

**Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee**  
Regular Monthly Meeting – June 12, 2018  
Monroe County Ag Service Center – 820 Industrial Dr., Sparta, WI

Committee Members present: N. VanWychen, D. Pierce, J. Schroeder, W. Habegger, A. McCoy, and D. Powell (FSA Rep).

Also Present: C. Ziegler (Forestry), B. Micheel (LC), A. Karrels (Museum), J. Roll (History), E. Eggert (UW-EXT), B. Halfman (UW-EXT), C. Saxe (UW-EXT Area Dir.), M. Mickelson (DNR Forester), S. Brownell, Tonya Townsell (Ft. McCoy Public Affairs Office), and Brian Harrie (Ft. McCoy)

The meeting notice was posted in compliance with the open meeting law.

**Call to Order:** Chair VanWychen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Public Comment Period:** None

**Approve Minutes from the May 8th NR & Extension Meeting:** The committee reviewed the minutes. *A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by D. Pierce, second by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 5-0.*

**Committee Composition and Duties:** C. Holzl handed out copies of the Land Conservation Composition along with the Forestry & Parks Composition and duties. After some discussion and suggestions, it was agreed to re visit at the next meeting.

**Deke Slayton/Bike Museum:** Alli gave a report on her activities and stated the Museum would be celebrating a 20 year anniversary next June. Karrels discussed the remodeling of the front entrance area. Karrels spoke of the Space Camp and the activities scheduled. She stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> Space Camp started three years ago with 8 kids (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and has progressed to 20 this year. Four of which received Scholarship's to attend (valued at \$375 each.)

**County Farm Education Funds:** A. Karrels requested a grant of \$2,243.82 from the County Farm Education Funds to purchase permanent supplies for the Space Camp (attached). *Motion was made by A. McCoy to approve \$2,243.82 from the County Farm Education Funds for Space Camp Supplies, second by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 5-0.*

**Local History Room/Wegner Grotto:** J. Roll reviewed May expenditures and presented report to the committee (attached). Roll gave an update on the “Monroe County A-Z” exhibit, stating the exhibit would be delivered tomorrow. Roll issued an invitation to the committee to a special opening reception on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. (attached). Roll also updated the committee on the Grotto drainage issue, stating the DOT sloped the ground around the drain in an effort to improve the drainage situation. Discussion followed that if this is not resolved, would seek for a curb to be installed along the road to divert the water flow. *Motion was made by J. Schroeder to accept report as presented, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 5-0.*

**Extension Office Business:**

1. **4H & Youth Development Report** (Goede) – report attached.
2. **Family Living Report** (Eggert) –report attached.
3. **Agriculture Report** (Halfman) – report attached.
4. **AED Update** (Saxe) - Saxe gave an update on the Family Living Educator vacancy in Lacrosse County that is in the process of being filled. Saxe handed out a Situational Analysis Questionnaire to the Committee members to be completed and returned.

Committee asked for the agent's most recent annual plan of work to be able to answer the questions. Saxe stated he would mail a copy to each of the Supervisors.

5. **Review of May Expenditures** - (Saxe) Saxe reviewed May Expenditures.

*Motion made by D. Pierce to accept Agent reports and review of expenditures, second by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 5-0.*

D. Powell arrived at 9:45 a.m.

**Land Conservation Department:**

1. **WI Conservation Congress Update:** S. Brownell gave a report on his attendance at the WI Conservation Congress Meeting. Brownell discussed CWD and mentioned talk of requiring game farmers using double fencing to help stop the spread of CWD along with state wide banning of baiting and feeding.
2. **Review May Expenditures:** B. Micheel reviewed expenditures. (Report attached).
3. **County Conservationist Report:** (attached). B. Micheel gave his report, mentioning the Western Area Tour to be held in the fall and planned for the county supervisors, will focus on their role with the LC Department and the Wisconsin Land & Water Association. Micheel handed out the flyer for the Invasive Working Group Field Day and a reminder that it is this Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>. Micheel discussed the CWD Task Force met recently to define an action plan for 12 recommendations submitted to the County Deer Advisory Council. Micheel also reported on complaints received: manure stacking and water management issues over the last month.
4. **Land Use Planner Position Resolution:** B. Micheel presented a Resolution for the Land Use Planner position. Lengthy discussion followed with Committee, as Micheel went into detail, discussing the merits for a planner in Monroe County by being proactive. Micheel went on with instances where this would have been beneficial in having a planner on board. *Motion was made by J. Schroeder to approve the Land Use Planner Position Resolution, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 6-0.*
5. **Fishing Easements:** B. Micheel presented three fishing easements for approval. Kenneth & Marlus Schmitz, Leroy & Stephanie Baldwin, and Cathy Braund with Richard & Robert Gruen. *Motion was made by D. Powell to approve fishing easements as presented, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 6-0.*
6. **Cost Share Agreements-Review/Approve:** B. Micheel presented three cost share agreements for approval. Steve Krueger for \$497 for a 425' Waterway, Jim Gehring for \$1,243.50 for 150' Riprap, and Steve Murray for an estimated total cost of \$5,000 for Concrete Stream Crossing. *Motion was made by D. Pierce to accept cost share agreements as presented, second by W. Habegger. Motion carried 6-0.*
7. **Soil & Water Conservationist Reports:** Reports Submitted.

**NRCS Report:** None

**DNR Reports:**

1. **Private Lands:** M. Mickelson reported the Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group Field Day to be held this Thursday, June 14th at Pine View Campground in Fort McCoy. Open to all, free of charge. Day will consist of invasive species plant identification, treatment methods, funding opportunities, and other related topics. To begin at 9am and run until approximately 3pm. Mickelson stated a new Forestry Operator was hired out of the Tomah Ranger Station. Drew Czynson was previously employed with Lamberts Forest Products in Warrens.
2. **Warden:** None
3. **MFL:** M. Mickelson reported the Managed Forest Law Audit occurred yesterday and today. More than 20 sites were visited by auditors. Tax Law Specialists have been busy reviewing and approving MFL plans for the 2019 year.

D. Powell left at 11:30 a.m.

**Forestry & Parks:**

1. **Forestry & Park Updates:** C. Ziegler presented his department report (attached). Ziegler had a request for campers to be allowed to leave their camper on site during the winter months for a fee, a lengthy discussion followed. Ziegler will perform more research and bring back to the committee during a future meeting. Ziegler discussed the offer to purchase the 160 acres in the Town of New Lyme. Chad stated the list price at the time of the offer was for \$464,000, the accepted offer is \$376,000 with three contingencies: 1) County Board approval. 2) Approval for a Knowles Nelson Stewardship Grant for half of the purchase price and approval for an interest free project loan from the WDNR for the remaining balance of the purchase price and closing costs.
2. **Resolution to Approve the Offer to Purchase for 160 acres in the Town of New Lyme:** Has been moved to next month.
3. **Resolution to Modify the County Forest Blocking Boundary:** Has been moved to next month.
4. **Review Forestry & Parks May Expenditures:** C. Ziegler reviewed the May monthly expenditures.
5. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the Monroe County Ag Services Center in Sparta.

**Motion to adjourn:** *was made at 12:10 p.m. by J. Schroeder, second by A. McCoy. Motion carried, 5-0.*

*Recorder: Connie Holzl*

# NATURAL RESOURCE & EXTENTION COMMITTEE

(LAND CONSERVATION)

- A. COMPOSITION: The Committee shall consist of five (5) County Board Supervisors, one (1) of which, shall be a member of the Sanitation, Zoning & Forestry Committee, one (1) shall be a member of the Solid Waste Committee; and the Chairperson of the County Farm Services Agency (FSA) Committee or other County FSA committee member designated by the chairperson of the County FSA committee as per Chapter 92.06.
- B. DUTIES: The duties of the Committee shall be to:
1. Perform functions required and/or authorized by Chapter 92.
  2. Supervise the functions and activities of the Monroe County Department of Land Conservation.
  3. Supervise the Monroe County Wildlife Damage and Abatement Program.
  4. Perform and/or execute other additional work or duties as may from time to time be required or authorized by state law, County Board ordinance, County Board resolution, motion of the County Board, or as delegated by the chairperson of the Monroe County Board of Supervisors.



June 12, 2018

## Deke Slayton Space Camp Grant Request

**Project:** Space Camp, equipment for additional students and for the future of the camp

**Requesting Department:** Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bicycle Museum

**Amount Requested:** \$2,243.82

### **Project summary:**

Out of the current 50 astronauts on NASA's roster today only 3 of them are from the Midwest. As the home of one of America's first seven astronauts we set out to change this by establishing Space Camp with the goal to inspire students from Monroe County to take an interest in STEM, and space exploration. The students we are inspiring today will be the next generation of astronauts, those that will take us into the next chapter of human exploration and travel to Mars.

We started the Deke Slayton Space Camp in 2016 with 8 students. Today, we have 20 students signed up for this year's 2018 Space Camp. We are thrilled with the success of our camp and very excited to have so many students that want to participate.

With additional students costs for supplies and demands for equipment have risen. For our first two years we were able to borrow equipment from our Board members who are retired teachers, the Monroe County Local History room and the Sparta Free Library, and citizens in the community. However, with our numbers more than doubling in 2018 we simply don't have enough local resources to meet the current demands for the additional students this year. The program has grown and we believe it will continue to be more and more popular with each passing year. A grant will help us purchase the additional supplies to meet the current demand and these supplies will be used at Space Camp for many years to come.

### Project Connection to Agriculture History:

The first group of astronauts, of which Deke Slayton was a member, were called the Mercury 7. Many of them came from small towns and grew up on farms, and were often the first ones in their families to attend college. Deke Slayton himself grew up on a farm in Leon, he became a pilot, and went on to be one of the most influential people in the early days of NASA, laying the foundations for the organization today.

Retired astronaut Mark Lee originally of Viroqua was a guest presenter at last year's 2017 space camp and will be returning again this year. During his time as an astronaut he participated in four shuttle missions. On these missions Mark helped map 95% of Venus' surface, was the first to use lasers in environmental research, and was the first to test an untethered self-propelled jet pack in space.

Mark Lee did a wonderful presentation last year for the camp participants and their families. He shared with us that his interest in becoming an astronaut began when he was in middle school; the same age of our Space Camp students. One of the mothers asked Mark what they should be doing to prepare their students to be astronauts.

Mark's response wasn't to study more, or learn complex science. He said "teach your children how to work, and work hard". He went on to tell explain that one of the most valuable lessons he learned was doing farm work as a young teenager. He said it was the hardest work he'd ever done and it gave him a work ethic that prepared him for the rigors of the many years of training, studying, and schooling that he needed to be an astronaut. He actually said "once you do farm work, nothing else seems as hard after that."

### Supply request budget:

4 robotics kits	1 kit= \$189.95 x 4=	\$759.80
4 basic laptops for the robotics kits	1 laptop= \$200.00 x 4=	\$800.00
41 Folding chairs	1 chair= \$11.49 x 41=	\$471.09
4 card tables	1 table= \$26.99 x 4=	\$107.96
3 of the 4" white folding tables	1 table= \$34.99 x 3=	<u>\$104.97</u>
		\$2,243.82

### Project timeline:

Date	Activity
June 12, 2018	Request \$2,243.82 from Co Farm Grant
July 2018	Request resolution from Corp Council
July 2018	Submit resolution for approval by Extension/Nat'l Resource Committee
July 2018	Submit resolution for approval by Finance Committee
July 2018	Submit resolution for approval by Monroe County Board
July 2018	Upon approval of the \$2,243.82 grant, purchase supplies and prepare them for the 2018 Space Camp.
July 30- Aug 3, 2018	Deke Slayton Space Camp 2018

Submitted by Alli Karrels, Executive Director  
Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bicycle Museum



*Bringing history to life  
since 1976.*

## **LHR Director / County Historian's Report, May 2018** Submitted by Jarrod Roll

### **Highlighted Projects and Activities by Jarrod Roll, Hannah Scholze, and Volunteers**

- Continued creating “Monroe County A-Z” exhibit, including reviewing and approving the design and fabrication process, proofing and editing text, meeting with lender of railroad artifacts; created marketing materials to promote the opening of the exhibit
- Provided educational programming to **782 students** both at the History Room and in the classroom (and Woodlawn Cemetery);
- Promoted and hosted “History-Live” presentation with **81 guests attending**
- Removed artifacts from display on the museum floor in preparation of installing the A to Z exhibit, updating their Past Perfect entries and placing them in storage; disassembled display racks and reassembled one to serve as storage shelving in front room; reorganized upstairs storage room to receive removed artifacts
- Facilitated the transfer of the river bateau to the La Crosse Historical Society
- Participated in Grotto clean-up day, including organizing labor, spreading mulch, raking, etc.
- Prepared for and presented WWI history at Armed Forces Day event at Ft. McCoy; also did “History Trivia Wheel” with guests; a total of **273 people** participated
- Processed and sorted county court records that were previously randomly stored in boxes
- Attended Wisconsin Federation of Museums Board meeting in Baraboo
- Cleaned Brackett School for spring visits; coordinated with fourth grade teachers visiting the school; discussed future programming options
- Met with County Finance Director to discuss LHR income, donation processing, and bank accounts
- Regular tasks: provided research assistance to the public (via email, telephone, mail, and in person patrons); provided customer service to museum visitors; assigned storage locations, cataloged, and photographed artifacts removed from displays and those recently donated; balanced LHR financial books and draft monthly report; paid bills through the county finance system; processed new donation offerings; conferred with Alli Karrels about museum issues and activities; attended Ag/Extension meeting.

