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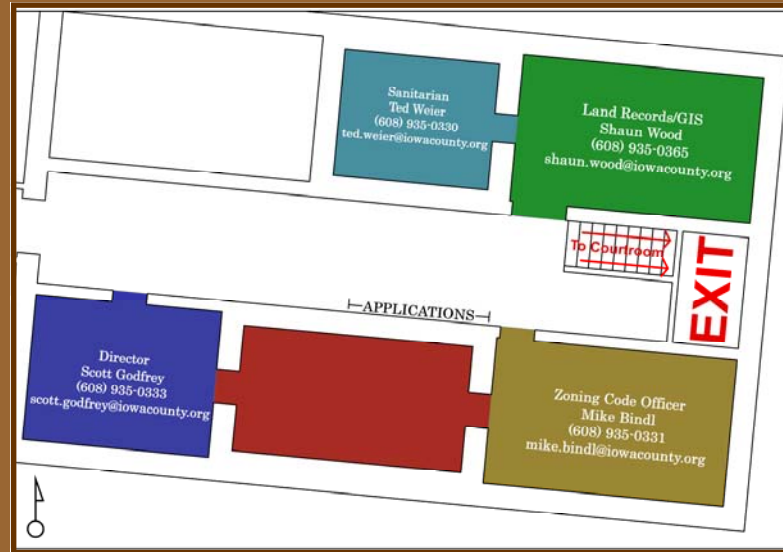
Farmland Preservation Certificates: For those who are in the Farmland Preservation Program, please remember you only need to submit a Farmland Preservation Certificate with your tax return if one of the following applies:

- 1) You have bought or sold land enrolled in the program.
- 2) You have rezoned land enrolled in the program from A-1 Agricultural to another zoning district.
- 3) This is the first year you have enrolled all or part of your property in the program.



If any of these apply to you, please bring a copy of your 2008 tax bills to us and we can make a new certificate for you. The cost of a certificate is \$10. As the tax filing deadline nears, please consider making an appointment to assure we can accommodate your schedule.

Office News: In August the Office of Planning and Development bid farewell to our Department Assistant Laura Crowley who is still with the County working in the Commission on Aging. Her position will not be filled at this time and her duties have been assigned to other members of the office. With fewer people we decided to reorganize our office. Below is a layout of our current arrangement. As a customer you can

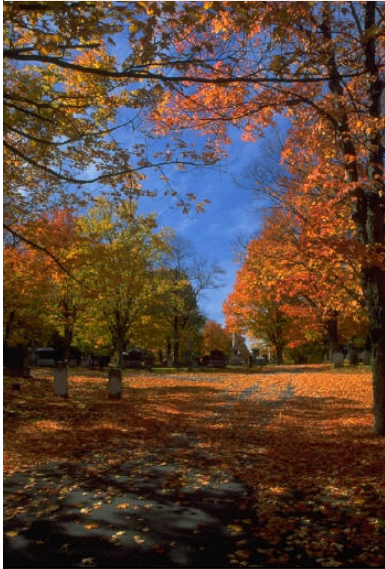


receive service from our office at any one of our individual offices from 8:30 AM–4:30 PM Monday–Friday, except on Holidays. If you find that one of our doors is closed you can receive service at any one of our other offices.

COUNTYWIDE GROUNDWATER STUDY

For the past three years, the county has been working with the UW-Extension and US Geologic History Survey to study the quantity and relative quality of our groundwater. The study also includes the hydrogeology characteristics, well and spring data. In the coming weeks, we plan to take delivery of this data and begin the process of creating applications wherein it can be used for planning, groundwater protection and other purposes. Please feel free to contact GIS Coordinator Shaun Wood at 608-935-0365 with any questions.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR.....

As the seasons change, we too consider what changes we could make to provide better service to you, our customers. Please feel free to offer your suggestions by either calling 608-935-0398 or emailing me at scott.godfrey@iowacounty.org

Geographic Information Systems/Land Records-

-A bike route map for Southwest Wisconsin was recently completed by our office. The map contains 28 bike routes for Grant, Iowa and Lafayette Counties and information about scenic places along each of the routes. The map was produced to promote tourism throughout Southwest Wisconsin. The map is available free of charge at informational kiosks throughout the courthouse. If there are no maps available please contact Paul Ohlrogge at 608-935-0355.

-Now is the perfect time of year for hunters and landowners to stop in or visit our website at www.iowacounty.org and print out a map (or several) of your property for hunters to reference when they hunt on your property.

PRIVATE SEPTIC SYSTEM

New state requirements took effect October 1st of this year that require the county to inventory all private septic systems, assure they are functioning to properly and enter each into a 3-year maintenance (inspection and/or pumping of tank) program. Until now, we were only required to monitor systems installed since 1980.

If you have a system that was installed prior to 1980 or otherwise is not currently in the county's 3-year maintenance program, we ask that you please contact our office as this will save us the cost and effort of contacting you. Meanwhile, we are developing process by which we will be contacting potential system owners in order to meet this new state requirement. If you have any questions, please contact Sanitarian Ted Weier at 608-935-0330.

MEETING SCHEDULE

LAND USE CHANGE(REZONING)/LAND USE CHANGE

DEADLINE DATES FOR APPLICATION/SUBMITTALS-1st Friday of Every Month

HEARING DATE-4th Wednesday of Every Month

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HEARINGS

DEADLINE DATE FOR APPLICATION/SUBMITTALS -3rd Friday of Prior Month

HEARING DATE-3rd Wednesday of Every Other Month (call for schedule)