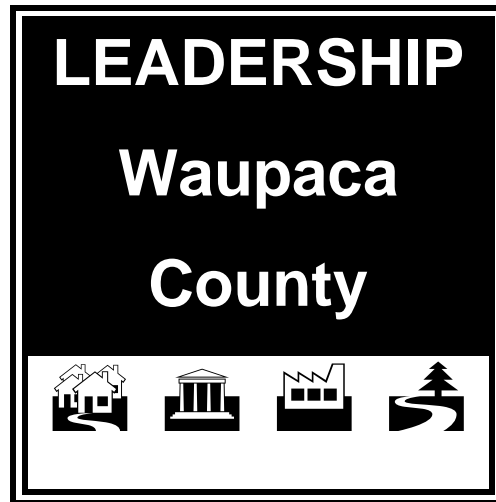


We're glad you asked about



Developing leaders for today and tomorrow

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world. Indeed,
it is the only thing that has ever happened."*

◆ Margaret Mead

What is Leadership Waupaca County?

It is a nine-month leadership development program consisting of workshops and seminars culminating in a formal graduation. Sessions will be held in various locations from September through May.

Each session will focus on a different aspect of leadership, utilizing local, regional, and statewide experts. Sessions emphasize an interesting and practical learning process, thereby allowing participants to implement what they learn immediately! Each participant will also have the opportunity to be involved in a community based project.

Thursday, September 13, 2007	Introduction/ Personality Styles
Thursday, October 11, 2007	Conflict Management and Effective Communication
Thursday, November 8, 2007	Agriculture Economy and Local Government
Thursday, December 13, 2007	County Government
Wed./Thurs., January 9-10, 2008	State Government (overnight in Madison)
Thursday, February 14, 2008	Natural Resources/ Land Use
Thursday, March 13, 2008	Family and Youth/ Generations
Thursday, April 10, 2008	Education/ Business & Economic Development
Thursday, May 8, 2008	Class Project Presentations/ Graduation

Why was Leadership Waupaca County developed?

Those who have been involved in the founding and growth of this program have a **vision** – *Waupaca County will abound with willing and learned leaders supporting all civic and service groups and organizations, as well as government units.*

Waupaca County is a great place to live, work, and play. To maintain and enhance this great place, we have numerous challenges and opportunities, such as:

- planning for the future of the community under the smart growth law so citizen desires regarding natural resources, the economy, schools, and other community assets are achieved;
- providing numerous activities and positive environments for the communities' families and youth;
- evolution of the local economy, including agriculture industry growth and change;
- enhancing employment opportunities and the overall quality of life for county residents and visitors.

We need informed, committed leaders to address these and many other challenges and opportunities.

What is the program's goal?

The program's primary **goal** is *to help develop informed, civic-minded volunteer leaders/public officials who are committed to the future of Waupaca County and its communities.* This will be accomplished by achieving the following **objectives**:

- Develop and strengthen participants' personal and interpersonal effectiveness and decision-making skills.
- Expose participants to a broad range of current and future issues.
- Help participants develop the confidence to become more active community members.
- Prepare participants for positions of influence and decision making.

What will participants learn?

Although this program is scheduled for only one day a month over a nine-month period (with the exception of the overnight session for State Government), participants will learn a great deal about themselves, others, and issues. Key learning opportunities include:

- personal and interpersonal leadership skills
- organizational and community leadership skills
- facilitation and strategic planning skills
- economic development and the local/county economy
- local, county, and state government
- issues related to: education, family and youth, land use, agriculture, natural resources
- hands-on leadership experience through a class project
- developing a network with “key” individuals throughout the county for future reference.

Who should participate?

If you live or work in the Waupaca County area and are interested in improving yourself and/or your community, **Leadership Waupaca County** might be for you.

This leadership development program has openings for 15-25 people representing a variety of backgrounds and interests. The program is open to people from age 15 to 70+. An individual or group may nominate participants, or they may be self-nominated.

In order to graduate from the program, each participant must make a commitment to attend all sessions, and must attend at least seven. Applications for the Class of 2007-2008 (Class IX) are due **July 20, 2007**.

What does the program cost?

Participants will be responsible for securing \$375. This may come from personal sponsors and/or the participants. Sponsors generally are local organizations, businesses or individuals with whom they associate. This cost covers meals, programs, most materials, and travel within the seminars. The actual cost of the program is about \$1,000 per person. The participant’s responsibility is kept to only \$375 due to the generous support of the program donors.

Limited scholarship assistance is available based on financial need and through the Tom & Gingie Wilson and Roger & Barb Krueger Scholarships. The **Tom and Gingie Wilson Scholarship** is a full scholarship granted to a participant who agrees to run for elected office within two years following graduation. The scholarship is paid in two installments, one-half before class start-up and one-half following the election that the recipient has chosen to run for. The participant does not need to be successful in their election bid to receive the second installment. Applicants should indicate their interest to be considered for this scholarship in the application and describe why they should receive the scholarship in their personal statement. The **Roger & Barb Krueger Scholarship** covers half the program tuition and is granted to a participant who would otherwise not be able to take part in LWC due to financial constraints. Applicants should indicate their interest to be considered for this scholarship in the application and describe why they should receive the scholarship in their personal statement.

Who benefits from Leadership Waupaca County?

The Community – Community leadership programs develop future leaders and create an active network of informed citizens and public officials who are better able to identify and implement strategies to address local, regional, and statewide issues and opportunities. The participants' increased knowledge and skills benefit groups, organizations, and government.

Graduates become leadership resources for the entire county and its communities. Equipped with new ideas and new ways of analyzing societal needs, they are able to constructively and more confidently participate in leadership positions.

The Individual – Each participant will benefit from interaction with a group of motivated individuals who share a desire to develop leadership skills and have an impact on the county and its communities. Individuals will also gain self confidence in their ability to speak and lead in public settings.

Participants will benefit from an enhanced personal awareness, a deeper understanding of issues facing Waupaca County, and improved skills for engaging others. This program will provide participants with connections to community and county leaders and organizations.

The Workplace – The information, knowledge and skills learned through the program are equally as valuable in the workplace, whether that be in industry, business, professional services, education, agriculture, recreational services, or other areas. Effective methods for analyzing issues and working with people are as important in the workplace as they are in the community at large.

Applications are due by July 20, 2007

To receive an application form, you can go to the website:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waupaca/cnred/leadership.html>

or

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