### **In addition to the projects listed above, the Director supervises the following volunteer and support staff:**

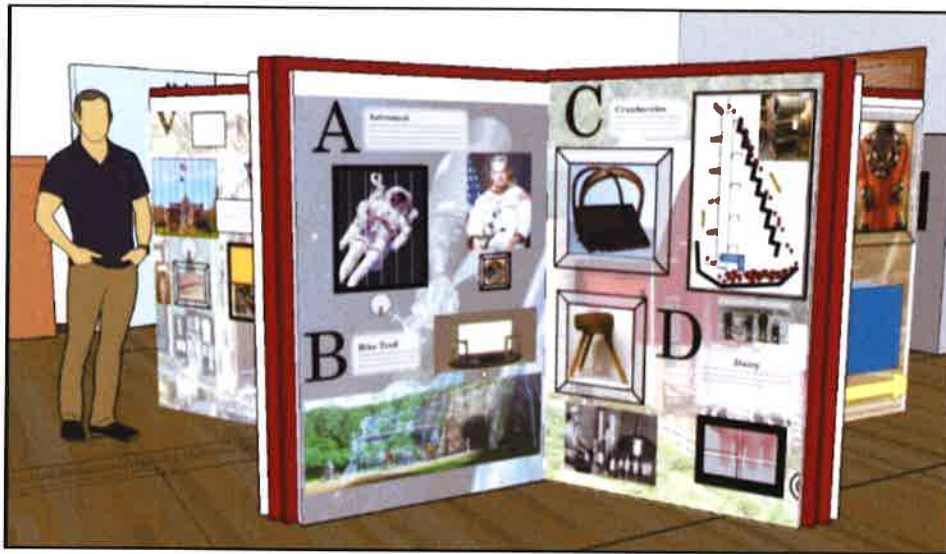
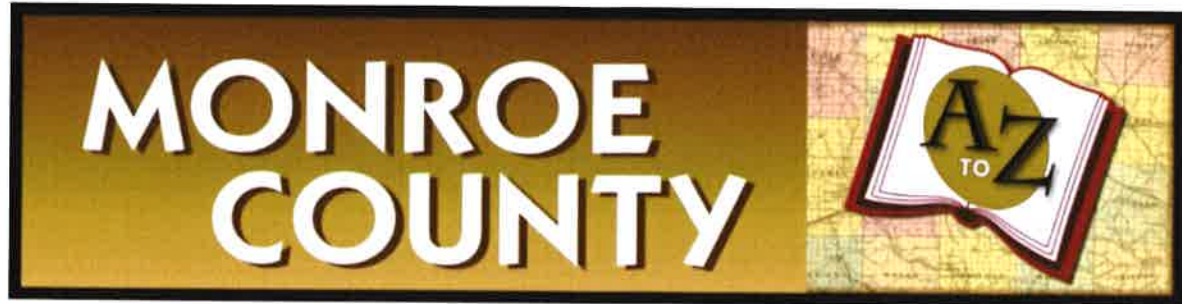
- Agnes Jenkins: indexing newspapers
- Dennis Burek: photo scanning projects; artifact cataloging; assist with clerical duties
- Barb Reedich: researching Monroe County schools; answer research requests; assist with exhibits
- Hannah Scholze (Museum Services Associate): runs Facebook; teaches students; assists with research, exhibits, marketing, and most projects listed above, etc.
- John Lasko: represents and promotes LHR at public events and in the region
- Jane Schmidt: indexing newspapers and reboxing court records
- Jim Ebert: indexing newspapers
- Sandy Waltermann: creating a master index of Monroe County graduates
- Adam Balz: indexing cemetery records; researching county topics
- Marilyn Beall: indexing church records
- Barb Reisinger: indexing county yearbooks and historic books
- Sara Oostdik: cataloging LHR artifacts currently on display in Past Perfect
- Corbin (youth volunteer): indexing Tomah telephone directories

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# You are invited...

to a special opening reception for our newest exhibit:



**Special  
preview  
reception  
for Friends  
and  
Supporters**

Join us in celebrating the revealing of "Monroe County: A to Z." Over two years in the making, "Monroe County: A to Z" is a colorful, interactive, and professionally-made exhibit highlighting what is special about Monroe County from corner to corner.

## Grand Opening Reception

5-7pm Wednesday, June 27th, 2018

Monroe County Local History Room

200 West Main St., Sparta, WI

For More Info Call: 608-269-8680

Refreshments will be served.





## Joshua L. Goede

### AODA Opportunity w/Monroe County Safe Community Coalition

The Agent is working with the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition to take three 4-Hers to Orlando for a team training on Community based drug prevention strategies. Our group will focus on Marijuana prevention in youth and bring a campaign on Opioids to the adults in the county. The Orlando event is the 15-19 of July and will be fully funded by grants that MCSCC has for programming.

### Student Government Day

The Agent worked with a team of county employees to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Monroe County Gov't Day. The events were held May 2 & 9, 2018. Both events were successes. The event focuses 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth from Cashton, Brookwood, and Sparta High Point on the work that is done at the county gov't level. The youth participated in discussion of a "real" resolution and used the official ballots that county supervisors would use. Work needs to be done to liven up the debate for next year but over a good experience.

The youth also heard from other county department about their day to day work and the services they offer to the county.

The follow-up meeting was held June 11 and the Agent oversaw the final survey and shared the results.

### Clover Camp

This event will be held June 12, from 8 am -2 pm in Tomah's Winnebago Park. The annual Clover Camp help for the K-2 Members is being held earlier to see if we can find more participants. It worked there are 17 youth signed up to participate. We have a Jr. Director who helped the Agent plan the schedule and events. We have a full day of exploring our back yard, including learning about soil, fishing, and crafts and snacks that revolve around dirt, bugs and yard stuff. We will have a grill out for lunch as well.

### Summer Camp

Summer Camp is this coming Friday through Monday. We are looking forward to fun weekend of learning about nature and teamwork.

On a brighter note The Agent and some motivated young adults are planning a county led and local Outpost Experience. This will be in Ontario at Wildcat State Park. We have three full days planned. We will start with canoeing on the Kickapoo. We need a certified lifeguard to join our effort but that is the last logistical hurdle. An adult volunteer has come forward to plan and take care of food needs which is a major part of a successful event. We are also partnering with the DNR to lead a Poaching CSI and Girls Self Protection Class. A Taekwondo Master has also agreed to lead the group in a session.

### Tractor & Machinery Safety

The Agent will be assisting with the annual Tractor & Machinery Safety class on the June 18-21.

### Fort McCoy

The Agent held training for the summer staff at Ft. McCoy. We covered Experiential Learning and Life Skills. The training went well and the staff was very engaged.

The Agent will be on base on June 21 to help with Monroe County Fair enrollments.

The Summer Assistant will go out when she starts to try to plug into their summer program.

### 4-H 101

The Agent has been working with volunteers to expand the 4-H 101 Classes. The goal is to offer one in Mid-August. The topics brought up are the educational focus of 4-H. Program Goals as in what do we hope youth get from participating in 4-H. This could help with marketing 4-H.

## Continuing Programs

- **Jr. Leaders**
  - June 12 Clover Camp.
  - June 21-23 Tractor Pull selling floats and novelties
- **Volunteers in Preparation**
  - There are no VIP courses scheduled during the busy summer months.
  - The back up in background checks is clearing up and the Agent will be planning VIP trainings in early fall.
- **COMING SOON**
  - June 12— Clover Camp at Tomah's Winnebago Park.
  - June 15-18 Summer Camp at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
  - June 18
  - June 18-20 Tractor & Machinery Safety
  - June 21-23 Super Nat'l Tractor Pull
  - July 9-11 Monroe County Outpost
  - July 15-19 CADCA Mid-Year Orlando FL
  - July 25-29 Monroe County Fair

## Health & Well-Being Educator Update May 8 to June 12, 2018

- STEPS Challenge
  - Just finished! Almost all the teams completed the challenge! Everyone who finished receives a goodie bag that consists of a water bottle, stress ball, & extension pen. Those that won the challenge will receive gift cards partially donated by Kwik Trip.
- Taking Care of You Training
  - Finished the last class up on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The evaluations all showed that participants learned a lot and wanted me to offer additional classes so others could also benefit. I've been trying to find some times but summer is so busy I think it will probably have to be this Fall.
- CHIP-Nutrition workgroup
  - The Sparta Schools Backpack Program is going very well. We finished last week by sending home large bags of food, the cookbook "Eating Well on \$4 a Day" and resource information on where they can access food over the summer. We will start again early next fall.
- StrongBodies
  - We're holding three classes during the summer: 2 in Sparta, 1 in Tomah. (We usually cut back on number of classes through the summer). Registration started yesterday.
- HCE
  - Attended their spring fling and executive board meetings. Also attended a Fort McCoy tour with them last Wednesday.
- Monroe County Dairy Breakfast
  - Did not get a lot of people to look at my poster or sign up as interested in any upcoming classes, but did see a lot of people I knew and got to connect with them!
- Healthy Aging Summit

- Attended last Thursday and held a booth about StrongBodies to promote to other counties across the state.

### **Continuing Events**

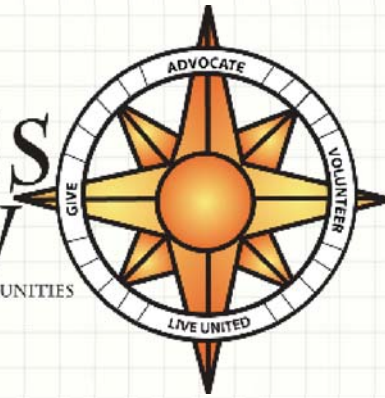
- Continuing to post and promote the facebook site and Pinterest site

### **Upcoming Events**

- Century Foods Health Fair (6/13)
- Monroe County Fair (7/25-7/29)

# 2018 COMPASS NOW

NAVIGATING TOWARD STRONGER COMMUNITIES



## MONROE COUNTY DATA PRESENTATION

February 28, 2018

### Definitions

Random Household Survey- Surveys mailed to 900 randomly selected households across the Great Rivers Region (La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, Vernon, and Houston, MN). 86 surveys returned (9.6% response rate)

Convenience Sampling- To ensure inclusion of potentially underrepresented groups in the Random Household Survey (African Americans, Hispanics, LGBT youth, youth at-risk, low-income adults, seniors). Surveys handed out at WIC, Families First, Essential Health Clinic, N4N Food Pantry. 208 surveys returned.

