



LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
303 W Chapel Street, Suite 2100
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Iowa County 2024 Groundwater Fund Application Form

Funds are limited and will be provided to eligible projects on a first-come first-served basis, unless otherwise noted. Projects must be completed in 2024 or 2025. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis.

Landowners must sign a contract prior to the start of the project. The contract will detail the practice specifications, payment amounts, and operation and maintenance requirements. Practices must follow any applicable statutes, codes, ordinances, permits, and/or standards.

Landowners may designate someone else as the grant recipient. Payment will be made once the project is completed and certified. Cost estimates may be needed before contracting some practices. Technical assistance may be available from the Land Conservation Department for certain practices.

Return forms to the Iowa County Land Conservation Department, attn: Katie Abbott, 303 W Chapel St, Ste 2100, Dodgeville WI 53533 (via mail or the Health and Human Services building dropbox) or email to katherine.abbott@iowacounty.org. Contact Katie Abbott with questions: 608-930-9893.

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please check which project area(s) you are applying for, and fill out all applicable details:

- Septic system cost-share to replace pre-1980 systems or those installed by perc test and not with a soil evaluation. 30% cost-share up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Tax parcel for septic system location: _____

Original installation year: _____ Anticipated completion date: _____

Cost estimate (if available): _____

- Cost-share to replace wells that are open to both the upper and lower groundwater aquifers (based on well construction report). 70% cost-share up to a maximum of \$5,000. (*note: if applying for both well replacement and well abandonment, maximum total payment is \$7,500).

Extending the casing or adding a liner will be eligible if it is feasible, effective, and less costly. Other types of wells that need replacing may be eligible for the WI Department of Natural Resources Well Compensation Grant: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid/WellCompensation.html>

Tax parcel for well location: _____

- Include a copy of your well construction report. Reports can be found at: <https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/wellconstructionpub#!/PublicSearch/Index>.

Cost estimate (if available): _____ Anticipated completion date: _____

- Well abandonment cost-share: 20% cost-share available, which may be combined with Land Conservation’s existing 70% cost-share funds for a total of 90%. Cisterns are also eligible.

Tax parcel for well location: _____

Cost estimate (if available): _____ Anticipated completion date: _____

- Cost-share for sinkhole and mineshaft protection or closure. 70% cost-share up to a maximum of \$5,000. Must be located within an ag field or livestock production area (or clearly receive runoff from ag use). Protection via diversions and fencing will likely be the most feasible, but full closure is an option if costs, timeline, and technical assistance allow.

Tax parcel for sinkhole or mineshaft location: _____

Choose one: Sinkhole Mineshaft

Choose one: Diversion Closure Unsure

Cost estimate (if available): _____ Anticipated completion date: _____

- Nutrient Management Planning (NMP) cost-share: *priority will go to areas mapped as “most susceptible” to groundwater contamination:
<https://wgnhs.wisc.edu/catalog/publication/000199/resource/es0503>. * Total of \$44 per acre for land that has not received Iowa County NMP cost-share in the past. (\$12/ac combined with \$32/ac from existing Land Conservation Department funding.) OR \$20/ac for landowners who are ineligible for other Land Conservation NMP funds due to cost-sharing received by previous owners.

Total acres: _____ Planned completion year: 2024 2025

Tax parcels for fields covered by NMP: _____

Have these acres received Iowa County Land Conservation Department NMP cost-share in the past? Yes No Unsure

- Nitrogen Use Efficiency assessment incentive: *priority will go to areas mapped as “most susceptible” to groundwater contamination:
<https://wgnhs.wisc.edu/catalog/publication/000199/resource/es0503>. * \$750 for simple assessment, \$1500 for advanced, using Discovery Farms NUE assessment guidelines:
<https://uwdiscoveryfarms.org/articles/nitrogen-use-efficiency-guide-to-conducting-your-own-study/> You can also propose your own N trial for approval by the Land Conservation Department; conservation staff will determine which incentive level would apply.

Acres: _____ Planned completion year: 2024 2025

Tax parcels: _____

- Simple assessment
 Advanced assessment
 Other N trial (please briefly describe): _____