey grade corners ~ \$24,200 per year)
 - Total remaining cost: \$87,000 (\$29,000 per year for 3 years)

Project #1: Acquisition of Oblique or Orthoimagery

Project Description

- Acquire new aerial imagery on a three-four year rotation pending available funding.
- Land Info Spending Category: Ortho-imagery

Business Drivers

- Maintain a three-four year rotation on Ortho-imagery
- Up-to-date imagery is a vital tool utilized by many county departments, private sector and the public.

Objectives/Measure of Success

 To make available to multiple county departments and private business accurate and up-to-date imagery that will help aid in decisions made on a daily basis.

Project Timeframes

Timeline – Project 1 Orthoimagery Collection			
Milestone	Duration	Date	
Project start	_	April/May 2027/2028	
Data Delivered	2-3 month	July/August 2027/2028	

Imagery acquisition planned for the spring of 2027/2028 with deliveries to occur sometime later in the same year.

Responsible Parties

The Land Information Office will be responsible for coordinating and Managing the project. They will work closely with the contractor to ensure specifications are followed.

Estimated Budget Information

\$80,000 per acquisition.

Project #2: Register of Deeds Indexing

Project Description

- Continue with Register of Deeds indexing of all documents recorded in Washburn County using Fidlar's Laredo/Tapestry software.
- Land Info Spending Category: Digital Parcel Mapping/ (Other)Register of Deeds Indexing

Business Drivers

- Provide the public greater remote access to real estate records utilizing Fidlar's Tapestry module.
- Provide county department's greater ease at performing searches on ROD documents from local workstations.
- Increase efficiency of county staff.

Objectives/Measure of Success

- Register of Deeds documents to be indexed back to the very first documents recorded in Washburn County. ROD will continue to verify documents pre-1980.
- Department Affected: Register of Deeds

Project Timeframes

 The current plan is to index documents from 1960 back to the first document recorded in Washburn County, which includes approximately 112,058 documents. Documents from 1960 – 1980 have been indexed but need to be verified. The Register of Deeds Office will be contracting with Fidlar Technologies and/or other resources and staff to complete the work. The project timeframe is 4-5 years.

Responsible Parties

- Register of Deeds Office
- Contractor

Estimated Budget Information

• See table at the end of this chapter.

Project #3: Scan Town Road Records

Project Description

- To preserve hard copy Town Road Records.
- Potentially make digital road records available online
- Land Info Spending Category: Digital Parcel Mapping/Web Development/Hosting services

Business Drivers

• Preservation of Town Road Records that are used by Land Information Office, Real Property Lister, Surveyors, and Highway Department. These documents are used to aid in the determination of Right-of-Way widths and locations.

Objectives/Measure of Success

- Historical preservation of Town Road Records.
- Potential availability of road records online.
- Department Affected: Land Information

Project Timeframes

TBD

Responsible Parties

• Land Information Office/Contractor to be determined

Estimated Budget Information

• See table at the end of this chapter.

Project #4: Development/Upgrading Permit Tracking Software

Project Description

- Transfer all zoning permit data from Fairview Industries, Inc. permit tracking software to the Novus zoning permit module.
- Provide the public greater access to zoning permit information
- Land Info Spending Category: Software, Website Development/Hosting Services

Business Drivers

- Provide staff greater ease of entering permit data in to system.
- Consolidation of databases between Zoning permits and Tax roll
- Integration of zoning permits into Novus
- Zoning, Land Information

Objectives/Measure of Success

• Provide the Zoning Department a more customized permit system that will have greater integration with the Novus tax roll system.

Project Timeframes

• 2025 through 2027

Responsible Parties

Zoning Department/It Department

Estimated Budget Information

• See table at the end of this chapter.