Morbidity- the condition of being diseased  
Mortality- the condition of being dead

# Process

- Phase 1: Collect data
  - Random Household Survey
  - Convenience Sampling
  - WALHDAB Core Data Set
  - Focus Groups
- Phase 2: Organize and analyze data
- Phase 3: Prioritize needs



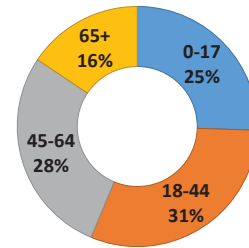
# Community Needs Assessment Data

# Demographics: Monroe County

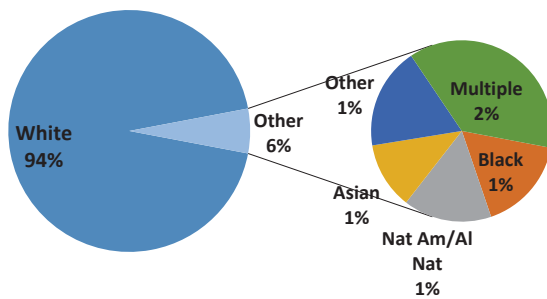
## Population 45,365

- 50.4% Male and 49.6% Female
- 13.4% with a disability
- 57.7% Rural
- 31.4% households are families with children

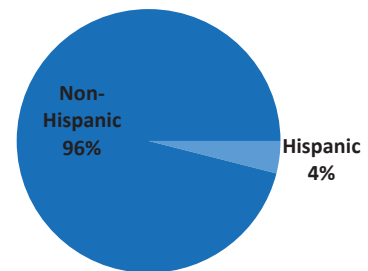
Monroe County Population by Age



Monroe County Population by Race

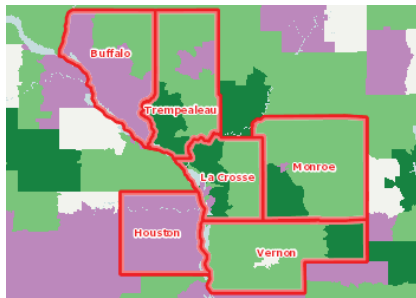


Monroe County by Ethnicity

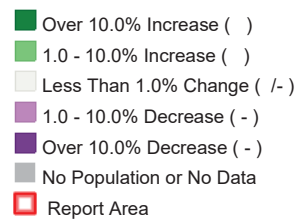


American Community Survey 5-Yr Estimates 2011-2015

# Demographics: Regional Population Changes

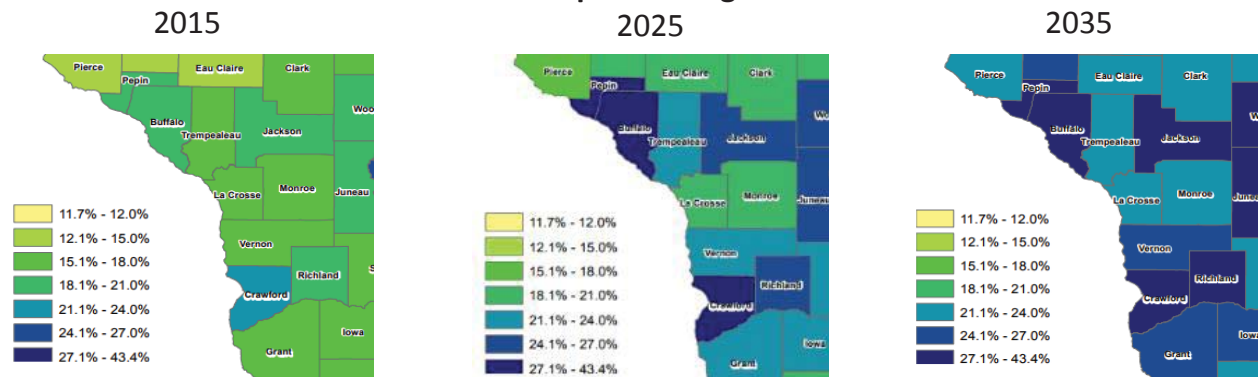


Population Change, Percent by Tract, US Census 2000 - 2010



**124% Increase in Hispanic population of Monroe County from 2000-2010**

Percent of the Population Age 65 and Older



US Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2000 - 2010; WI DOA Demographic Services, Population Projections, Vintage 2013

Overall poverty rate in MC 15.4% vs WI 13.1% (2015)

# Comparing Survey Respondents

Random Household Survey		Convenience Sample																									
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## Air, Environment, and Water Quality

**Good air quality!**  
 Below National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone and Particulate Matter. Zero days exceeding emissions standards.

### COMPASS 2018 Responses

Quality of water in rivers and lakes in your community

■ Poor /Fair ■ Good ■ Excellent

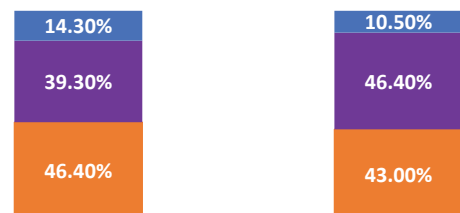


RHS

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The efforts being made in your community to protect the natural environment

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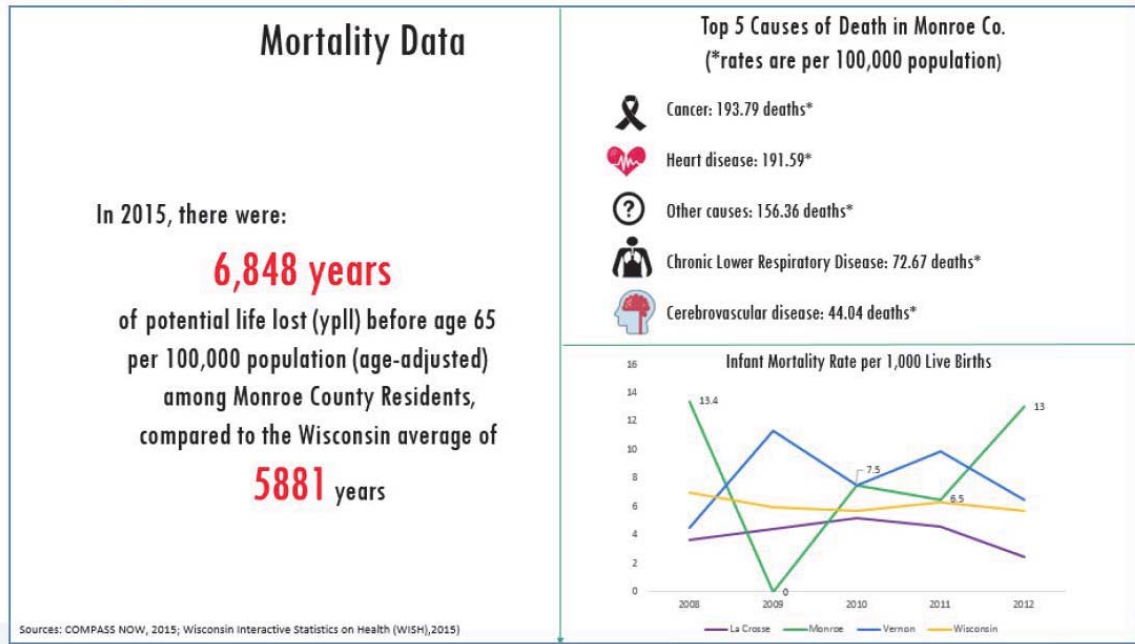
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Data Source: US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, USDA - Food Access Research Atlas. 2015; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network. 2012

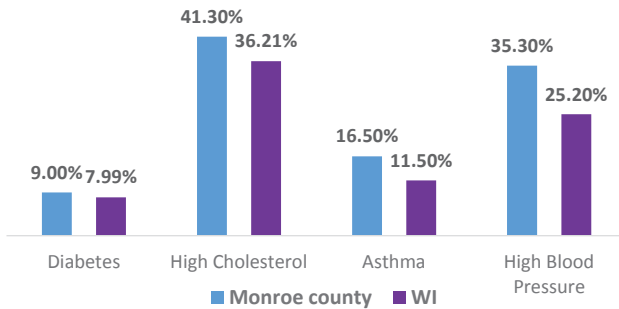
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### Mortality Data

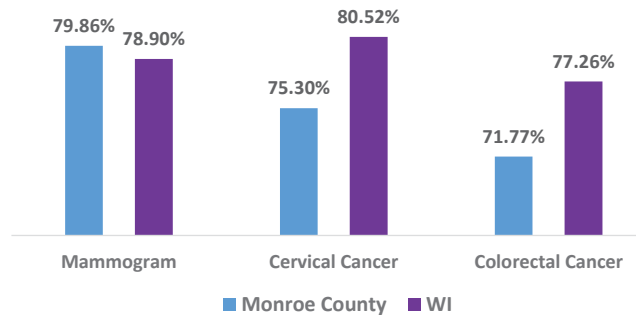


## Cancer and Chronic Disease

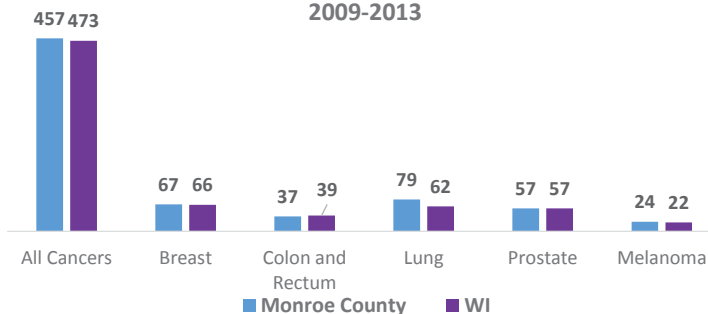
### Chronic Disease/Risk Factors



### Percent of adults who have had the recommended screenings



### Cancer Incidence Rate (age-adjusted per 100,000 population) 2009-2013



3 per 1,000

Monroe County coronary heart disease hospitalization rate per 1,000 population. Same as WI rate.

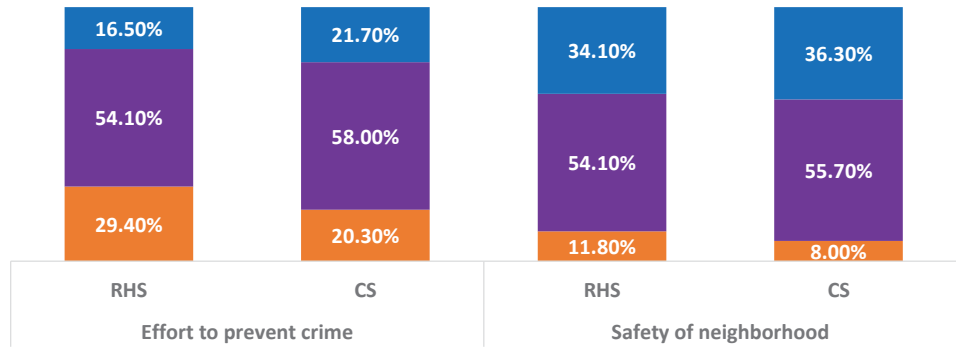
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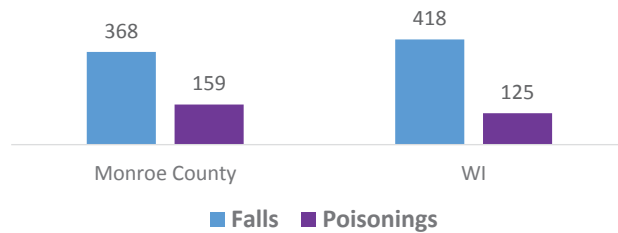
# Community Safety

## Compass 2018 Responses

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## Injury-related Hospitalizations per 100,000 population



2012-2014 FBI Uniform Crime Reports; DHS WISH data (2014) <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wish/injury-hosp/form.htm>

