



## IOWA COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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# Annual Report for 2021

## Staff

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(Date of Hire – September, 26, 1994)  
Ted D. Weier.....Sanitarian  
(Date of Hire – August 21, 1995)  
Shaun Wood.....GIS Coordinator  
(Date of Hire – November 21, 2005)

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## Mission of the Iowa County Office of Planning & Development

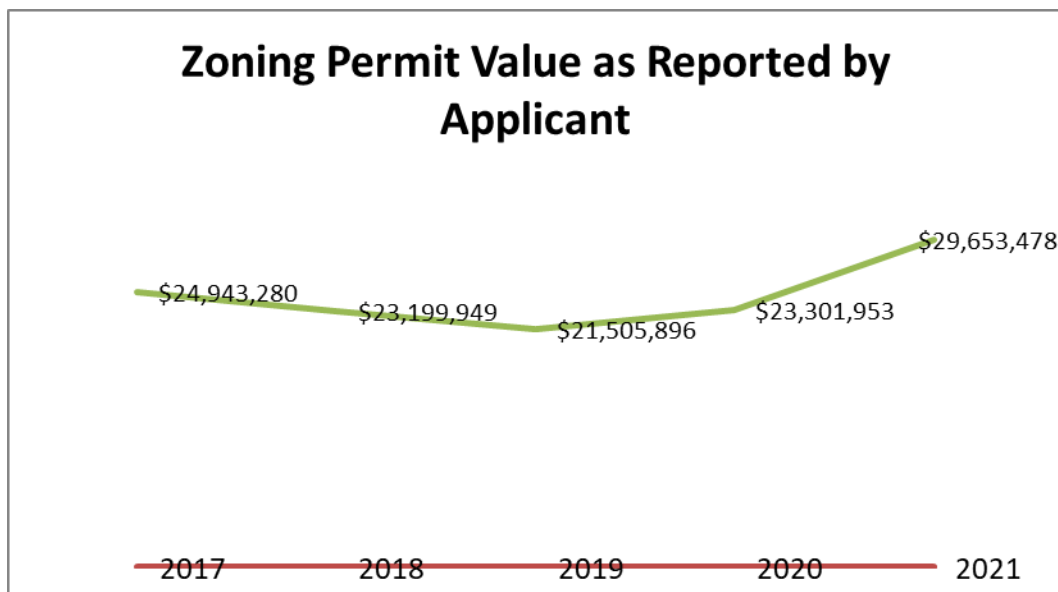
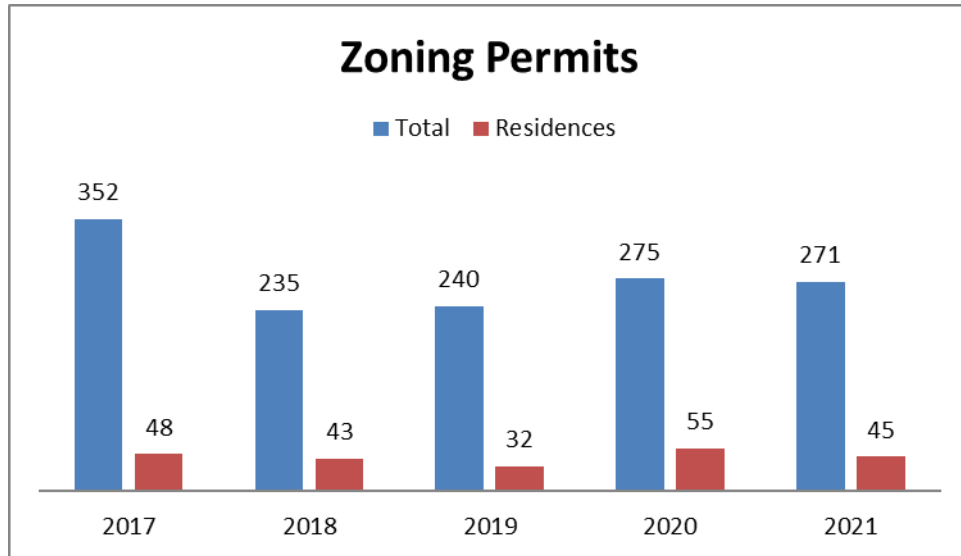
**Protect:** The Office of Planning & Development commits to protecting the health, safety and general welfare of Iowa County’s citizens and to protect the county’s natural resources through the equitable enforcement and administration of land use codes and ordinances.