Project #5: Scan Variance and Conditional Use Permits

Project Description

- Scan and index all Variance and Conditional Use Permits. The Zoning Office currently has all Land Use and Sanitary permits scanned and available through the Vanguard IMS/21 imaging system. The goal of this project would be to include Variance and Conditional Use permits into the IMS imaging system.
- Land Info Spending Category: Website Development/Hosting Services

Business Drivers

- Increased efficiency of the Zoning Department staff in retrieving permits.
- Once permits are scanned, they will be made available online through Novus Web-interface or Beacon.
- Department Affected: Zoning, Land Information.

Objectives/Measure of Success

 All Variance and Conditional Use Permits will be scanned and available in the Vanguard IMS Imaging System

Project Timeframes

• 2025 through 2027

Responsible Parties

Zoning Department

Estimated Budget Information

• See table at the end of this chapter.

Project #6: Production of Washburn County Plat Book

Project Description

- It is the goal of the Land Information office to continue with internal creation of the County Plat Book. The last three plat books have been created by Land information Staff
- Land Info Spending Category: Digital Parcel Mapping

Business Drivers

- The Plat book is used extensively by multiple county departments, private business and the public on a daily basis.
- Better control and oversite of the construction of the Plat Book.
- Departments affected: Land Information

Objectives/Measure of Success

• Creation of 2028 Washburn County Plat Book.

Project Timeframes

• Book would be produced at the end of 2027 and released January of 2028

Responsible Parties

• Land Information Office

Estimated Budget Information

• See table at the end of this chapter.

Project #7: ESRI Software Maintenance

Project Description

- ESRI software is used daily for creating and maintaining many land information related data sets. This software has a yearly maintenance fee. Currently our department is responsible for 4 seats of ArcGIS advanced, 1 seat of ArcGIS basic, and 3 ArcGIS extension services. ESRI will be updating their user types licensing in 2026 where we will need to reassess department needs.
- Land Info Spending Category: Digital Parcel Mapping

Business Drivers

- ESRI software is used by a number of departments to create and maintain GIS data.
- Large user base to provide help or answer questions.
- Provide good technical support.
- Departments affected: Land Information, Forestry, Zoning, and Highway.

Objectives/Measure of Success

Keeping current with ESRI technology and software.

Project Timeframes

• Ongoing. Maintenance cost for software.

Responsible Parties

• Land Information Office

Estimated Budget Information

• See table at the end of this chapter.

Project #8: Wide Format Plotter

Project Description

- Purchase large format scanner/plotter to scan and index large survey documents (maps, Subdivision Plats, and highway ROWs). Once scanned, documents will be indexed and made available on the county website and internal map services.
- Land Info Spending Category: Hardware

Business Drivers

- Current Plotter has become outdated and will need to be replaced.
- Daily tasks require availability of large format plotter.
- Departments affected: Land Information, Forestry, Zoning, Highway, Law Enforcement, Register of Deeds, Conservation, Clerks Office

Objectives/Measure of Success

• Maintain necessary hardware within the Land Information Office

Project Timeframes

2025 through 2027

Responsible Parties

• Land Information Office

Estimated Budget Information

• See table at the end of this chapter.

Project #9: Replace GPS/Surveyor Equipment

Project Description

- Upgrade the county surveyor gps equipment and hardware needed for fieldwork.
- Land Info Spending Category: PLSS/Hardware

Business Drivers

- Need to update equipment.
- Improved efficiency of fieldwork.
- Improved data accuracy and PLSS integration into parcel mapping.
- More reliable GPS receivers and accessories.

Objectives/Measure of Success

- Provide updated equipment to the county surveyor. Continue remonumentation and maintenance of survey-grade corners.
- Improved accuracy of parcel mapping.

Project Timeframes

• 2025 through 2027

Responsible Parties

Land Information Office

Estimated Budget Information

• See table at the end of this chapter.

Project #10: Purchase New Survey Truck

Project Description

- Purchase new surveyor truck for use by the county surveyor and other land information office staff.
- Land Info Spending Category: PLSS

Business Drivers

- County Surveyor truck needs to be replaced.
- Transportation of personnel and surveyor field equipment.