# Dental Care

**32.4%**  
Percent of Monroe County population with fluoridated public water



**1690:1**  
Ratio of population to dentists

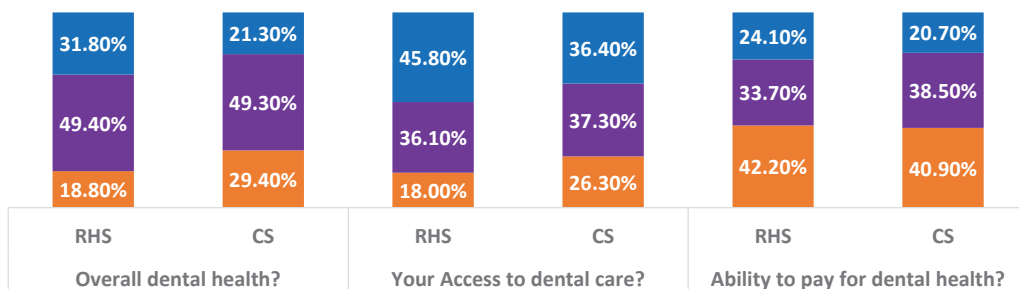


**20%**  
Percent of Monroe County Residents over the age of 2 did not visit a dentist in the past year.



## Compass 2018 Responses

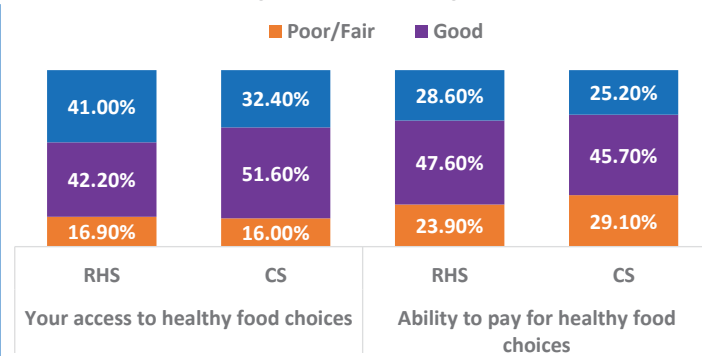
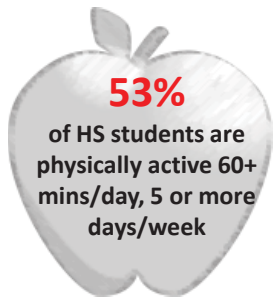
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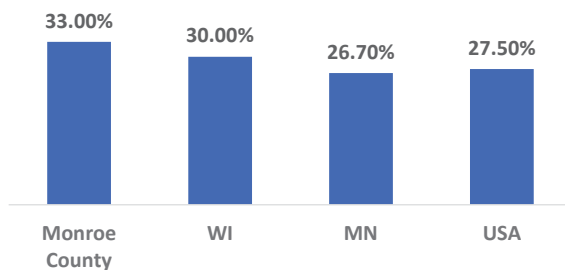
Data Sources: Environmental Public Health Data Tracker; US Department of Health Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Area Health Resource File. 2015. Source geography: County

# Diet and Exercise

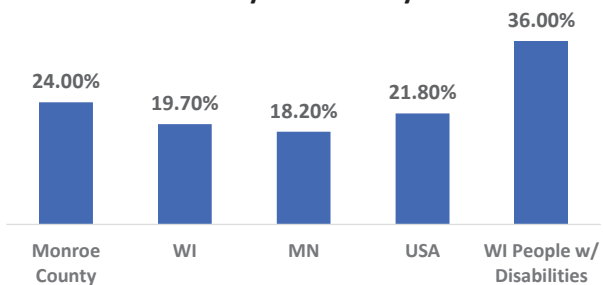
## Compass 2018 Responses



### Percent of Adults with Body Mass Index > 30.0 (Medically Obese)



### Percent Population with no Leisure Time Physical Activity



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. 2013; WI Department of Health Services, BRFSS 2008-2011. 2017 Monroe County Youth Risk Behavior Survey; Gundersen, C., A. Satoh, A. Dewey, M. Kato & E. Engelhard. Map the Meal Gap 2015: Food Insecurity and Child Food Insecurity Estimates at the County Level. Feeding America, 2015.

## Brand New Obesity Map (Came Out 6/5/2018)

### Nation-Wide Obesity Map Levels:

- <20%
- 20-25%
- 25-30%
- 30-35%
- >35%

### WI Obesity Rates Through the Years:

- 1985: 10-14%
- 1995: 15-19%
- 2005: 20-24%
- 2015: 30-35%

### Monroe County Obesity:



Wisconsin Health Atlas, 2018

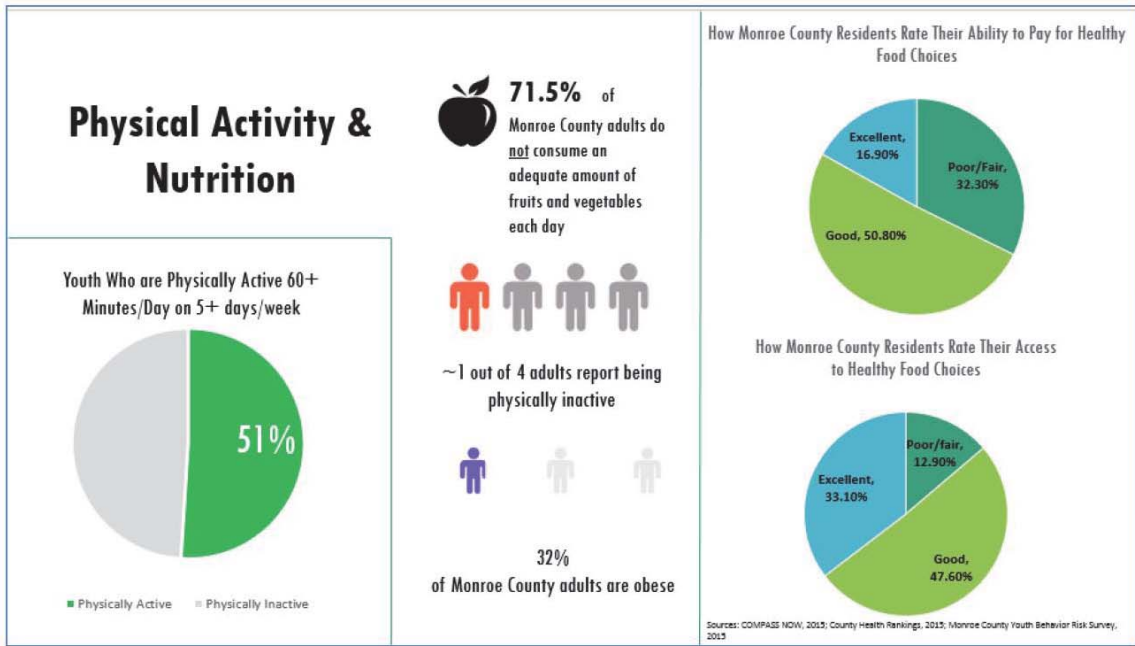
#### Map Legend

- Under 41.0%
- 41.0% - 44.9%
- 45.0% - 48.9%
- 49.0% and Over
- No Estimate

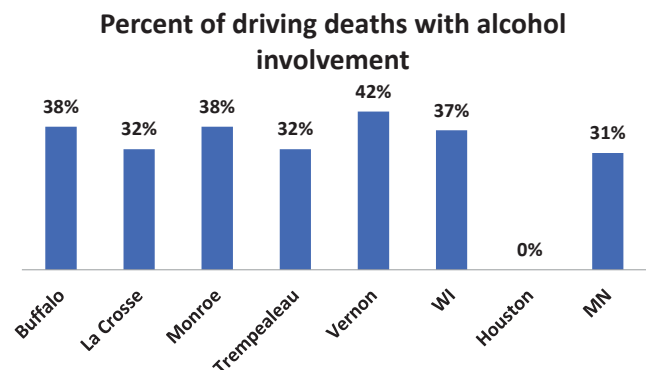
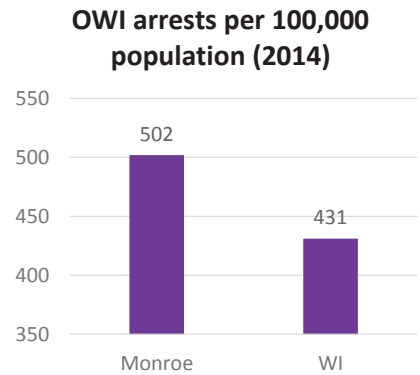
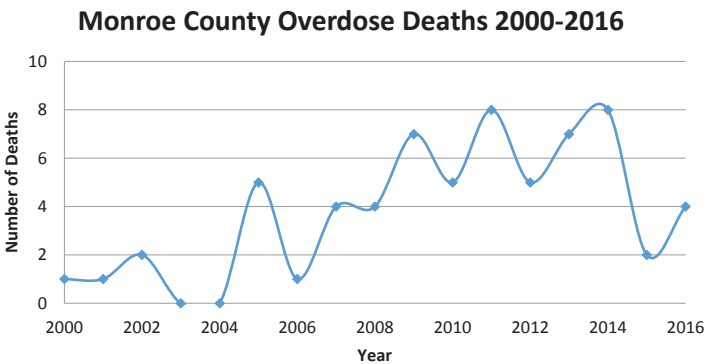
*The brand new obesity map went on to say that Rural Locations are often more obese and listed these challenges:*

- Longer travel times
- Few facilities for physical activity
- Limited healthy food options
- Lack of alternative transportation options
- Safety concerns related to isolation

(This slide from 2015-2018 data)

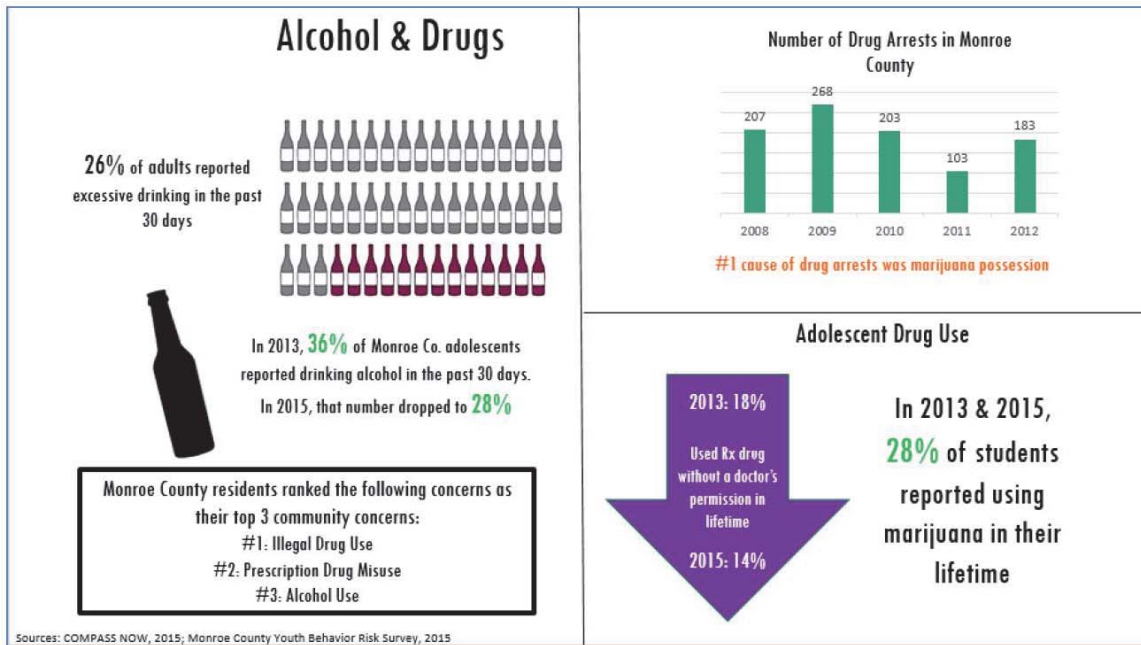


# Drug and Alcohol Use



Fatality Analysis Reporting System 2011-2015 data; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Accessed via the Health Indicators Warehouse. US Department of Health Human Services, Health Indicators Warehouse. 2006-12. Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Office of Health Informatics. Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health (WISH) data query system, <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wish/index/htm>, Drug Overdose Deaths Module, accessed 2/12/2018; Wisconsin Department of Health Services. (2016). Wisconsin Epidemiological Profile on Alcohol and Other Drug Use, 2016. Madison, WI.