**Plan:** The Office of Planning & Development commits to providing professional planning techniques and services, including the integration of mapping with multiple layers of data (visit the GIS website), and to assist local jurisdictions in creating, supplementing and updating comprehensive plans that outline the vision, goals and values of Iowa County’s citizens.

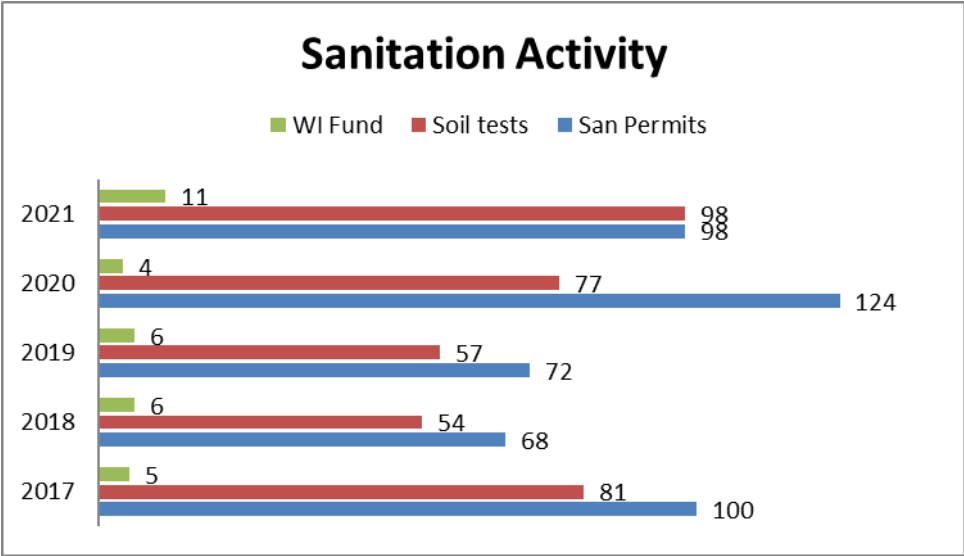
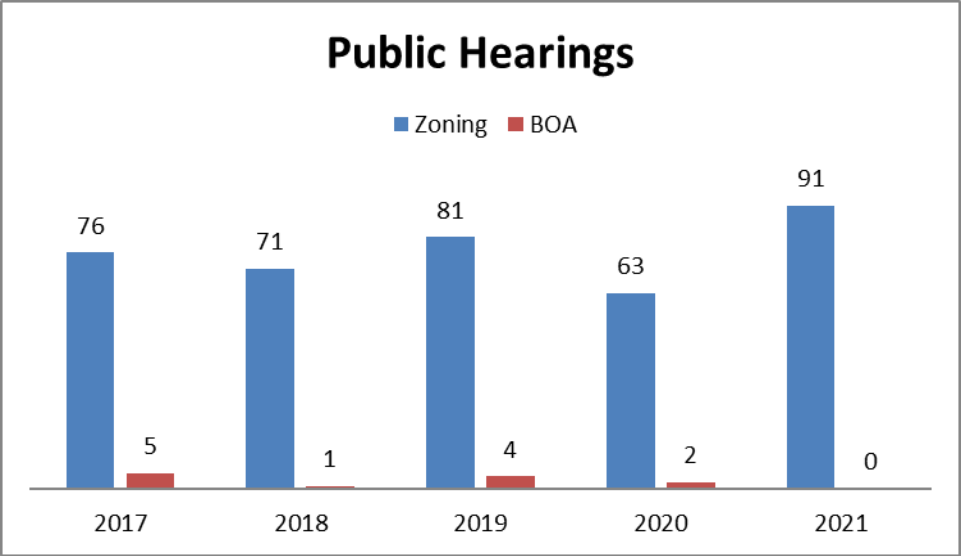
**Educate:** The Office of Planning & Development commits to providing opportunities for the public to become aware, understanding of and involved in solutions to all land use related issues that may impact Iowa County’s physical environment and the quality of life of its citizens.

