

Racine County LWRM Plan 2023 - 2032

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Racine County - Location



Racine County



Racine County – Statistical Information

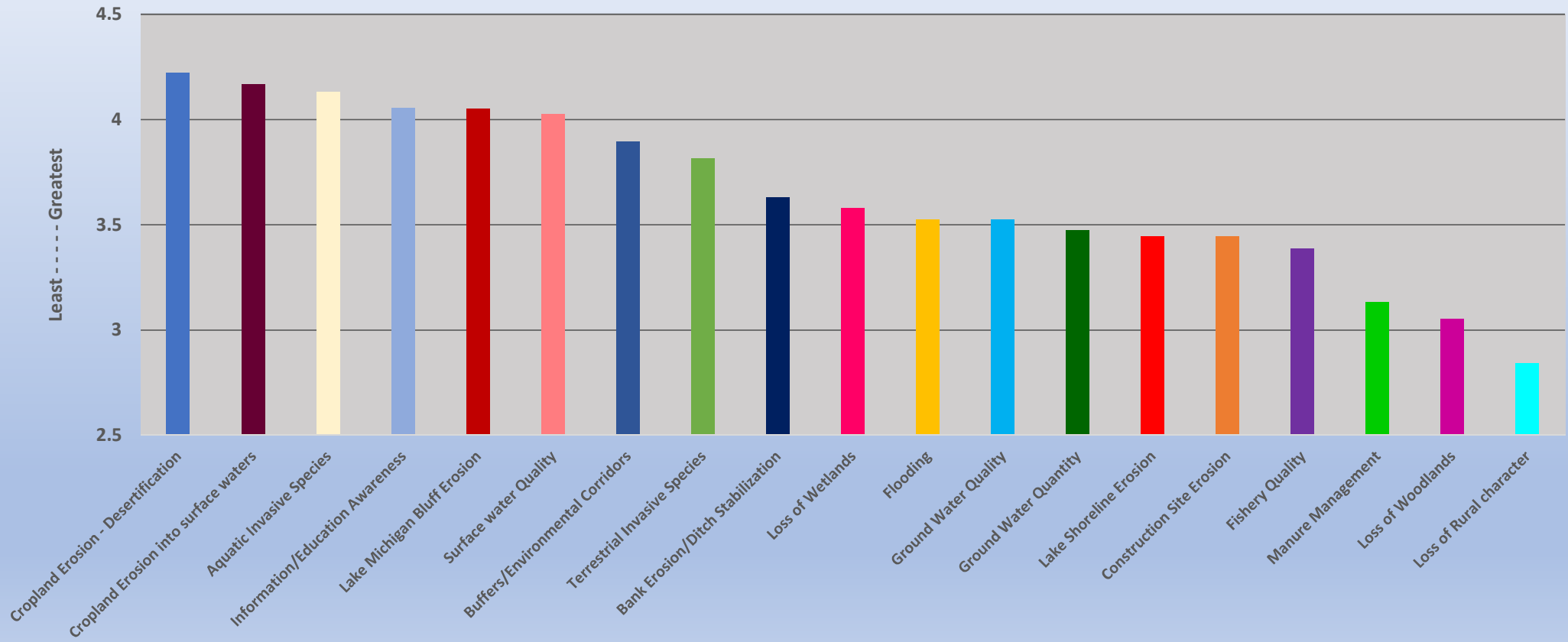
- Population 196,896 (2020 Census)
 - 5th most populous county in Wisconsin
- Total Land Base 217,936 Acres
 - Urban Land – 63,693 Acres
 - Rural Land – 150,365 Acres
 - Surface Water – 3,878 Acres
- Cropland 109,350 Acres (NASS)
 - 30th ranked County in Corn Grain
 - 23rd ranked County in Soybeans
 - 13th ranked County in Winter Wheat
 - One CAFO
 - Zero Livestock Siting Facilities
- Approximately 190 Farmers (Producers)



Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC)

- Monte Osterman, CAC Chairman & Racine County LWCD Chairman
- Chad Sampson, CAC Secretary & Racine County Conservationist
- Jesse Bennett, WI DNR
- Dave Giordano, Root Pike Watershed Initiative Network
- Tom Greil, Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County
- Brian Gunderson, Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County
- Greg Horeth, Waterford Waterway Management District
- Fred Koeller, Southeast Wisconsin Fox River Commission
- Kristin Loock, USDA Farm Service Agency
- Taun Parkers, Sand & Gravel Operating Manager
- Brandi Richter, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Jim Stute, Ag Scientist and Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County
- Melissa Warner, Weed Out! Racine
- Brian Younger, Eagle Lake Improvement Association

Citizen's Environmental Concerns – Survey Results



Goals Identified by Citizen's Advisory Committee

Goals:

1. Reduce Non-Point Source Pollution
2. Invasive Species Management and Control
3. Shoreline & Streambank Erosion Control
4. Promote Education and Awareness of Environmental Stewardship
5. Protect and Preserve Land and Water Resources

Other concerns mentioned during the planning process:

- Removal of the Horlick Dam
- Waukesha Water Diversion Impacts
- Dredging of the Waterford Impoundment

Racine LCD assisting Environmental and Agricultural Organizations

- Racine County Drainage Board
- Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County
- Waterford Waterways Management District
- Southeast WI Fox River Commission
- Eagle Lake Management District
- Root Pike Watershed Initiative Network
- Southeast Area Clean Water Network
- Eagle Lake Property Owners Association
- Bohner's Lake Sanitary District
- Glacierland RC&D



Agriculture in Racine County

- Primarily Row Crop Production
 - Corn, Soybeans, Winter Wheat
- A Few Large Vegetable Producers
 - Cabbage, Pumpkins and more
- Livestock
 - Less than 40 Dairy Herds
 - A small number of hog operations
 - Horse boarding facilities



Conservation Practices 2017-2021

- 12.93 Acres of Grassed Waterways
- 15,851 Acres of New Nutrient Mgt
- 15,000+ Acres of Cover Crops
- 48 Acres of New Grassed Buffer Strips
- 31 Water and Sediment Control Basins
- 1,233 Linear feet of Shoreline Protection
- 669 of Grassed Diversions
- 1 Barnyard Runoff Control System
- 111 Feet of Stream Crossings
- 3 Wells Decommissioned
- 10 Acres of Critical Area Stabilization
- 108,900 Feet of Subsurface Drainage



Racine County – Cost Share Requests

Bond Funding

	Requested	Received
2017	\$250,000	\$53,300
2018	\$300,000	\$72,250
2019	\$300,000	\$67,163
2020	\$300,000	\$57,490
2021	\$250,000	\$54,500
2022	\$300,000	\$55,500

SEG Funding

	Requested	Received
2017	\$140,000	\$37,000
2018	\$200,000	\$27,750
2019	\$200,000	\$45,000
2020	\$200,000	\$35,000
2021	\$200,000	\$55,000
2022	\$200,000	\$90,000

Thank You!

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