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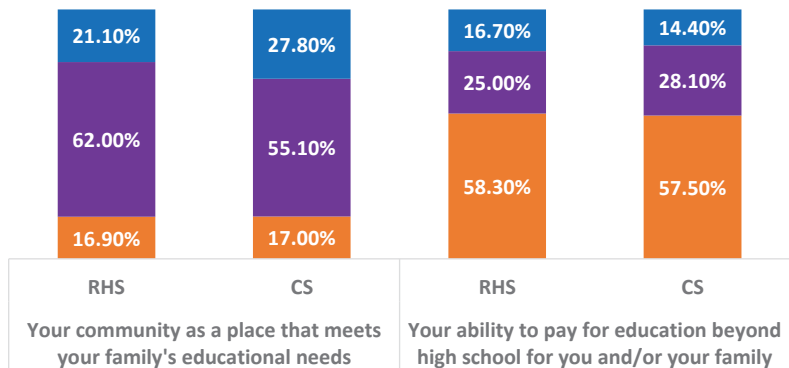


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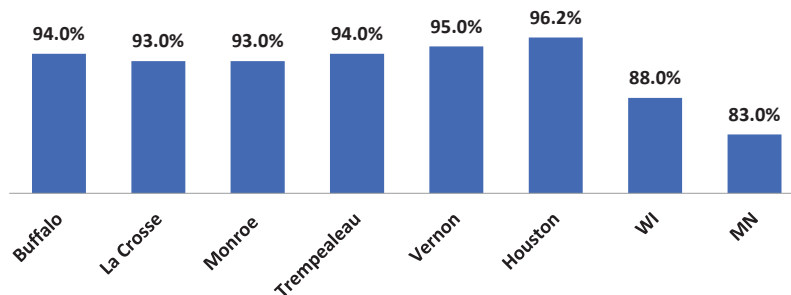
## Compass 2018 Responses

■ Poor/Fair ■ Good ■ Excellent

**11%** of African American 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in WI read at proficient or above compared to **44%** of white students.



### 9th grade cohort that graduates in four years



# Employment

## COMPASS 2018 Results

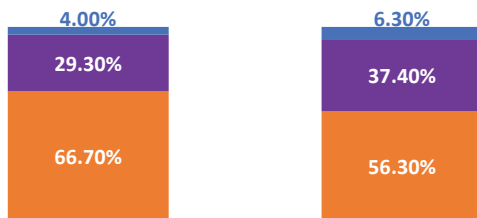
Opportunities in your job to gain additional knowledge or skills

■ Poor/Fair ■ Good ■ Excellent



Availability of jobs with wages that offer a comfortable standard of living for you

■ Poor/Fair ■ Good ■ Excellent



WI Department of Workforce Development (Bureau of Workforce training-Labor Market Information-<http://WORKnet.Wisconsin.gov>) data is from 2016; [worknet.wisconsin.gov/worknet\\_info/maps/pdf/uRatesCo.pdf](http://worknet.wisconsin.gov/worknet_info/maps/pdf/uRatesCo.pdf); U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

**2.4%**

Monroe County  
Unemployment Rate  
December 2017

**65%**

Monroe County Labor  
Force Participation Rate



# Family and Social Support

**93**

Arrest rate per 1,000 of  
Monroe County youth  
between 10-17 years of  
age

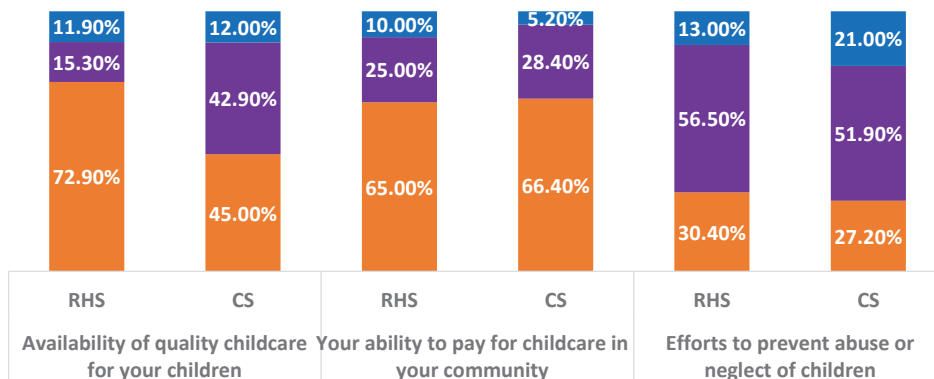


**97%**

Increase in out-of-  
home placements for  
children from 2011-  
2015.

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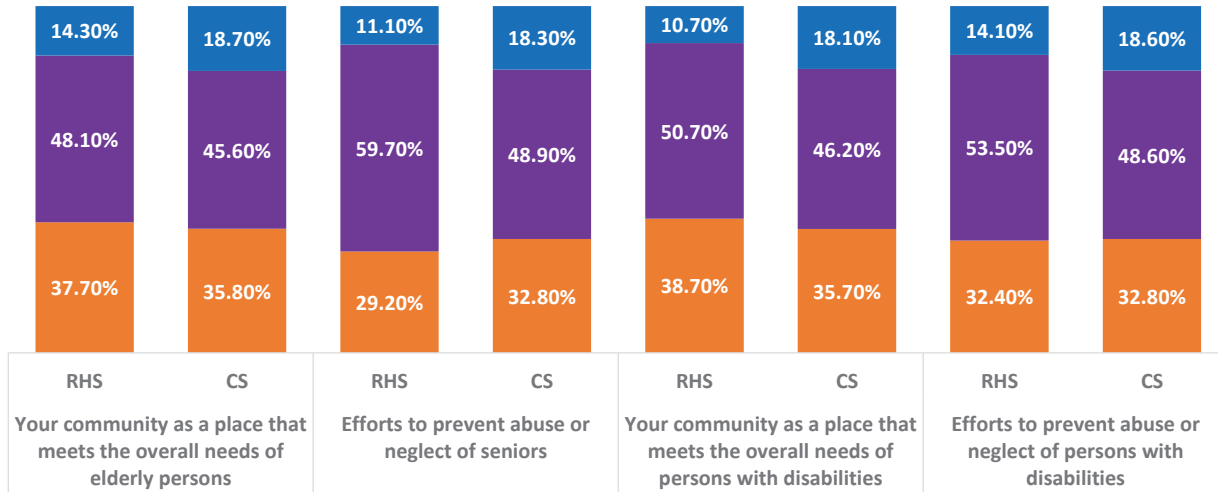
County Health Rankings; data is from 2014; Kids Count Database/Wisconsin Council on Children and Families 2015; Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Out-of-Home Care Report, <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/reports>

# Family and Social Support



## Compass 2018 Responses

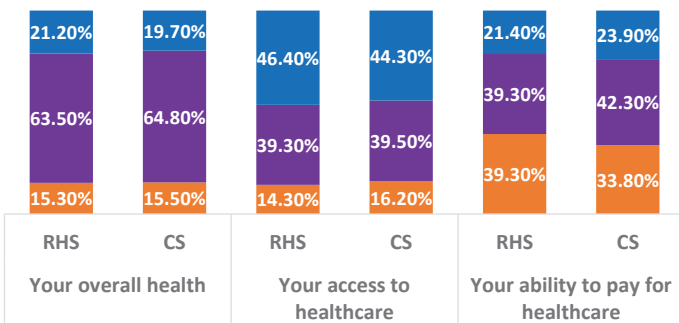
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# Health Care

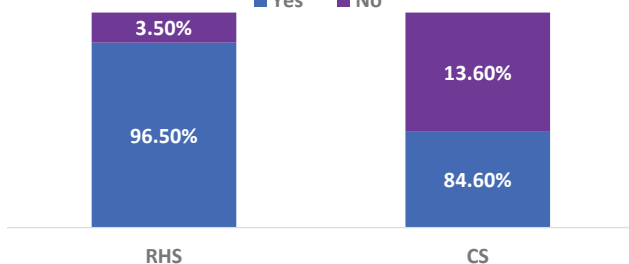
## Compass 2018 Responses

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## Does everyone in your household have health insurance?

■ Yes 
 ■ No



**1,820:1**

Ratio of Population to Primary Care Physicians in Monroe County.

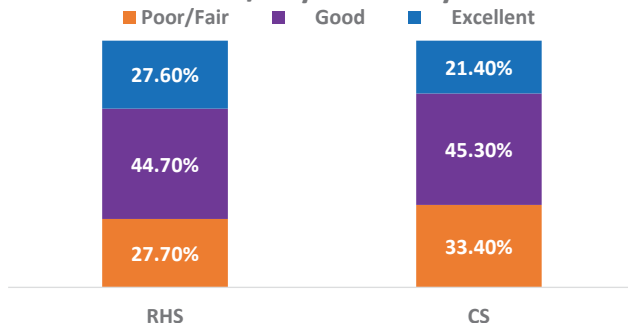
**68.4%**

Monroe County Children aged 19 to 35 months who received recommended immunizations

# Housing

## COMPASS 2018 Results

Your ability to pay for housing for you and/or your family

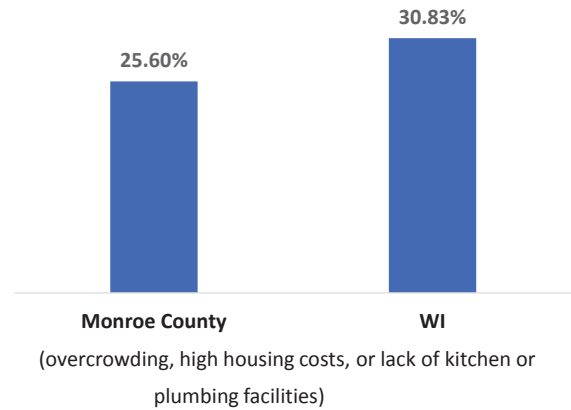


**40.3%**  
Monroe County renters paid gross rent that equaled 30% or more of household income

**32**

The number of homeless people in Monroe County on one night in July 2017

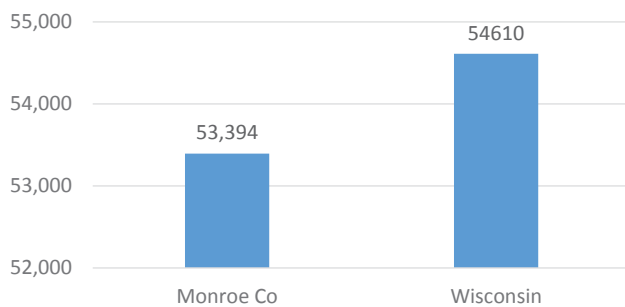
## Percent Occupied Housing Units with One or More Substandard Conditions



Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011-15. WI DHS 2015; U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Coulee Region Continuum of Care Point-In-Time County July 2017

# Income

## Median Household Income 2012-2016

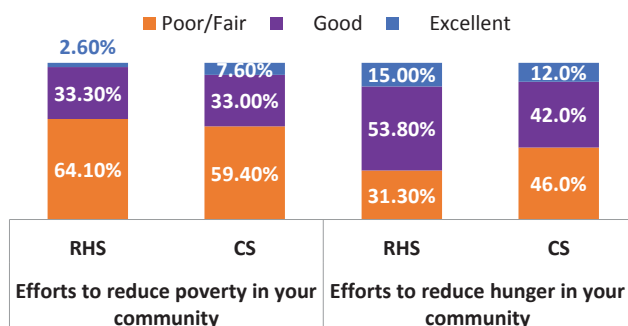


Nearly **half** of all school-age children in Monroe County are eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch

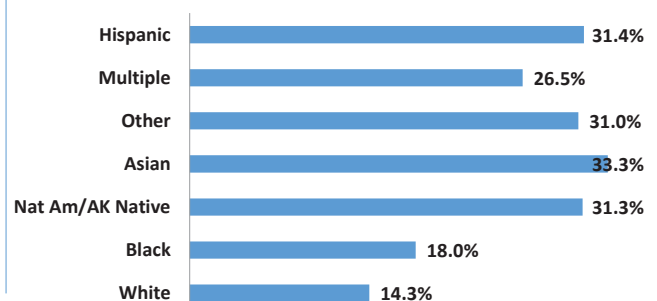


**44%** of WI adults with disabilities earn less than \$20,000 annually.

## COMPASS 2018 Results



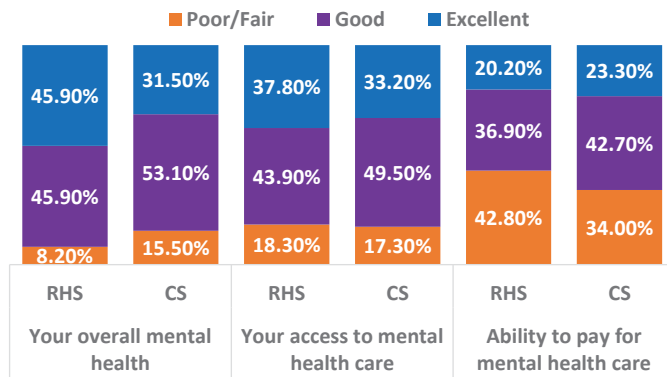
## Poverty by Race and Ethnicity in Monroe County