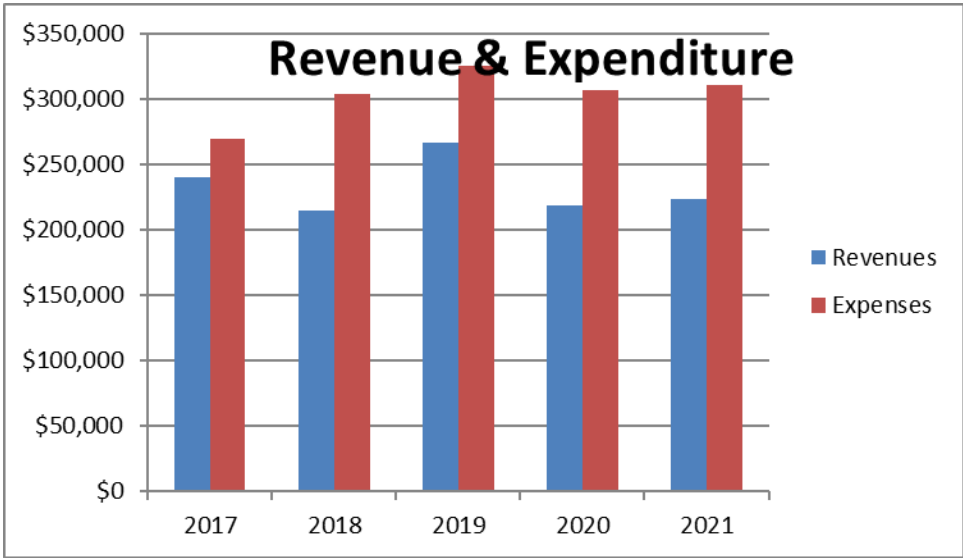
**Serve:** The Office of Planning & Development commits to maintaining a focus on serving the interests of the Iowa County citizenry through continual staff development and training with the goal of increasing competency, public trust and stewardship of the public trust.

## Five Year General Activity Comparisons

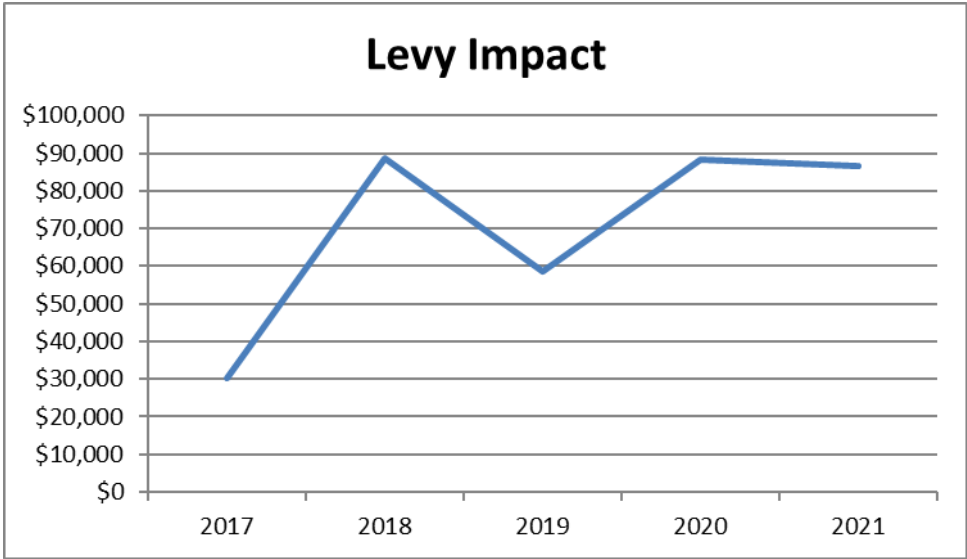


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This does not include annual Land Information Program grants.



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# Project & Program Accomplishments

## Ordinance Revisions

- The Address & Road Naming Ordinance was reviewed.
- The Manure Storage and Management Ordinance was updated.
- The process began to review and revise the Airport Overlay Zoning Ordinance in collaboration with the Highway Department.
- Collaborated with the Land Conservation Department, Environmental Services, Corporation Counsel and leaseholders to create and implement the Bloomfield Property Ordinance establishing allowed and prohibited uses of the property.

