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Zebra Mussels, Hybrid Milfoil, and New or Proposed Shoreland Regulation

At the Waushara County Watershed Council meeting on November 16, Mary Gansberg, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) water quality specialist, will give a presentation on the zebra mussel infestation in Waushara County, DNR's position on a recently discovered hybrid milfoil found in some lakes in Waushara County, and new or proposed shoreland regulations. Zebra mussels are in Waushara County. Gansberg will describe the problems that zebra mussels cause, how they spread, and the ramifications of their presence. She will also talk about a hybrid milfoil that has been identified in some lakes in the county. She will describe a study of this milfoil, the concerns about its presence, and the DNR's position on treatment of this milfoil. Finally, she will cover some of the new or proposed laws that effect shoreland owners.

The Waushara County Watershed Council meeting is at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 16 in the Demonstration Room of the Waushara County Courthouse. The meeting is open to anyone interested. For more information call the Waushara County Land conservation and Zoning office at (920) 787-0443 or the UW-Extension Waushara County office at (920) 787-0416.

Economic Catalyst Workshop: Business Retention and Recruitment Strategies

A workshop on various business retention and recruitment activities and ways organizations and local governments can evaluate the progress of their economic development efforts will be held on November 26th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Demonstration Room at the Waushara County Courthouse in Wautoma. This is workshop is to anyone interested in encouraging economic development and stability in the county. For more information visit the web site:

www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waushara/ed/catalystwksphp.htm

Upcoming WisLine Educational Programs

A number of WisLine Teleconference lectures will take place in November and December. The lectures can be attended at locations around Wisconsin, including Wautoma. Participants are able to interact verbally with speakers and other participants around the state. For more information or to register contact the UW-Extension office at (920) 787-0416 or pickup a registration in the lower level of the County Courthouse in Wautoma.

- **An Update on Historic Preservation Programming in Wisconsin**
Date: November 7, 2002
Time: 10:30—11:50 a.m.
Fee: \$12.00
- **GASB 34 and Local Government**
Date: November 8, 2002
Time: 10:30 a.m.—12:20 p.m.
Fee: \$15.00
- **Records Management**
Date: November 12, 2002
Time: 10:30 a.m.—12:50 p.m.
Fee: \$12.00
- **Caucus Procedures for Towns and Villages**
Date: November 14, 2002
Time: 10:30—11:50 a.m.
Fee: \$10.00
- **Getting Candidates on the Spring Ballot**
Date: December 3, 2002
Time: 10:30—11:50 a.m.
Fee: \$10.00
- **Planning for Agriculture**
Date: December 5, 2002
Time: 10:30—11:50 a.m.
Fee: \$12.00
- **Creating Stormwater Utilities**
Date: December 10, 2002
Time: 10:30 a.m.—12:20 p.m.
Fee: \$12.00

Location: Waushara Courthouse in Wautoma

Estimating the Seasonal Population

According to the Wisconsin Department of Administration the official population for Waushara County in 2001 is 24,560. This population number does not include the number of people that have vacation homes in the county or the number of people that stay in the various campgrounds. Currently, there are few statistics on the seasonal population. However, it is possible to get an estimate of that population using information from the Census.

According to the Census, on April 1, 2000, 27% of the housing units (apartments, houses, condominiums, mobile homes) in Waushara County are for "seasonal, recreational, or occasional use." According to the Census there are 3,693 seasonal/recreational housing units in Waushara County. If you assume that every seasonal/recreational housing represents a household, the number of households in Waushara County would increase from 9,336 to 13,029 if everyone with a seasonal/recreational home decided to come to Waushara County at the same time. A household can be any size from a single individual on up as long as they live together in the same home. If you further assume that the number of people in a seasonal/recreational household is the same as the non-seasonal/recreational household, the population in the county could increase by 8,974 people, the 3,693 seasonal housing units in the county multiplied by the 2.43, the average household size for Waushara County in 2000. Using this method a rough estimate of the maximum seasonal population in the county in 2001 would be 33,534.