US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011-15. Source geography: Tract

# Mental Health

## Compass 2018 Responses



**710:1**  
Ratio of Population to Mental Health Providers in Monroe County

**138**  
Self-inflicted injury hospitalization rate per 100,000. WI rate is 99.

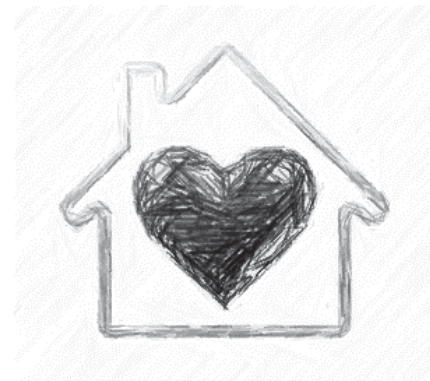
**31%** of HS students felt so sad or hopeless everyday for 2 or more weeks in a row

**19%** of HS student seriously considered suicide in past 12 months

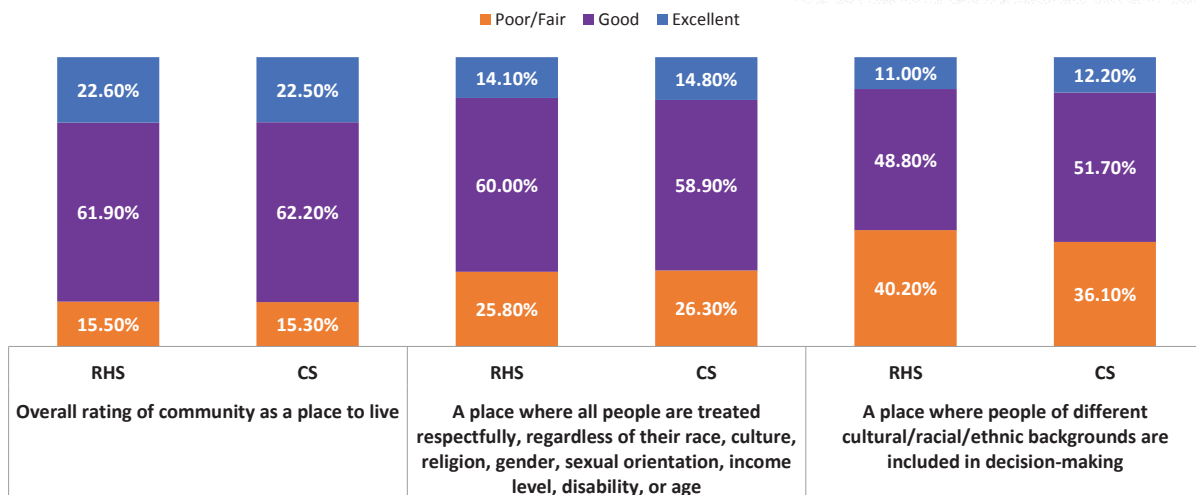
DHS. 2015; University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute; County Health Rankings 2016. 2017 Mental Health Substance Abuse Needs Assessment Draft. DHS. 2015, WI DHS, BRFSS 2008-2011 landline-only dataset

# Quality of Life

**30%**  
Monroe County people age 65 years and older live alone



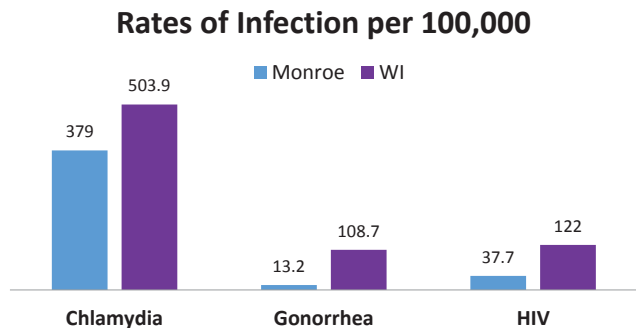
## COMPASS 2018 Results



2017 County Health Rankings; data is from 2011-2015 ACS



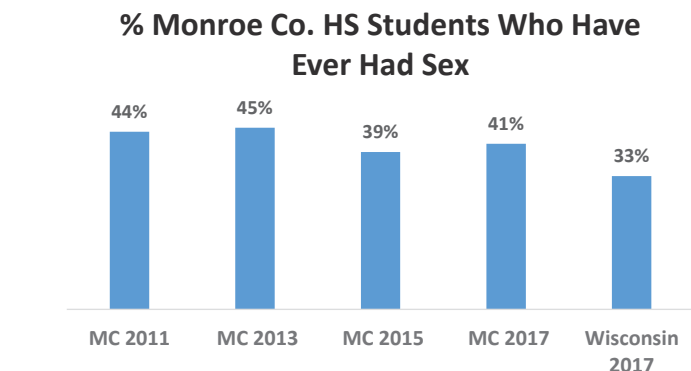
# Sexual Activity and Reproductive Health



**31**  
females age 15-19  
give birth per 1,000  
population in Monroe  
County, 2008-2014

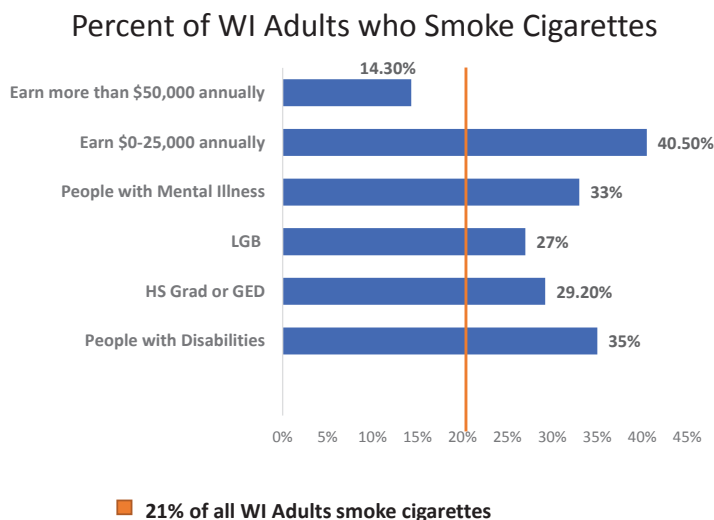
**8 per 1,000**  
Monroe County infant  
mortality rate 2007-  
2013

In WI Infant  
Mortality Rate for  
Black/African  
Americans is **14.6**



2015 CDC National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP) (via Atlas Plus) and 2008-2014 WISH (via County Health Rankings); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Additional data analysis by CARES. 2011-12. 2017 Monroe County Youth Risk Behavior Survey; 2017 Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey  
<https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/yrebs17summarytables.pdf>

## Tobacco Use



## Monroe County

- 17% of adults smoke
- 15% of HS students used an electronic vapor product in the past 30 days
- 17% of pregnant women smoke



Smoking among HS  
students dropped  
from 19% in 2011 to  
12% in 2017

Data Source: State of Wisconsin; 2011-2015 Wisconsin BRFS. [http://tobwis.org/files/download\\_file/47a3866bd556827](http://tobwis.org/files/download_file/47a3866bd556827). Wisconsin Tobacco Control and Prevention program; County Health Rankings (2012-2015 WISH); 2017 Monroe County Youth Risk Behavior Survey

# Transportation



## Compass 2018 Responses





## Summary of Monroe County Needs

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### Health Related:

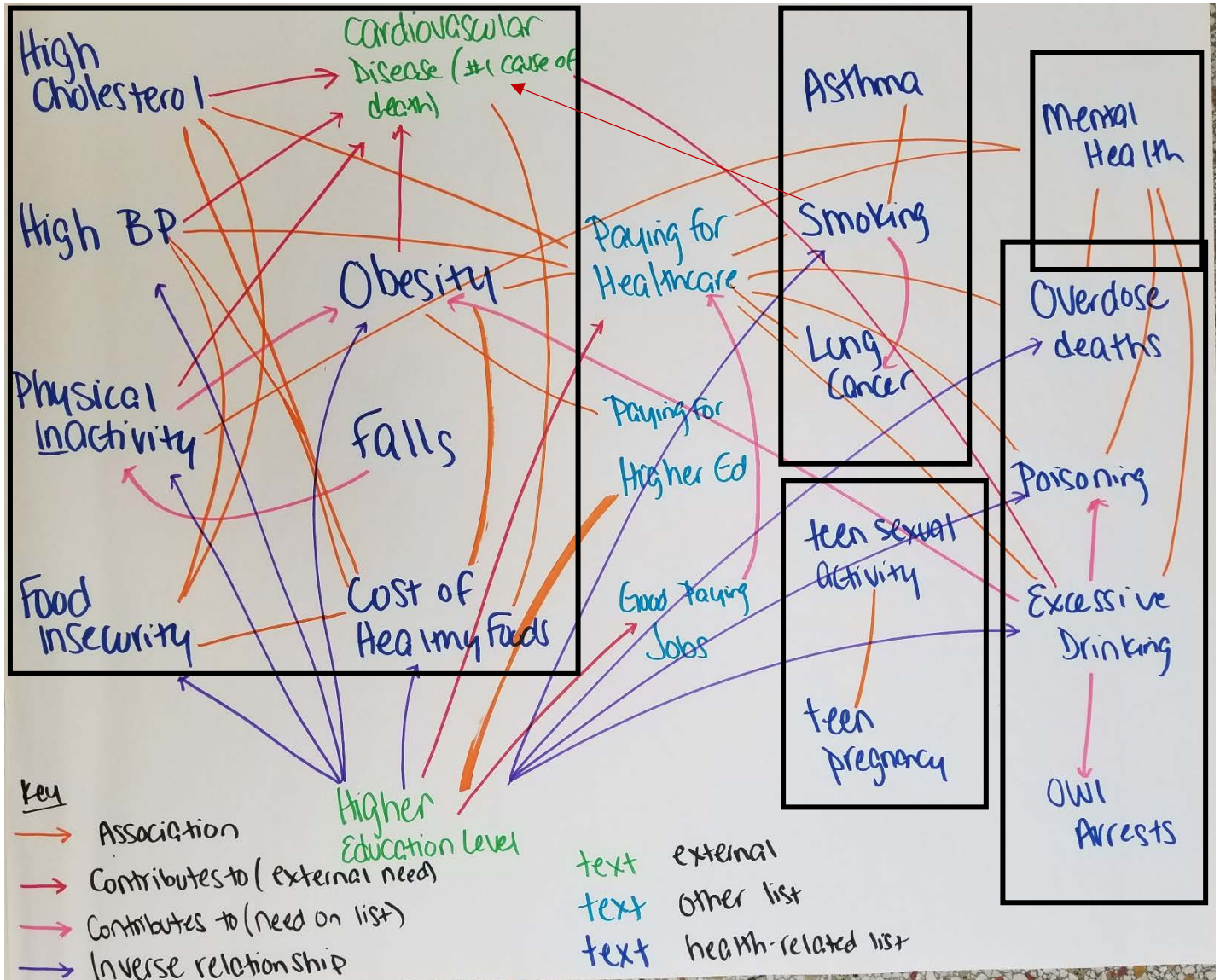
- High Cholesterol
- High Blood Pressure
- Asthma
- Lung Cancer (& Smoking Rates)
- Obesity
- Physical Inactivity (only measured in HS students)
- Food insecurity & inability to pay for healthy foods
- Rate of falls
- Mental Health
- OWI Arrests
- Excessive Drinking
- Rate of poisoning
- Death due to overdose
- Youth Sexual Activity & Teen Pregnancy

### Other:

- Availability of jobs that pay well
- Ability to pay for higher education
- Ability to pay for healthcare
- Ability to pay for childcare.
- Affordable housing (<30% of income)
- Availability and quality of childcare.
- Community meeting needs of elderly
- Community meeting needs of disabled

## Monroe County Assets

What is already being done?