## Nonmetallic Mining

- There were no new mines proposed in 2021.
- Milestone Materials took over the one Kraemer/TKC mine in the county.
- Onsite inspections were made for each of the 27 permitted mines for the required annual reporting. This is an opportunity for staff to work with mine operators in determining active mining acres, reclamation status and anticipated expansions.
- There are currently 1415 acres permitted for mining in the county of which about 389 acres are actively being mined (37-acre increase from 2020).
- Completed annual inspections and reports on the 27 mines by the end of year deadline

## Sanitation

- Of the 1527 private septic system maintenance notices sent for this year's cycle, 36 citations had to be issued with only 8 not dismissed prior to the court date.
- To date, 7,274 sanitary permit have been issued since the program started and there are about 4,900 active private systems in the county.
- Inspections were made on the installation of 89 septic systems, of which 17 were hold-overs from last year.
- Staff participated weekly State-sponsored 3-hour training sessions by Zoom one day per week over an eight week period.

## Complaints & Violations

- There were 38 new zoning-related violation allegations investigated in 2021. Of these, 27 or 71% have been resolved by staff assisting property owners to achieve compliance versus issuing citations.

- Issues included: structures without permits; short-term rental without zoning approval; conversion to residential use; junk/garbage/junked vehicles; nonmetallic mining; shoreland/floodplain development; excessive animals
- An additional 12 violations were closed dating back to 2017.

### GIS/Mapping

- 3,781 edits were made to the E-911 database (9,520 in 2020)
- 3,806 tax parcels were mapped (3,369 parcels mapped in 2020)...highest in 16 years
- Linked 697 septic system files to the septic layer of the GIS (5,918 in 2020)...catching up to current issued permits
- Updated the Public Land Survey System and parcel layers with 210 contracted section corner coordinates (160 in 2020)
- Administering 2 grants totaling \$107,592 for obtaining new orthophotos (aerial photos), section corner coordinates, and replacement plotter/scanner
- Integral to completing redistricting: created 21 county supervisor district maps; created ward maps for 26 towns, villages and cities; created block maps within wards...over 120 hours of dedicated time
- GIS Coordinator Shaun Wood was elected Chair of the Wisconsin Land Information Officer Network by colleagues to start in 2021.
- Collaborated with the Land Conservation Department and Highway Department on mapping and data needs.

### Comprehensive Plan

- Staff worked with the towns of Brigham and Mineral Point in reviewing their respective comprehensive plans resulting in revisions to the Iowa County Comprehensive Plan.
- Sought and awarded \$1,676.30 DATCP Farmland Preservation Grant related to expenses incurred in the 2020-21 City of Mineral Point/ETZ planning revisions

### Other Accomplishments

- Ordered/processed/delivered 116 address signs
- Reviewed 58 certified survey maps and 2 subdivision plats
- Staff participating in Iowa County Equity and Inclusion Workgroup
- Staff participating in Covid-19 Response Plan Workgroup
- Staff working with UW-Stevens Point Center for Land Use Education and WI County Code Administrators to create a Zoning/Land Use Leadership Program for newer county employees
- Staff attended WDNR-sponsored Floodplain Program training
- Public outreach on wind energy systems

- Collaborated with the WDNR Water Management Specialist, WDNR Wardens, and Lower Wisconsin Riverway Executive Director on projects and violations with shared permitting jurisdictions.
- Staff served as the WI County Code Administrators Past President, on the WCA Agriculture, Environment and Land Use Steering Committee, on the DATCP Livestock Siting Facility Siting Board, and on the PSC Wind Siting Council.
- Started recruitment process for the Sanitarian/Asst. Zoning Administrator position

#### Organizations and Affiliations

- WI County Planning & Zoning Directors
- WI County Code Administrators
- WI Land Information Association
- WI Land Information Officer Network
- Public Service Commission Wind Siting Council
- WI Association of Floodplain, Stormwater and Coastal Managers
- DATCP Livestock Facility Siting Review Board
- PSC Wind Siting Council
- New Landowner Advisory Board

Respectfully submitted,

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