There are a few things to consider when estimating the seasonal population using this method. This method requires two major assumptions: everyone who has a seasonal/recreational home will be in the county at the same time and the size of a seasonal/recreational household is the same as an average household size for the county. The estimated seasonal population does not include people who camp, stay in a hotel, or day visitors.

The official population of a county or municipality in Wisconsin can be found on the internet at:

http://www.doa.state.wi.us/dhir/boir/demographic/pop_info.asp

The number of seasonal dwelling units and the average household size can be found on the internet at:

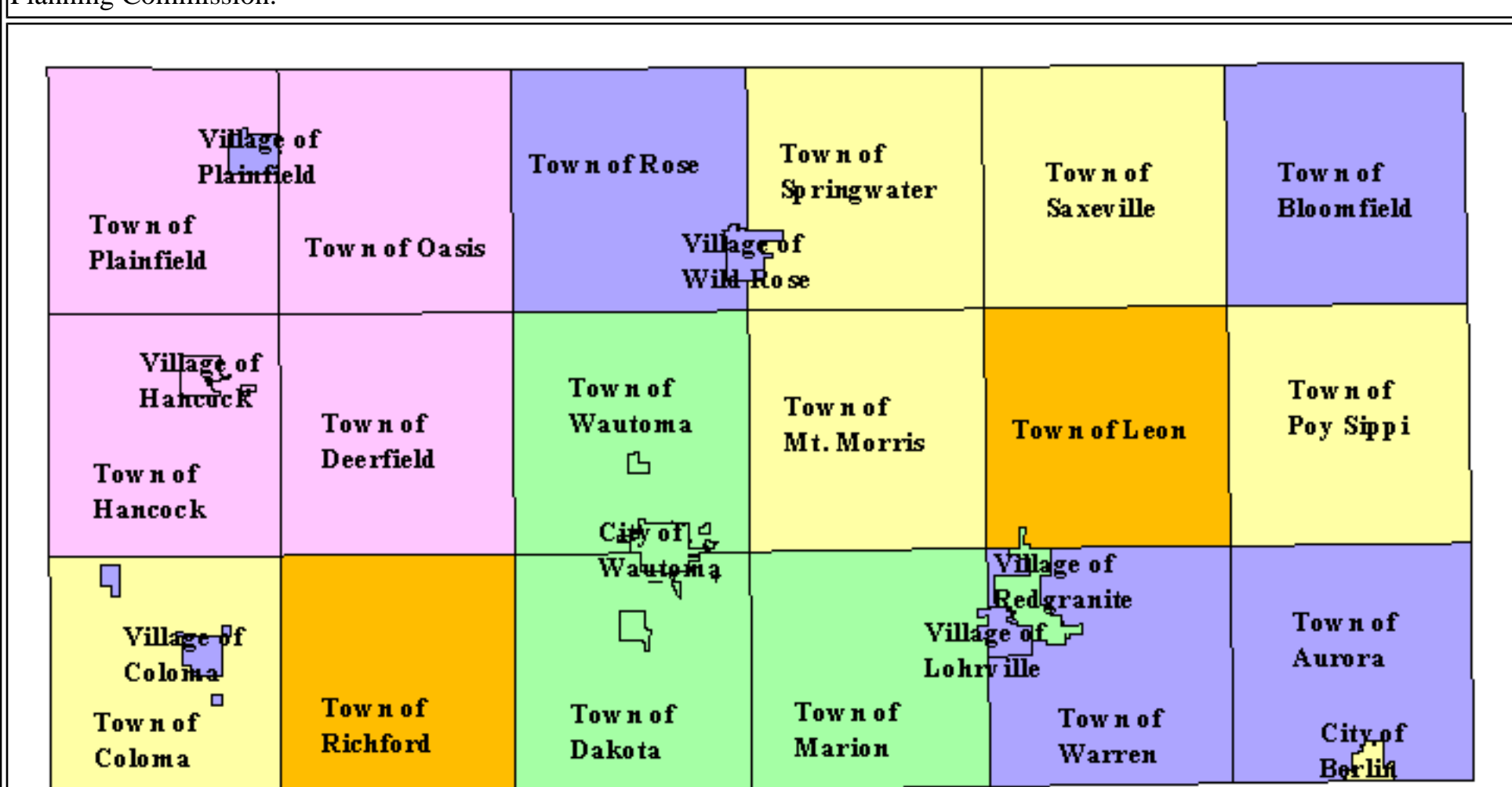
<http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet>

