

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Planning, Development & Transportation Committee** was held on Monday, March 26, 2018 in Room 200, 305 E. Walnut St., Green Bay, WI

Present: Chair Erickson, Supervisor Kaster, Supervisor Dantine, Supervisor Sieber, Supervisor Landwehr
Also Present: Zoning Administrator Bill Bosiacki, Planning Director Chuck Lamine, Public Works – Facility Management Engineer Doug Marsh, Public Works Director Paul Fontecchio, Supervisor Joan Brusky, Airport Director Tom Miller, UW-Extension Director Judy Knudsen, Port & Resource Recovery Business Development Manager Mark Walter and other interested parties.

I. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bernie Erickson at 6:20 pm.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Dantine to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Discuss Time for Town’s Meeting at Duck Creek Public Works Department.

The committee agreed to meet at 5:00 pm

IV. Approve/Modify Minutes of Special February 21, 2018 and February 26, 2018.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public. None

1. Review Minutes of:

- a. **Planning Commission Board of Directors Transportation Subcommittee (September 18, 2017).**

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. **Transportation Coordinating Committee (March 12, 2018).**

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING (6:15 pm): Proposed amendments and map revisions to Chapter 23 Floodplains of the Brown County Code of Ordinances (see Items 5 & 6).

Zoning Administrator Bill Bosiacki opened the public hearing for potential public comments on proposed amendments and map revision to Chapter 23. There were no public comments and the hearing was declared closed at 6:23 pm.

Planning and Land Services

Land Information – No agenda items.

Planning Commission

2. **Presentation re: Brown County STEM Innovation Center Design – Dan Wiitanen, Project Architect, Somerville, Inc.**

Planning Director Chuck Lamine introduced Architect Dan Wiitanen and stated when they went through the proposal process for hiring an architect they had very qualified people that submitted. They felt like they got a really good start due to the immediate connection with the architect on a project of this nature. Somerville really understood the collaborative approach that they were trying to do with this building. They managed to come up with some design efforts and the coordination they had done was outstanding. Lamine noted, Public Works – Facility Management Engineer Doug Marsh has also been a key team member as well. The partners on the project were UWGB Mechanical Engineering Program, the Einstein Project - a non-profit educational group, UW-Extension, and Brown County Land and Water Conservation; they were the 4-tenants in the building.

Lamine informed they expected to have the construction bid documents done by May 15th, they will be posting the bid package by May 17th and bids will be due June 11th for construction. They will be coming back to this committee for bid approvals June 25th and County Board July 18th with the hope of construction starting August 1st, concluding by end of June 2019. The building will be done, open and ready for the school year starting August 26, 2019. A very aggressive schedule but they were making really good headway.

Wiitanen was present to give a presentation regarding an update on the project, where they were at with the design, giving a sense of the building they were working on.

Responding to questions from Landwehr, Lamine informed when they wrote the proposal for the \$5 million dollar state building grant, they included an element for technology business startups to access to the county's high speed fiber. UWGB was excited with the mechanical engineering program, also to be bringing in people from the computer sciences program as well as the business school and combine those people in one place and have access to entrepreneurs that were looking at business layout and startups phase. Their thought was at some point, they graduate from here, go out to the business incubator at NWTC and there they will have some manufacturing space and ultimately, if it was a technology based business, have them come back out to their Phoenix Innovation Park and do their next business expansion in their real building on this property. Their attempt was to have it intergraded with the economic development facilities within Brown County. This would be a very early initial startup space.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Dantine to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Staff vacancy report.**

Lamine provided a department vacancy report (attached).

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Budget status financial report for December 2017, January and February 2018 – Preliminary and Unaudited.**

Lamine informed they may have some revenue coming in for some grants yet; right now they were \$26,000 to go the good. Activity continued to grow and he expected 2018 to be another very busy year in terms of construction and development.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Zoning

5. **Public Hearing – Proposed amendments and map revisions to Chapter 23 Floodplains of the Brown County Code of Ordinances.**

Kaster asked to abstain as he did not receive his packet but will go over the info prior to County Board.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED 4 to 1. Abstention: Supervisor Kaster.

