



# Land Use Quarterly

Winnebago County Planning, Zoning, GIS and Property Lister Newsletter

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

by Jerry Bougie

Ahh, summer...that time of year to slow down and enjoy the warm sunny days and mild nights. Unless of course you're involved in construction, development, real estate or related industries where summer is the busiest time of year to get things done. And if you're busy with construction and development projects in the rural areas of the County, that means we're busy working with you.

One way we can help you with those plans is our website where you'll find a wide variety of information to get you started on most projects. You'll find fillable online applications, useful handouts with information on common zoning provisions, ordinance and planning documents, frequently asked questions and much more. Why not take a break and check out our website's helpful resources at [www.co.winnebago.wi.us/planning-and-zoning](http://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/planning-and-zoning).

And if you're one of the many people that are extra busy during the summer construction season, still try to take time out to enjoy as much of our short summer season as you can!



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**CARY ROWE**  
Zoning  
Administrator



**How long have you worked for Winnebago County?**  
37 years.

**What is your favorite vacation destination?** Fly in fishing trip in Ontario, Canada.

**What is something people would be surprised to know about you?** I was named after actor Cary Grant.

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**What was an unusual job you had?** Brush Crew - Wisconsin Public Service. I cleared power line right-of-way subject to heat, humidity, rain, poison ivy, thorns, biting flies, ticks, snakes, wasp nests, swamps and herbicide.

**What career did you think you wanted when you were in high school?** Wildlife Biologist. **Are you doing it?** No, I zoned out.

**Have you ever met a famous person? If so, who?** Yes, Dewey Bunnell at Trails End – lead singer for America Band.

**When I retire I will .....?** Hunt, fish, travel, wood-working and volunteer at church.



## DID YOU KNOW. . .

. . . that our GIS Department routinely helps save lives.

One of their super powers is supplying the Sheriff's Department Dispatchers and 911 Call Center with accurate spatial information. This means that emergency vehicles are able to respond to a scene quickly and accurately.



GIS Specialist, Dave Levine, issues and updates addresses for new construction so emergency vehicles are able to find the precise location they are needed.

GIS Specialist II, Diane Culver, generates and updates the road maps which allows emergency personnel to determine the most efficient route to an emergency.

GIS Administrator, Adam Dorn, works closely with the Sheriff's Department and the County IS Department to facilitate the programs used by the dispatchers and 911 Center so they are available in emergencies.

# PROTECT YOUR WATER



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## WHY should you care?

Water supports all life on our planet and is crucial to public health. Winnebago County borders some of the largest inland bodies of water in the state, along with many individual wetlands ranging in all different sizes. Along with Winnebago County's scenic waterways there are thousands of private wells which can be found on record with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Winnebago County's Planning & Zoning Department is at the forefront of protecting these wells, lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands from pollution. It is our goal to protect you, the environment, and the water we require for everyday use.

Speaking of pollution, did you know one potential source of pollution in Winnebago County could be under your feet? **A failing Septic System can be dangerous to your health and a potential source of pollution to the environment.**

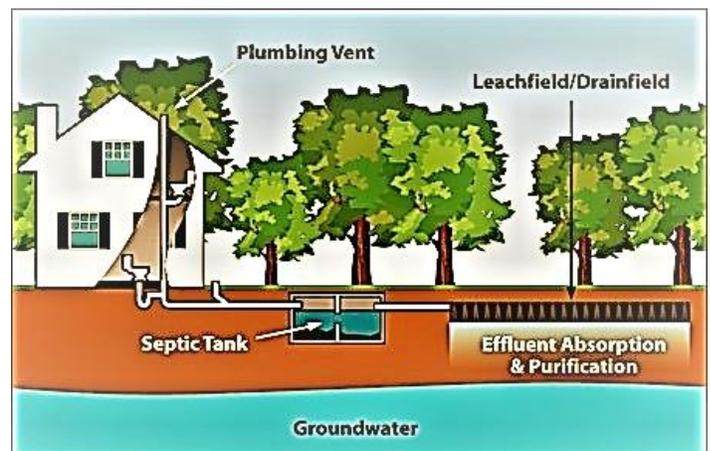
## Pollution Prevention Tips...

- Maintain your septic system by having a licensed professional pump/inspect your sewer! **(It's the Law)**
- If you see something say something... There's never a wrong time to do the right thing, public safety is critical to us... **(Yes, you may remain anonymous).**
- Protect your Buffer Zone, the more vegetative buffer, the healthier your water source. **(Less nutrients entering the water can decrease nasty algae blooms.)**
- Make sure your septic tank and drainfield are further from your well or waterbody than required. **(This will help prevent bacteria/excess nutrients from entering your well.)**
- Never flush or dispose the following items by way of your septic system: disposable diapers, bandages, rags, home brewery waste, mud, metal objects, animal bones, cat litter, egg shells, melon rinds, paper towel, feminine hygiene products, string, cigarettes, sanitary napkins, paint, automotive fluids, sticks, plastics, grease, drain cleaners, liquid fabric softeners, corn cobs, coffee grounds, large amounts of cleaning products, contraception items (male/female), and ESPECIALLY no antibiotics or medications of any type!

**There are many other items not mentioned above that should never be flushed... please remember, the less stress on your septic system the longer it will last, and the more \$\$\$ you can save.**

***"Never enter your septic system for any reason"***

**– Common Sense**



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