Objectives/Measure of Success

• New truck purchased.

Project Timeframes

• 2027

Responsible Parties

Land Information Office

Estimated Budget Information

• See table at the end of this chapter.

Project #11: Maintain, Update and Improve GIS Website

Project Description

- Continue to enhance current GIS website interface (Beacon). This could include the addition of GIS data or other enhancements related to the website, as well as working with Schneider Geospatial to continue to improve the beacon product.
- Land Info Spending Category: Website Development/Hosting Services

Business Drivers

- Provide better access to Land Records data through County's GIS website
- Departments Affected: Land Information Office
- Public and private businesses rely on the use of the county's GIS website

Objectives/Measure of Success

- Better access to Land Records data for both internal and external users of website.
- Additional Data available to Users.

Project Timeframes

• 2025 through 2027

Responsible Parties

• Land Information Office

Estimated Budget Information

• See table at the end of this chapter.

Project #12: Training and Education

Project Description

- Continue to provide education opportunities to Washburn County staff including conferences, workshops, online training, on-site training
- Land Info Spending Category: Training and Education

Business Drivers

- Stay current with technology.
- More efficient staff with greater knowledge base.
- Departments Affected: Land Information Office

Objectives/Measure of Success

- More efficient staff with greater knowledge base.
- Additional data available to users.

Project Timeframes

• 2025 through 2027

Responsible Parties

• Land Information Office

Estimated Budget Information

• See table at the end of this chapter.

Project #13: NEXT GENERATION 911

Project Description

- Maintain County GIS for Next Generation 911
- Land Info Spending Category: Street Centerlines, Address Points, Administrative Activities and Management

Business Drivers

- Increase accuracy of GIS Data, better response times for Emergency Responders
- Phased implementation of NextGen911 (WI DMA)

Objectives/Measure of Success

• Geodatabases and data attributes meet the standards of NextGen911

Project Timeframes

• TBD

Responsible Parties

- Land Information Office
- Emergency Management
- Consultant TBD

Estimated Budget Information

• See table at the end of this chapter.

Project #14: Transition to ArcPro

Project Description

- Transition and provide training of Land Information staff from ArcMap to ArcPro. Currently ArcPro is
 installed on land information office computers. The majority of GIS workflows are maintained in ArcMap.
 Our office intends to transition GIS workflows and projects over to ArcPro by the end of 2027.
- Land Info Spending Category: Software

Business Drivers

ArcMap 10.8 will no longer be supported after 2026.

Objectives/Measure of Success

- Implementation of ArcPro for land information staff.
- Successful transition and maintenance of GIS data in ArcGIS Pro

Project Timeframes

• 2025 through 2027

Responsible Parties

Land Information Office

Estimated Budget Information

• See table at the end of this chapter.

Project #15: Plan for Updating Tax Roll Software

Project Description

- Replace existing Real Estate Tax Listing software. Washburn County currently utilizes Novus as its property tax record software. It is primarily used by the real property lister and treasurer's office for creating and maintaining parcel and tax data.
- Land Info Spending Category: Software

Business Drivers

- Existing program eventually becomes outdated or not financially suitable.
- Provide updated and supported tax record information.
- Reliable software necessary for county functionality.

Objectives/Measure of Success

• Updated and reliable tax roll software installed.

Project Timeframes

• TBD

Responsible Parties

- Land Information Office
- Treasurer's Office
- IT department
- Contractor TBD

Estimated Budget Information

TBD

Project #16: Acquire LiDAR Data

Project Description

- Collect new LiDAR data along with associated deliverables for high accuracy topographic mapping. The data will meet the USGS defined quality level standards at QL1 accuracy with 8 PPM and a vertical accuracy of 10cm RMSEz.
- Land Info Spending Category: LiDAR

Business Drivers

- Update/improve existing LiDAR data and change detection
- Opportunity for federal funding contribution
- High quality derivative products and applications
- More accurate Emergency Response data

Objectives/Measure of Success

- Utilize federal/state funding and grants to acquire new LiDAR data.
- Make Countywide LiDAR dataset available to all levels of government and private enterprise.