6. **An Ordinance to Amend the Appendix to Sec. 23.06(2) of Chapter 23 (“Floodplains”) of the Brown County Code of Ordinances.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED 4 to 1.
Abstention: Supervisor Kaster.**

7. **POWTS Maintenance Program update.**

Bosiacki informed that by 2019 they had to have every system in the county on the maintenance program. They had about 11,200 systems in the county and were down to the final 802 that were out there. They will be sending out another letter in a couple weeks. He heard there was some opposition out there and some people will wait until the last minute or until they force them to do it through Corporation Counsel’s office. He imagined the number will drop closer to the deadline.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **FEMA Draft Coastal Work Maps for Lower Green Bay.**

Bosiacki stated this went back to the 2009 FEMA Flood study that instituted the wave run-up analysis on the lower Bay, which drastically raised the flood elevations. The county didn’t agree with the analysis and voiced their concerns through FEMA. FEMA instituted a whole Great Lakes analysis. They came to Brown County last fall and presented some work maps. Those maps pretty much validated Brown County’s concerns, the flaws in FEMA’s analysis, being too conservative in their heights. Based on those work maps, it was actually coming back down to what they had in the past. With all the problems FEMA had with hurricanes, etc. the mapping program was not funded so they were looking anywhere from 5-6 years before they get their preliminary maps. The problem with that was they could not utilize them as best available data until those work maps get pushed into preliminary maps.

Erickson questioned if there was a way to expedite it, Bosiacki informed Senator Johnson was on the committee at the federal level that appropriated the funding for those mapping projects and suggested contacting him.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **Budget status financial report for December 2017, January and February 2018 – Preliminary and Unaudited.**

Bosiacki informed they hit all their targets for 2017 and were issuing more permits in 2018 so far than 2017 at this time; he expected that trend to continue. Zoning was about \$45,000 for 2017.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Property Listing

10. **Budget status financial report for December 2017, January and February 2018 – Preliminary and Unaudited.**

Lamine informed they were \$25,000 to the good at the end of 2017 and were very busy with new subdivisions and certified survey maps. They were short-staffed with the two vacancies.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Communications

11. **Communication from Supervisor Brusky re: Request the Public Works Department to look into resolution of problems resulting from tree trimming on Webster Avenue. *Referred from March County Board.***

Brusky informed she received a phone call from a 15 year Village of Allouez Trustee on March 14th who was concerned with the tree trimming done in Allouez, including two trees on Brusky's property. Brusky contacted Public Works Director Paul Fontecchio, he was very cooperative, they had good communication and he came out the same day. He has already scheduled some training of the staff for March 29 and 30th.

Brusky hadn't received any phone calls from constituents yet. The Village of Allouez's arborist had talked with one resident and received about 10 phone calls which were referred to the county. The letter (attached) from the arborist noted there was not proper tree care and maintenance practices nor communication with the village, even just for the trees in the median. He felt there should be an apology for lack of communication or miscommunication with the residents and they should be told remedies to fix some of the issues. Referring to the pictures (attached), Brusky informed some cannot be fixed. The arborist would appreciate communication from Brown County to the Village of Allouez Board, providing an update and explanation. He also felt a licensed arborist should repair the trees as best as they can, speaking to the lack of trust of the residents with having a county employee try to remediate those trees that can be fixed. Brusky informed money has been spent in the past on the valued tree affected on her property; they had a professional arborist un-girdle the roots. They felt badly about this.

Part of the reason she brought this forward was a possible need for an arborist in the county. She contacted Assistant Park Director Matt Kriese and attempted to contact Zoo & Park Director Neil Anderson and Golf Course Superintendent Scott Anthes. Kriese informed they do training of their staff and got renewal training approximately every 5 years. She was sure the staff didn't intend to do a poor job but they did. There were a number of cuts that could be redeemed. It appeared that they didn't have the training to do it. Dantine agreed that it appeared that they didn't know what they were doing.

