

WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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VOTE

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Grant Application - 2008-2009 Multi-Agency Land & Water Education (MALWEG) Program

WHEREAS, Washington County Code Section 4.27 requires that all county grant programs or applications for funds receive prior approval by the County Board of Supervisors or subsequent review and ratification; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-Agency Land and Water Education Grant (MALWEG) Program was started in 1997 to encourage the integration of educational programming into locally based land and water conservation efforts in Wisconsin and is supported by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the USDA Cooperative Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES), the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), and the University of Wisconsin-Extension (UWEX); and

WHEREAS, the MALWEG funds have been awarded to Washington County Land & Water Conservation Division in previous years: 2002 in the amount of \$10,000.00; 2003 in the amount of \$15,000.00; and 2005 in the amount of \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS, applications are being accepted for the 2008-2009 grant period for the MALWEG program to conduct a Nutrient Management Farmer Education Program with a maximum grant award of \$15,000.

WHEREAS, the goal of the Nutrient Management Farmer Education Program is to empower farmers with knowledge needed to understand, develop and implement their own nutrient management plans; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Land & Water Conservation Division of the Planning & Parks Department has been committed to assisting agricultural landowners-producers to take an active role in nutrient management planning which addresses land and water resource management concerns by offering informational and educational opportunities, through developing NRCS 590 certified nutrient management plans, including soil testing, soil nutrients and manure management, updating/revising nutrient management plans; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, the Land & Water Conservation Division has hosted an annual Nutrient Management Farmer Education Program, which has been developed by the University of Wisconsin Extension and approved by the Department of Agricultural Trade & Consumer Protection – ATCP 50.48(2)(a)4 which meet compliance requirements for Wisconsin's Agricultural Performance Standards under Department of Natural Resources NR 151.07 & NR 243.14; and