Project Timeframes

TBD – will depend on available funding for the project.

Responsible Parties

Land Information Office and Contractor TBD

Estimated Budget Information

• TBD

Project #17: NGS 2022 Datum Conversion

Project Description

- New projection parameters determined for a Washburn County coordinate system using the 2022 NGS Datum so coordinate values will match with the currently used projected coordinate system, NAD_1983_HARN_Adj_WI_Washburn_Feet.
- Land Info Spending Category: Digital Parcel Mapping / PLSS

Business Drivers

- Provide up-to-date and accurate parcel mapping
- Maintain integrity of existing GIS data

Objectives/Measure of Success

Successful conversion of current GIS data into the new NGS 2022 datum

Project Timeframes

• 2025-2027

Responsible Parties

Land Information Office and Contractor TBD

Estimated Budget Information

• TBD

Project #18: Hardware/Software Upgrades

Project Description

- Increasing technology and data requires consistent hardware/software updating and maintenance. Over the next three years, various land information related hardware/software will need to be upgraded. This could include but not limited to: storage drives for data, migrating to ArcGIS Enterprise system, imaging software upgrade, etc... Specific needs will be assessed prior to purchasing.
- Land Info Spending Category: Hardware, Software, PLSS

Business Drivers

- Provide up-to-date and accurate land information data
- Outdating of older equipment/software
- Increased efficiency of new hardware/software

Objectives/Measure of Success

• Department staff equipped with updated and reliable hardware/software to help improve land information workflow and services.

Project Timeframes

• 2025-2027

Responsible Parties

• Varies depending on type of hardware/software

Estimated Budget Information

TBD

Completed Projects

The Following is a list of some of the larger projects/purchases that have taken place over the last three years.

- 2022 through May of 2024, 391 Government corners visited with survey grade coordinates collected.
- Acquisition and georectification of 1980 Historical Imagery from USDA Aerial Imagery
- Replace and GPS County 911 Address Signs (Approximately 5000 signs within 7 towns and 2 incorporated municipalities).
- Acquisition of 2024 Orthoimagery through WROC.
- Production of 2024 Washburn County Plat Book
- Contracted service with GeoComm to transition data to NG911 standard (2023).
- Register of Deeds Back Indexed 61,267 Documents from 2022 through May of 2024
- Register of Deeds Office converted from Trimin Systems Software to Fidlar Technologies Land Records Systems.

Estimated Budget Information (All Projects)

Estimated Budget Information

Project Title	Item	Unit Cost/Cost	Land Info Plan Citations Page # or section ref.	Project Total
PLSS remonumentation with survey grade GPS coordinates	County Surveyor position Other Equipment	Approx 29000 per year = 29,000 TBD	5	3 Years = 87,000
				87,000
1) Acquisition of Orthoimagery	Contractor TBD	Approximately 70,000	Page 33	80,000
2) Register of Deeds Back Indexing	Contractor	Approximately 112058 Docs	Page 34	337,000
	Fidlar TBD	between 1883 – 1960 \$1.5-3 per Doc = \$337,000		
3) Scan Town Road Records	Scan and Index Town Road Records	5,000	Page 34	5,000
4) Conversion Zoning Permit System	Conversion through Contractor and IT Staff	7,000-10,000	Page 35	10,000
5) Scan and index zoning variance	Contract through	12,975.00	Page 35	12,975
and Conditional use permits Programing online hosting	On-Q Solutions Programmer	2,000		2000
				14,975
6) Production of Plat Book	Real Property Lister	150 hr @ \$45 hr = 6750	Page 36	6,750
		Printing cost = 10,000		10,000
				16,750
7) ESRI Software Maintenance	1 seat of ARCGIS Advanced Primary	3,475	Page 36	3 Years = 10,425
	3 seats ArcGIS Advanced Secondary	4,200		3 Years = 12,600
	3 ArcGIS Extensions Spatial Analyst 3-D Analyst Publisher	2,430		3 Years = 7,290
	1 seat of ArcGIS Basic Secondary	230		3 Years = 685
				31,000
8) Wide format Scanner	Hardware Purchase	15,000	Page 36	15,000
9) Replace GPS/Surveyor Equipment	Leica GPS Antenna & Sensor	23,000	Page 37	23,000
-46	Other Equipment TBD	TBD		