Dantine questioned if the trees were in the county's right-of-way? Brusky believed most of them were not. Fontecchio stated the right-of-way line on Webster St. corridor was the back of the sidewalks but a lot of the branches hung over and the limbs overhung the roadway. They had to make sure there was a semi-sized hole so they weren't overhanging in front of the trucks. There was a lot of overhang over signs. It was a pretty standard practice; in the urban area they had to exercise more care.

Erickson agreed some of the cuts were done poorly but stated it was after-the-fact. It didn't look good right now but one year will go by and you'll never know it happened because trees fill out more in different spots. Fontecchio stated there was a lot of room for improvement. He provided a resume and information (attached) from Ranger Service, the firm they hired to give their guys some extra training, especially in the urban areas. Ranger Service will come Thursday and Friday to do some in-office training and then go out to Webster St. to see if they could do some corrective action. Going forward they will make sure guys are trained annually or bi-annually and they always had their spring and fall training days. They do a lot of their trimming in the wintertime.

Brusky stated some probably don't know that this happened on their property, as she would not know but it did damage the tree and it had entry for all kinds of bacteria and some will not heal properly and the life of the tree probably will be shortened for some of these. She contacted Corporation Counsel to see if the county had insurance and they can submit claims. She felt this was a public relations issues and she felt a lot of people were angry. Brusky felt there needed to be some sort of apology. She didn't feel good about someone coming back to her property to fix a tree they messed up unless there was a professional arborist with a county employee. Going forward, many trees could be improved.

Judy Knudsen informed that their Horticulture Educator Vijaikuma Pandian would be willing to do some training. He and their master gardeners do a number of pruning classes and worked very close with the certified arborists and if there were any trees that had issues, he could come out and take a look at them. Erickson suggested coordinating that with Fontecchio. Knudsen furthered, last year they started chainsaw safety classes for cutting trees and they brought the DNR in to do 2-3 day classes; that might be an opportunity for some of Fontecchio's staff to learn proper techniques in regard to which branches to cut, etc.

Kaster stated they had issues in the Village of Bellevue and people aren't happy when you mess with their trees. Some of these look like they are on private property. Fontecchio stated that they had not been flooded with a ton of phone calls from private landowners at the Highway Department. Staff did go knock on doors and talk to people. There was another group out there as well cutting by wires so it wasn't 100% Brown County forces. There was a mixture of cutting going on.

Landwehr had a feeling this wasn't the first time this happened. He recommended Fontecchio writing up something to formalize it and put it into policy and bring it back. Secondly, if they did have an arborist go out there, which he supported, they may want to type up some sort of letter telling people that they had been there with an arborist and if they had any

questions to call. Fontecchio informed they were preparing door hangers. Brusky wasn't given an option to cut it herself and didn't know they were coming and didn't know that it was done afterwards.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to put this on next month's agenda as a follow-up and a tree trimming policy to review. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **Communication from Supervisor De Wane re: For the County to help pay for street upgrades on E. Mason for the Natureway Expansion (Curb, cuts, etc.).**
- a. To refer to staff; motion failed.
 - b. Receive and place on file. *Referred back from March County Board.*

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Port & Resource Recovery

13. **Port Annual Report – Request for Approval.**

Port & Resource Recovery Business Development Manager Mark Walter informed 2017 was a pretty good year.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Dantine to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. **Renard Island End-Use Design RFP – Request for Approval.**

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Dantine to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. **Director's Report.**

Walter briefly spoke to the Hazardous Material Recovery Facility building modifications and the possibility of adding a third collection day or two extra hours on Thursday. He informed of their annual Port Symposium and briefly spoke to the filling of two new people in their department: Clerk/Typist and Resource Recovery Technician. They had one staff person out on short-term disability and will have an intern coming on in April from one of the area universities.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Airport

16. **Unaudited Year-end Airport Financials.**

Airport Director Tom Miller stated their financials turned out real well considering the slight decline in passenger traffic, they still added about \$400,000 to their fund balance for the end of the year. A lot of it would go back to the 2013-2014 time period when they took a look at the fund balance and how they were eating into it as the economy was on a decline. They hired a financial consultant to look at the various revenue streams and to analyze whether or not they were at market for airports their size as far as what tenants were being charged. For the tenants being undercharged, they made an effort to increase their revenue stream and create some new ones to help them get their fund balance built back up and they had been successful in doing that.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. **Departmental Openings Summary.**

Miller spoke to the report in the agenda packet material.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. **Director's Report.**
a. **Over 12-Hour Shift Report.**

Miller informed there were no 22 hour shifts this month.