For simplicity, I group these things into four to five boxes.

1. Farthest Left: Health most directly related to physical activity & nutrition
2. Center Top: Related to lungs
3. Center Bottom: Related to teen sexual activity
4. Right Top: Mental Health- which can overlap with the box below it
5. Right Bottom: Related to Drugs & Alcohol

Being done by other community organization(s)

I am doing as part of UWEX

## 1. (Cardiovascular Disease) High Cholesterol, High Blood Pressure, Obesity,

- **Physical Inactivity**
  - StrongBodies program
  - S.T.E.P.S. Walking Challenge
  - Stronger Together Program
  - Walk with Ease (MCHD & UWEX)
- **Rate of falls (Falls prevention programs)**
  - Stepping On program through Monroe County Health Department
  - StrongBodies program
- **Food insecurity & inability to pay for healthy foods**
  - Nutrition CHIP Coalition
    - Safe & Healthy Food Pantries (MCHD & UWEX)
    - CHFFF- UWEX
    - Sparta Backpack Meals Program
    - Harvest of the Month Program
    - WIC
    - Senior Meals
    - Senior Services
  - Food Pantries (7 across the county)
    -

## 2. Asthma & Lung Cancer (& Smoking Rates)

- Smoking:
  - Previous efforts made (& showed huge improvement) by Monroe County Safe Communities Coalition (now they're focusing on drugs)
  - Currently MCHD partners with the 7C's Coalition to address tobacco use in Monroe County. Kayleigh Day is the representative for MCHD and part of her job is tobacco prevention education. She's made progress with the housing authority to make those properties smoke-free, schools to include e-cigarettes and OTP in their school tobacco policies, assessed e-cig/OTP advertising at convenience stores, and various presentations.
- Lung Cancer:
  - Scenic Bluffs is involved with the Comprehensive Cancer Control program through the state.
- Asthma:
  - Not much being done in the county in regard to asthma. Some have looked at addressing it, but the emergency room visit rates are below the state average (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p0/p00719-monroe.pdf>) so hard to justify a need compared to other counties.

### 3. Mental Health

- Mental Health CHIP Workgroup:
  - Have 24-hour mental health & AODA crisis line
  - Monroe County National Alliance on Mental Illness
  - Veterans Mental Health Summit
  - Dementia Training & Caregivers meetings
  - Mental Health counseling efforts @ schools
  - Monroe County Human Services- Coordinated Services Team for Youth
- Outside
  - Taking Care of You Stress Management program
  - UWEX Physical Activity Programs
  - 2018 Teen Wellness Day (Mental Health Focus)
  - Franciscan Skemp Behavioral Health
  - Gundersen Lutheran Behavioral Health

### 4. Alcohol & Drugs (OWI Arrests, Excessive Drinking, Rate of poisoning (Including alcohol poisoning), Death due to overdose)

- Alcohol and other Drugs CHIP Workgroup
  - Mayo Clinic Health System Behavior Health Support Group
  - Monroe County Safe Communities Coalition (alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drug workgroups. Previously had smoking efforts as well)
- Other
  - West Central Wisconsin Behavioral Health
  - Franciscan Skemp Behavioral Health
  - Gundersen Lutheran Behavioral Health
  - L.E. Phillips Outpatient Clinic
  - 4-H is doing some things regarding education about marijuana and smoking

### 5. Youth Sexual Activity & Teen Pregnancy

- Resources Empowering Youth does work regarding teen pregnancy
- Essential Health Clinic provides sexual health education to local school districts, and provides reproductive health services in Monroe Co.
- Monroe County Health Department will provide STI education.

#### Not Shown on the Diagram but still a need:

1. Childcare
  - a. Availability & quality of childcare
    - i. Parenting Place of Tomah
    - ii. Parenting Place of Sparta

- iii. Parenting Place of La Crosse
    - iv. Wisconsin Shares Child Care Program
  - b. Ability to pay for childcare
    - i. Child-Care Subsidy Hotline
- 2. Housing
  - a. Affordable housing (<30% of income)
    - i. INCOME BASED
      - 1. Monroe County Habitat for Humanity
      - 2. Monroe County Housing Authority
      - 3. Sparta Housing Authority Sparta Arms
      - 4. Veterans Assistance Foundation, Inc
    - ii. EVICTION/FORECLOSURE PREVENTION ASSISTANCE
      - 1. Catholic Charities
      - 2. CouleeCap
      - 3. Families First of Monroe County
      - 4. Rural Development
      - 5. Wisconsin Works (W2) Agency
    - iii. SHELTER/EMERGENCY
      - 1. Families First of Monroe County
      - 2. Salvation Army Service Extension
    - iv. TENANT/LANDLORD MEDIATION
      - 1. Bureau of Consumer Protection
      - 2. Families First of Monroe County
- 3. Friendly Communities
  - a. Aging
    - i. Monroe County Senior Services
    - ii. Senior Sparta Meal Site
    - iii. Senior and Disabled Services
    - iv. Social Security Administration of Eau Claire & La Crosse
    - v. UWEX Physical Activity Programs
  - b. Disabled
    - i. Social Security Administration
    - ii. Aging and Disabilities Resource Center of Western WI
    - iii. Aging and Disabilities Resource Center of Monroe County
    - iv. Challenge Unlimited
    - v. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
    - vi. Independent Living Resources
    - vii. Lutheran Social Services
    - viii. Monroe County Senior Services
    - ix. Riverfront Incorporated
    - x. Senior and Disabled Services

- xi. Social Security Administration of Eau Claire and La Crosse
      - xii. Wisconsin Council on Children & Families (based in Madison)
    - c. Veterans Services
      - i. Monroe County Veterans Services
      - ii. Veterans Affairs
      - iii. Tomah VA Medical Center
      - iv. Veterans Assistance Foundation
      - v. Wisconsin Job Service
  - 4. Ability to Pay for (Childcare/healthcare/housing/etc)
    - a. Catholic Charities (St. Lawrence Community Services)
    - b. Consumer Credit Counseling Services
    - c. Families First of Monroe County



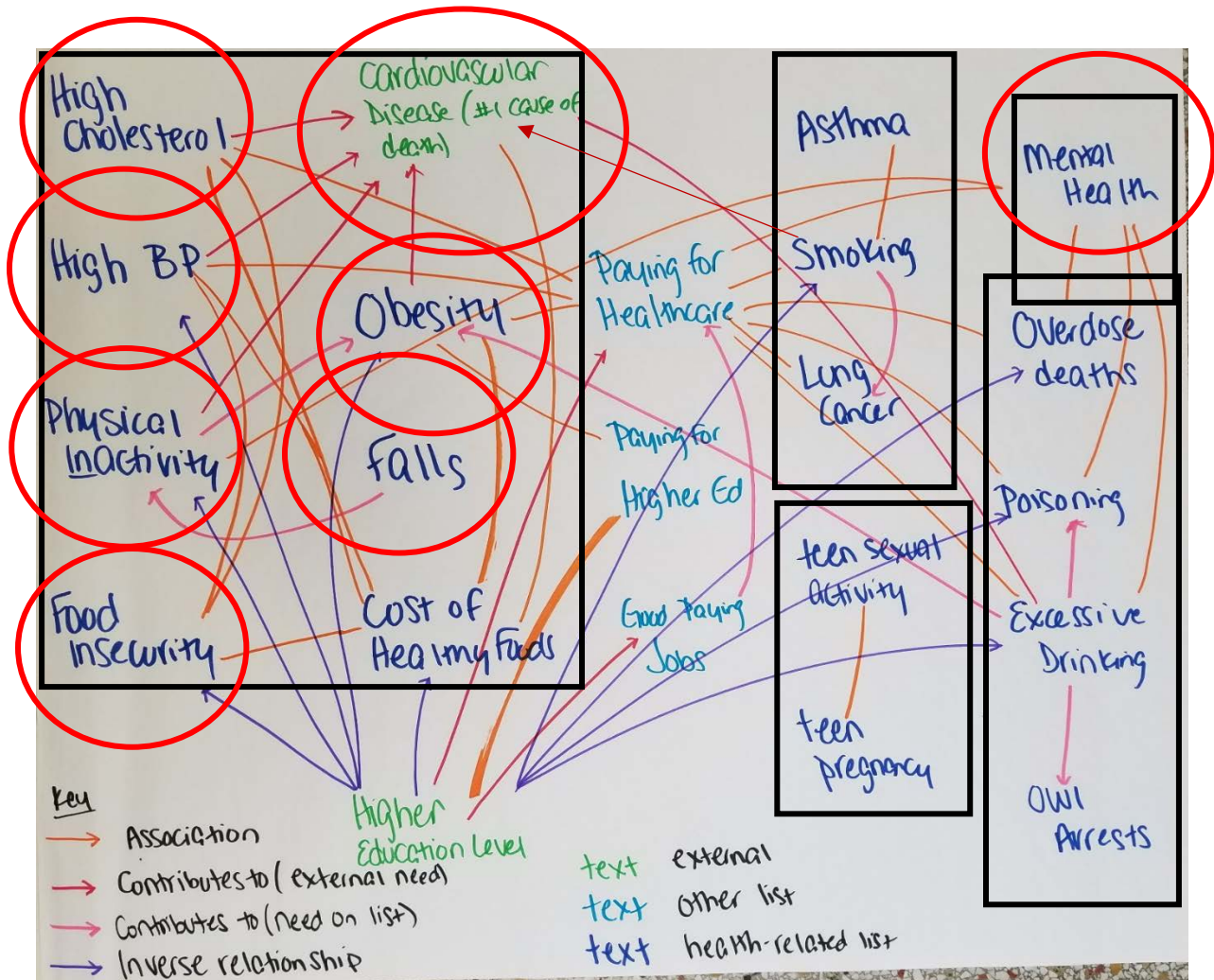
## Why are these things we should pay attention to?

Many of the needs are health-related and several of them contribute to death, including the leading cause of death in the United States; [Cardiovascular Disease](#). High cholesterol, high blood pressure, obesity, and physical inactivity have all been shown to [increase the risk of cardiovascular disease](#). To prevent death in our county and maintain thriving individuals who can contribute to the community, efforts need to be implemented to tackle the risk factors of cardiovascular disease.

In addition to cardiovascular disease increasing the death rate, these needs are also costing taxpayers a lot of money. The [CDC reports](#) that one in every six U.S. healthcare dollars is spent on cardiovascular disease each year. In 2015, [\\$555 billion dollars](#) was spent through direct and indirect costs of cardiovascular disease. Direct costs totaled \$318 billion dollars (spent on medical costs). Indirect costs totaled \$237 billion (spent on lost productivity; days of work lost by employed individuals due to CVD, home productivity loss (days spent in bed due to CVD and the need to hire housekeeping services) and work loss among individuals who are too sick to work). These numbers are rising rapidly and total cost is projected to reach over [\\$1.1 trillion by 2035](#). A percent of our paycheck goes directly to Medicare, a percent goes to state taxes, and a percent goes to federal taxes. In Wisconsin, 10% of the General Purpose Revenue Fund (of which 50% is made up from individual income taxes) goes towards medical assistance and BadgerCare. Federal taxes are also used to contribute to health care costs. In summation, a lot of our tax dollars are going towards paying for the national \$555 billion dollars spent on cardiovascular disease!

## What I'm working on:

Addressing cardiovascular disease in a multi-factorial way (physical activity, nutrition, stress reduction, etc), can help us improve the health and well-being of Monroe County residents while also saving all of us money on healthcare spending (both personally, and through our taxes).





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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

## **Agriculture Extension Highlights Update May 9, 2018 through June 11, 2018**

A Dairy Margin Protection Program Informational meeting was held at Cashton on May 9<sup>th</sup>. There were approximately 40 participants at the workshop. Dr. Mark Stephenson, UW Dairy Policy Analyst presented updates on the MPP program.