10) Purchase New Survey Truck			Page 37	40,000
11) Maintain GIS Website	Vender (Beacon) Pictometry Viewer (Eagleview)	10,000	Page 38	10,000
12) Staff Training	Training and Education	3 yr x 1,000 = 3,000	Page 38	3,000
13) NG911 Enhancement	Land Information Office Contractor	Update and standardize required layers to Mapping system requirements	Page 39	15,000
14) Transition to ArcGIS Pro	Training		Page 39	5,000
15) Update Tax Roll Software	Software & Contractor TBD	40,000	Page 39	40,000
16) Acquire LiDAR Data	LiDAR & Enhancement Data. ~50-60% cost coverage by USGS & other partnerships	150,000	Page 40	150,000
17) NGS 2022 Datum Conversion	Contractor TBD	TBD	Page 40	20,000
18) Other Hardware/Software Upgrades	Various hardware/software	TBD	Page 41	50,000
			GRAND TOTAL	952,725

Note. These estimates are provided for planning purposes only. Budget is subject to change.

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TO:	Carol Buck Nicole Tims Vic Sacco Lucas Meier Paul Deneen Jessica Hedinger Dale (Butch) Beers Agenda and Minutes
FROM: MEETING DATE: TIME: PLACE:	News Media Joe Hoy James Palmer 09/18/2024 9:00 AM Lower Level Law Enforcement Meeting Room

- 1. Call Meeting to Order-Joy Hoy called meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.
- 2. Roll Call-Members present; Joy Hoy, Paul Deneen, James Palmer, Lucas Meier, Dale Beers, Jessica Hedinger, Absent: Nicole Tims, Vic Sacco, Carol Buck (arrived at 9:20). Also in attendance; Amy Tyler
- 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes-Minutes were approved from September 26, 2023. Motion made to approve the previous meeting minutes by L. Meier, 2nd by J. Hedinger. M.C.
- 4. Correspondence-N/A
- 5. Citizens Comments-N/A
- 6. Review Existing County Land Information Projects-James Palmer gave a review of the 2024 WLIP Grant and Retain Fee spending. Projects included: Orthoimagery collection, GPS Verizon Connection for survey grade equipment, New ATV and Trailer, County Surveyor Remomumentation, pictometry viewer, Esri and AutoCad software maintenance.
- 7. Discussion and Action on 2025-2027 Washburn County Land Information Plan-James Palmer went over projects listed in the Land Informatin Plan. Motion to adopt the 2025-2027 Land Information Plan by J. Hedinger, 2nd by C. Buck, M.C.
- Discussion on Spending for Retained Fees, 2025 Base Budget Grant and Strategic Grant Dollars-8. James Palmer went over amounts for the 2025 WLIP grants. WLIP dollar amounts are \$67,960 for Base Budget and \$20,000 for Strategic Grant. Tentative Projects for 2025 include: GPS Verizon Connection, Esri and AutoCad software maintenance, Remonumentation, Pictometry Viewer Maintenance, New Leica GPS Rover for surveyor equipment, purchase new large format plotter, ROD Indexina.
- 9. Citizens Comments: None
- 10. Items for Next Agenda: Review Existing County Land Information Projects. Discuss Retain Fee and WLIP Grant Spending for 2026.
- 11. Next Meeting Time and Date: Tentatively scheduled for September 2025.
- 12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 9:50 A.M. by D. Beers, 2nd by J. Hedinger. M.C.

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