American Airlines announced they will add an additional flight out of Green Bay starting in the fall. That will bring them up to 5-round trips to O'Hare; they will be utilizing a 70 seat aircraft which had 2-class configuration, first class and coach. Next month United will add an additional flight to O'Hare utilizing a 76 seat aircraft, again 2-class configuration. All the additional capacity was because of that battle United and American had going on at Chicago and they were 5-7 day a week flights.

Passenger traffic for the first two months was up almost 12% compared to a year ago. A lot of it had to do with the capacity increase they talked about towards the end of 2017. Miller prepared a graph (attached) to show the increases. This was weekly year over year increase in traffic. They had been able to verify for the month of February, through passenger's IP addresses on their smartphones that about 500 passengers who had utilized General Mitchel in the past had come back through Green Bay and had gone out of Austin Straubel.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UW-Extension

19. **Budget Status Financial Report for December 2017 and January 2018 – Unaudited.**

Knudsen noted they will be in good shape for the end of the year; in the black.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20. **Resolution re: Change in Table of Organization for U.W. Extension Teen Market Garden Coordinator – LTE.**

Knudsen informed they received a grant from the Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation. They had been doing a Teen Market Garden program the last couple years with the Boys and Girls Club. They had a conversation last summer with Brown County Human Services with their independent living staff who worked with the teen foster care youth as well as Shelter Care and they were interested in having the program so they were able to get funding to hire a part time coordinator to work with Shelter Care and the independent living program to work with the teens to garden. There was already garden space at Shelter Care and they will get some raised beds to put in there as well. As in the past, the teens had been able to sell their produce and determine what to do with their proceeds. Some they donate and some they did something for fun. That was their goal this year as well. It taught them about horticulture, growing their own food and may spark an interest to look at a career. There was a huge shortage of people going into the horticulture profession right now. It taught them about marketing and managing money and where their food came from.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Dantine to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21. **Director's Report.**

Knudsen provided copies (attached) of their Brown County UW Extension 2017 Highlights/Annual Report.

Breakfast on the Farm was June 17th at the Dairy VandeHei Farm, north of Wrightstown. This will be one of their larger farms.

Their Horticulture Educator Vijaikuma Pandian organized a landscaper's conference probably close to 30 years where they had taken four afternoons in the winter and landscapers came in for training. This year they decided they were willing to put more money into training and wanted something more comprehensive so they did a two day event down at Liberty Hall in Kimberly where they invited landscapers from Door County all the way down through Winnebago County. The first day they had 84

participants and the second day they had 135, not including speakers. Landscapers paid for speakers to come in from out of the area and it was very well received. They already decided to do it next year but needed to find a larger venue to accommodate all the vendors.

They were renewing community garden plots and as of last week they had 140 out of 200 gardeners renew their plots. They had them throughout the county and it was an opportunity for gardeners to grow produce. 70% of their gardeners self-identity as being either low or moderate income so it helped their food supply.

They were going to have a press conference on Thursday to announce a partnership with Microsoft and the national 4H counsel. This occurred last fall but they hadn't been really been able to say anything about it. They had two 4Hers and their 4H Youth Development Agent go out to Microsoft headquarters. They picked six states and eight counties and they were one of the counties. The project that they were engage in, they had been serving youth serving organizations and middle schools in the county to find out what sorts of STEM programming they were offering so they can look at what was being offered and where the gaps were and how do they work towards addressing the gaps.

They had done 13 poverty simulations by the end of April; last year they did 12 all year. They did get some funding from the Community Foundation to buy a new kit. Their kit was completely worn out as they had been using it for 10-years and that she will bring next month as a budget adjustment.