Petunia plants were identified with an virus we were not able to identify, so plants were sent to the Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic where they will continue to be grown and samples sent to specialized labs for further testing.

The starter fertilizer use on corn plot has been planted and soil sampled. This trial is in cooperation with Joe Lauer, UW Extension Corn Specialist. It compares the use of starter, at the level the farmer uses with not using starter fertilizer. It is being done in several counties around the state. The trial is side by strips in the field with and without starter fertilizer.

The hops nitrogen trial plot is underway. The initial fertilizer applications, and the petiole sampling to measure nitrogen content of the plants has been completed. Within the next 10 days the final nitrogen applications will be completed. Depending on funding we may take some deep profile soil tests. Harvest of the cones will be done in August. The trial at Tomah is on two hops varieties and there are trials at Rosholt and Waterloo of one variety at each location that match the two at Tomah. This project is part of the UW Extension Hops Working Group program. A Cashton High School Student is serving as co-investigator on this project again this year.

The student who worked on the project last year has submitted it for competition in the State FFA Science Competition.

The Ag Agent attended the annual UW Extension State Hops Summer Field Day on June 8<sup>th</sup> near Elk Mound.

The corn nitrogen rate trial is also underway. The initial sampling and fertilizer applications have been completed. Within the next 10 days we will take the first canopy color measurements and the side dress applications of nitrogen will be applied. Additional canopy color measurements will be taken up to tasseling. This project is in cooperation with Dr. Carrie Laboski, UW Extension Soils Specialist. A Cashton High School Student is serving as a co-investigator on this project again this year.

A closing wheel trial on corn planters in no-till conditions is being conducted near Tomah. The project is comparing 4 different types of closing wheels with and without pop-up fertilizer and two different down pressure levels. The trial was planted on May 18<sup>th</sup>. This project is in cooperation with Dr. Brian Luck UW Extension Ag Engineer.

The Ag Agent is working on a project to further determine needs and then develop unbiased educational materials to address management practices of the dairy x beef cross calves that are becoming very common. We are looking at this being a joint venture with UW Extension and Michigan State Extension rather than each of us re-invent the same wheel.

The Ag Agent is working on a project with Extension folks led by Dr. Paul Mitchell, Ag Economist, to re-visit grain marketing educational needs and proceed with updating and improving resources available.

The Ag Agent is working with the State Master Gardener coordinator to investigate some options for gardening education at Ft. McCoy.

Farm visits were made to address a variety of topics mostly addressing crops problems, both vegetable crops and agronomic crops. There were also a number of phone calls related to sick plants, fencing laws, and how much is standing hay worth. We made good progress toward getting the additional tractor safety videos completed.

The Ag Agent helped the Monroe County DHIA get their computer network functioning correctly at their new location.

The UW Extension Office had promotional booths at the Dairy Breakfast in the educational tent.

**Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized**

June 12- Beef Transportation Quality Assurance workshop.

June 18-20 Tractor Safety- Sparta

June 21- Silage Conference- Dubuque

July 3 Weeds Field Day- Rochester

July 10-12 Farm Technology Days- Wood County

July 25 to 29 Monroe County Fair

Aug 1 Carcass Evaluation

Aug 16- Crops Field Day- Monroe County

Fall- Beef Production Field Day- TBD

Sept 18-19 Tour group from Texas- cranberry stop

## **Monroe County**

### **Situational Analysis Questions for Committee Members**

1. What do you see as major needs in this county currently and going forward?
2. What are some of this county's biggest strengths and assets that might be relevant when we think about addressing those needs?
3. Are there any existing resources, data reports and such, you think would be critical for us to review?

# June 12, 2018 - Staff Report

Bob Micheel- County Conservationist

## LCD Business:

- Conservation Promotion – Dairy Breakfast, Stream Restoration article in the Sparta paper promoting conservation efforts and fishing opportunities in Monroe County.
- School Programs – Staff provided water quality and trout stream restoration I & E to Sparta, Brookwood and Cashton over the month of May. 45 LUNKERS were constructed by the three schools.
- Stewardship Awards Committee: Tour set for June 30<sup>th</sup> from 9-2pm highlighting the conservation efforts of the 2017 award winner's farms/properties. Nominations open for the Conservationist, Conservation Farmer and Tree Farm Awards for 2018.
- Tri- Creek Update – Land use Planning committee has set a goal of wrapping up the plan in 2018. Most of the resource evaluations complete, defining plan contents ongoing and reviewing potential plan writers. Crop damage from trespassers in the last week, tearing up renter's corn field and stream crossing. Need to control access points to eliminate issue.
- Western Area Tour – Monroe & Vernon County are working together to assemble a training session and tour for county LCD supervisors towards the end of summer/fall. Part of the tour will focus on the supervisor's role with LC Department and the Wisconsin Land & Water Association.
- Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group – Field day setup for landowners on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Fort McCoy. Plant I.D., treatment and financial opportunities will be highlighted during the day. CISMA being finalized along with an action plan for Monroe County.
- Monroe County CWD Task Force – Met recently to define an action plan for the 12 recommendations submitted to the County Deer Advisory Council. Seeking participation from Monroe County residents to populate the task force. Letter with recommendations sent to the Natural Resource Board, DNR, & Natural Resource & Extension Committee.
- Complaints – Manure stacking, water mgt. issues (basements, fields, cropland erosion) summarize complaints over the last month.

## Meeting Schedule:

- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Invasive Species workshop – Fort McCoy
- June 19<sup>th</sup> – Lemonweir River Watershed Meeting - Tomah
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Oak Brook TU LUNKERS project City of Sparta
- June 30<sup>th</sup> – Stewardship Award winners tour 9-2pm
- July 10<sup>th</sup> – Natural Resource & Extension Committee

1 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF A LAND USE PLANNER POSITION**  
2 **IN THE MONROE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**

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4 **WHEREAS**, Monroe County Natural Resource & Extension Committee and  
5 Administration & Personnel Committee request the establishment of a Land Use Planner  
6 within the Land Conservation Department at pay grade 8 effective January 1, 2019 and  
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8 **WHEREAS**, the Land Use Planner would be a long range planning resource for local  
9 municipalities by bringing together economic, social and environmental information as well as  
10 support the statutory comprehensive plans; and  
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12 **WHEREAS**, the Land Use Planner would seek and secure federal, state and local  
13 grants to cover planning cost and foster county projects; and  
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15 **WHEREAS**, this position would provide a centralized resource for all municipalities of  
16 the county that may not have the resources to implement and monitor their comprehensive  
17 plans; and  
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19 **WHEREAS**, the development of an online resource will aid transparency for long-  
20 term planning within the county and help avoid conflict among plans and litigation between  
21 municipalities; and  
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23 **WHEREAS**, this position is set to be established within the Land Conservation  
24 Department that would work closely with Land Conservation, Highway and the Sanitation,  
25 Planning & Zoning departments.  
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Monroe County Board of Supervisors  
28 that they do hereby authorize the establishment of a Land Use Planner position in the Land  
29 Conservation department effective January 1, 2019.  
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31 Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018.

32 Offered by the Administration & Personnel Committee

33 Purpose: Approve a new Land Use Planner position for 2019.

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35 Fiscal Note: Position will be paid through county levy initially for 2019 at a cost of \$90,395 with  
36 intent to use grant funding for years 2020 and beyond.  
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Reviewed as to form on \_\_\_\_\_  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Andy Kaftan, Corporation Counsel

Finance Vote (If required):  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Absent

Committee of Jurisdiction Forwarded on: \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Absent  
  
Committee Chair: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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ADOPTED  FAILED  AMENDED  
  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
  
County Board Vote on: \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Absent

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF MONROE  
I, SHELLEY R. BOHL, Monroe County Clerk, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing  
is a true and correct copy of Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_ acted on by the County  
Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SHELLEY R. BOHL, MONROE COUNTY CLERK  
(A raised seal certifies an official document)

## Monroe County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC)

### CWD Recommendations-DRAFT

(As approved for inclusion in the 4/17/18 CDAC meeting minutes)

1. Promote deer harvest levels at or below the “maintenance” level in the farmland zone.
2. Encourage CWD testing of all deer harvested.
3. Provide even distribution across the county for CWD testing drop-off sites.
4. Encourage even distribution of venison processing sites across the county to assist donation of venison to food pantries, which could increase harvest.
5. Provide a place to dispose of CWD positive deer carcasses and processed venison.
6. Provide safe disposal sites for all taxidermists.
7. Prohibit cervid farms.
8. Prohibit sale and use of urine based cervid attractants.
9. Permanently ban baiting and feeding of wild cervids.
10. Prohibit sale & use of cervid baiting & feeding equipment.
11. Prohibit cervid carcass movement into and out of county.
12. Improve information and education efforts including:
  - a. Presentations to sports clubs, schools, and municipal boards & committees.
  - b. Pamphlets
  - c. Web sites
  - d. GIS layers

Outstanding issues to be determined: 1. How to enforce county based CWD control measures? 2. What to do about agriculture products if/when a CWD positive deer is found on agricultural land?



## June 12, 2018 -- Soil & Water Conservationist's Report

### Christina Mulder

- **Activities**

- 1,300' of riprap and fish habitat was installed on Big Creek in the Sparta Township.
- Grassed waterway constructed for Steve Krueger in Ridgeville.
- 150' of riprap and a rock lined waterway for Jim Gehring was installed on a tributary of Silver Creek in Adrian Township.
- Hosted an educational booth at the Monroe County Dairy Breakfast.
- On May 21<sup>st</sup> the Sparta High School Fish & Wildlife Class came to a Beaver Creek stream restoration for a DNR electro-shock demonstration. (See pictures on back)

### Bryce Richardson

- **Activities**

- Constructed grassed waterway project (2000+ lin ft) for Muddy Elk Farms
- Began construction on a grassed waterway for Wallerman Farms.
- Multiple projects planned and waiting for contractors.
- School presentation at Sparta High and Stream shocking Demo
- LUNKER construction at Sparta High

- **Nonmetallic Mining**

- Valley Junction Sand Mine was notified of the items in need of completion in their reclamation plan. No word from the operator or consultant regarding the changes.
- Received a reclamation plan and \$925 annual fee from K & S Cranberry for an industrial sand mine in Lincoln Twp. Sec. 8 Will review reclamation plan and post public notice in Tomah Journal.
- No informational hearings scheduled for the near future. Both mines will need to meet our Nonmetallic Mining Ordinance requirements before a hearing date is set.

# June 12, 2018 -- Soil & Water Conservationist's Report



## Forestry & Parks Report (June) – Ziegler

### Forestry:

- Timber sale pre-work (2018 sales)
- Recon updates – comp 8 150 acres, WDNR
- Herbicide treatments: garlic mustard, buckthorn
- Kevin Griffin Sand Mine: Town of Lincoln
- GPS demonstrations and training

### Parks:

- Student Gov't Day Presentation
- Scott Construction completed the chip seal
- Safety Meeting: Brian Margan
- May Revenue: approx. \$35,000
- Camper Request: winter on-site camper storage
- Department head meeting

### Snowmobile:

- Maintenance approvals in SNARS



## Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group Field Day

Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 3pm  
Pine View Campground, Fort McCoy  
Rain or Shine!

- ✓ **Equipment Display** - Discussions and demos
- ✓ **Managing Your Woodlands**- Forestry chat
- ✓ **It Starts With a Map**- How to use your phone to report invasives
- ✓ **Plant ID- Invasive or Not?** Walk La Crosse River Trail
- ✓ **Timing, Calibration, and Near Water** - When, how, what
- ✓ **Invasive Management Techniques**- Chemical vs mechanical
- ✓ **Uses for Invasive Species**- Make your own walking stick
- ✓ **Funding Opportunities**- Get your treatments cost shared
- ✓ **Landowner Insights**- Successes and lessons learned with local landowner panel

For updates: <https://monroe.uwex.edu/agriculture/monroe-county-invasive-species-workgroup/>

RSVP: **Call or email Megan Mickelson for free Registration by  
JUNE 8<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot!**

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