For list of where to find other demographic or economic statistics on the internet and instructions on where to find the information on various web sites visit:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waushara/CNRED/stats.htm>

Town of Richford Land Use and Development Plan

The Town of Richford Land Use and Development Plan has been adopted by the Richford Town Board and a summary has been given to the Waushara County Board. The next step in the planning process is the implementation of the plan by the Richford Town Board and Waushara County, according to the priorities of the town board and the feasibility of the recommendations. The plan was created by a citizen committee over a period of 2 years using the results of a survey sent to town residents and property owners, statistical and geographic data sources, and input from anyone at the meetings. The plan contains goals for the future of the town and a number of recommendations on how to reach those goals. The plan can be updated periodically. Copies of the Town of Richford Land Use Development Plan are available on the internet at www.lwaushara.com/Zoning/landuseplan.htm, the library, from the Richford Town Clerk, at the Waushara County Land Conservation and Zoning Office, at the Waushara County UW-Extension office, and through East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.



Planning in Waushara County

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Waushara County Planning Update

- Town of Richford Plan, adopted by the Richford Town Board on June 10.
- Town of Leon Plan was adopted by the Leon Town Board on August 14. A Poster Plan (Summary Document) is being developed.
- Town of Mt. Morris Plan will be reviewed by the Mt. Morris Town Board on November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mt. Morris Community Center.
- Town of Springwater Plan will be discussed by the Springwater Town Board on November 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall.
- Town of Saxeville Plan is being reviewed by the Saxeville Town Board. Town Board Meeting is November 18 at 8:00 in the town hall.
- The Poy Sippi Town Board will vote on the Poy Sippi Land Management Plan on November 11 at 8:00 in the Poy Sippi Town Hall.
- A public hearing on the Town of Coloma Land Management Plan will be held on December 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Coloma Community Center. The Coloma Town Board Meeting will follow at 7:00.
- The Land Use committees for the Towns of Plainfield, Oasis, Deerfield, Hancock, and Village of Hancock will meet November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hancock Community Center.
- The Towns of Wautoma, Marion, Dakota, Village of Redgranite, and City of Wautoma will meet at 7:00 p.m. on December 4 in the Courthouse in Wautoma.
- www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waushara/planning

The Crisis in Funding Local Governments and Schools: Lessons from Other Countries

A day-long conference and roundtable discussion with leading experts on local government finance from Sweden, Italy, Switzerland, Canada, France, and from the University of Wisconsin will be held from 8:00-4:00 at the Monona Terrace in Madison on November 12. The focus will be on developing ideas on how to solve the fiscal problems facing local government in Wisconsin. The program is sponsored by the UW-Madison Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs, Center for World Affairs and Global Economy, Center for European Study and UW-Extension. Registration will be \$35 (including meals and materials). For more information, call (608)262-3038.

Other local community, natural resource, and economic development educational opportunities

- **Employer Information Exchange Program: How to Profit from Electronic Job Orders—Job Net and America's Job Bank**
Location: Wautoma Job Center
Date: November 12, 2002
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Cost: Free and lunch is provided
Call: (920) 787-3338
- **No Train / No Gain Seminar: Developing Incredible Customer Service & Dealing with Difficult Guest Situation**
Location: Fox Valley Technical College in Waupaca
Date: November 27, 2002
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$199
Call: (920) 831-4305
- **Employer Information Exchange Program: Child Care for Your Employees—Employer Options**
Location: Wautoma Job Center
Date: December 10, 2002
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Cost: Free and lunch is provided
Call: (920) 787-3338
- **No Train / No Gain Seminar: Telephone Techniques Designed to Impress**
Location: Fox Valley Technical College in Waupaca
Date: December 11, 2002
Time: 8:00 a.m. to noon
Cost: \$115
Call: (920) 831-4305