



WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING & PARKS DEPARTMENT *e-newsletter* Spring / Summer 2017

- **Washington County Awarded 2nd Brownfields Assessment Grant** – The US Environmental Protection Agency announced that Washington County was selected along with 172 communities across the country to receive funding for brownfield site revitalization. This is a \$600,000 Community-Wide Coalition Assessment Grant being awarded to advance the County’s Site Redevelopment Program (SRP) for Hazardous Substance and Petroleum Brownfields. Attached is the press release announcing the details of the grant ([click here](#)) along with the SRP fact sheet ([click here](#)).
- **Washington Co. Park and Trail System–Daily Entrance Fee and Annual Park Stickers** - On Tuesday, the County Board approved the Parks Fiscal Sustainability Plan [click here](#). The plan aims to operate County Parks and Trails independent of the Property Tax Levy and sets course to achieve this over the next three years in order to maintain and improve parks for current and future generations of park users. A major component of the plan includes new user fees in 2018 [click here](#) – daily entrance fees or annual park entrance stickers. [click here](#)
- **NEW Glacier Hills Park Hall Renovation** - [click here](#) for more information and book your special event today! Also available NEW Glacier Hills Vacation Rental by Owner (VRBO) 4 Bedrooms; Sleeps 14 - rent the house at beautiful Glacier Hills County Park!
- **Rather Be Golfing?** We have PGA professionals on staff that can quickly help golfers of all ages and abilities learn the fundamentals, lower your scores and have more fun. Individual and group lessons and clinics are available throughout the season and can be scheduled by calling the clubhouse at 262.670.6616. Book your tee time today! [click here](#).
- **Get Out and Enjoy the Beach Life** - Visit [Sandy Knoll County Park](#), [Ackerman’s Grove County Park](#) & [Leonard J. Yahr County Park](#) this summer for sun and fun. [click here](#)
- **Meet the Office Staff** - Planning and Parks has been going through some changes over the past few months. One of the big changes has been to our office staff. With retirements and switching of positions a few new faces have joined the office team. We are excited to announce that Patty Schaller and Tyler Betry have joined our team. [click here](#)
- **What Homeowners Need to Know!** The Land Use Division received “Agent Status” for Plan Approval of Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS) from the Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services (DSPS) on March 7th...All Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Owners (POWTS) will be required to have their systems maintained soon. [click here](#)

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- **Spring Tillage & Heavy Spring Rains Led to Muddied Waters in Washington County** - It may take over 500 years to form an inch of topsoil. We don't have that kind of time... Plan NOW!

Farmers, Let's All Work Together To:

- *Reduce Erosion
- *Increase Soil Organic Matter
- *Improve Nitrogen Cycling
- *Enhance Soil Biology
- *Suppress Weeds
- *Insect Support/Suppression [click here](#)

- **All Hands on Deck!** Are you going boating this fourth-of-July weekend? You may be one of thousands of Wisconsinites to be greeted by expert and volunteer "inspectors" at boat landings around the state, who will be sharing a simple but powerful message: you have the power to protect our waters from aquatic invasive species. [click here](#)
- **Get your Rain Barrel here!** Rain Barrels are available year-round through the Land and Water Conservation Division [click here](#). Simply put: Rain barrels are mini stormwater basins, usually around 50 gallons that collect rainwater from roofs to be used for irrigation. Just one quarter inch of rainfall runoff from the average roof will fill a 55-gallon barrel; reducing the amount of water running into lakes and rivers, thus reducing erosion and helping prevent storm water pollution of lakes and waterways. [click here](#)
- **The Department of Natural Resources** is looking to lease land through their Voluntary Public Access & Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP). This program leases private lands to provide public access for hunting, fishing, trapping and wildlife observation. VPA-HIP landowners receive a payment for opening their land to the public based on the land cover on the property: \$3/acre for agriculture, \$10/acre for wetlands or grasslands, and \$15/acre for forest land. Enrolled landowners also can receive technical and financial assistance to create and maintain wildlife habitat on their lands. [click here](#)

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