The horticulture calls started today, they had 10 by mid-afternoon and walk-ins. Lots of lawn issues this year, not much moisture, not much snow cover and they had moss issues last year and they were going to have more this year.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Works

22. **An Ordinance to Amend Section A of Section 340.0003 of Chapter 340 of the Brown County Code of Ordinances.**

Fontecchio informed the committee basically passed this last month; it was the ordinance for approval to then go before County Board. Landwehr stated they had a contingent on one side and one on the other and they were both very vocal and the fact that they don't mention anything or call it out as County J speed limit in the agenda, it was a bit of an issue. He asked that when they forward this on to full County Board that it be added into the title.

Erickson stated they spent about \$1,600 to change the signs and now they were spending about \$1,600 to change it back up. It was done per Hobart's wishes and direction and now they were wishy washed on it. He suggested writing something into this that Hobart be responsible for \$1,625 as they did it on good faith the first time.

Landwehr felt this always seemed to be full one way or full the other way on the distance of it. From the FF intersection, the 4-way stop there to the west, he had no argument with it. But from that way back to RK, going through hills and winding, he personally felt it should be 35mph. He would split it in half. Fontecchio noted that they were going to recommend what was based on the engineering study and they factored in public opinion to a degree. There were always two contingents of people. Erickson suggested putting the charge back to the town and if they want to bring it back down to 35mph they can put the request in again. It was a fair suggestion but no one had brought it up to the committee.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to leave 35mph from FF to RK and increase the speed limit from FF west to Hidden Trail to 45 mph.

Motion by substitution by Supervisor Sieber to add, amend Section 2 that states this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication pursuant to law and payment to Brown County of \$800. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23. **Summary of Operations.**

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24. **Director's Report.**
a. **Over 12-Hour Shift Report.**

Fontecchio informed they had a couple concrete panels on south Webster Street that sunk out and couldn't find why but they fixed them.

The temporary morgue building, they were pretty much done with their work by the end of the week and then they had to work with the Medical Examiners to get it moved in. The cooler was in there and it was coming along and pretty much done.

The North yard at Duck Creek, all permits were approved from Village of Howard and the DNR so that was underway. They spent the day today starting to pull all the stumps out of the ground. Next they will be building a pond and a berm, etc.

Their new mechanic started today.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Register of Deeds

25. **Budget Status Financial Report through March 2018 – Unaudited.**

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

26. **Acknowledging the bills.**

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Dantine to acknowledge receipt of the bills. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

27. **Such other matters as authorized by law. None.**

28. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to adjourn at 8:11 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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CHUCK LAMINE, AICP

PLANNING DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 26, 2018
TO: Planning, Development & Transportation Committee
FROM: Chuck Lamine, Planning Director *Chuck Lamine*
RE: Planning & Land Services Department Vacancy Report

The following reflects the status of vacancies in the Planning and Land Services (PALS) Department so far in 2018:

<u>Vacancy</u>	<u>Status</u>
Principal Planner	Position vacant June 15, 2017. Table of organization change by budget replaced with two Senior planner positions.
Senior Planner (General Planning)	Promoted Devin Yoder January 15, 2018
Senior Planner (Housing)	Promoted Todd Mead January 15, 2018
Administrative Secretary	Hired Cecelia Runyon March 12, 2018
Real Property Lister	Vacant April 4, 2018 recruitment initiated
Central Services Specialist	Vacant recruitment initiated
Planner I (Housing)	Vacant recruitment initiated
Planner I (Transportation)	Vacant recruitment initiated

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STEM INNOVATION CENTER



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PROJECT PURPOSE

- Elevate STEM awareness in wider community
- Create wider-community strategic partnerships
- Respond to increased need for employees with STEM skills
- Promote STEM professionals who help build communities
- Create incubator/accelerator entity and develop entrepreneurial skills
- Address the need for a critical mass of STEM skilled people in one location
- Provide catalyst for larger research & innovation park
- Create a one-stop location for STEM related issues, STEM resource sharing and STEM networking
- Promote pre-k, k-12; higher education and adult education STEM tracks
- Develop business & recreational components for wider community
- Attract new STEM talent and keep existing STEM talent in Brown County
- Create demonstration projects such as: outdoor gardens, green tech, conservancies, crop demo, and water quality
- Strengthen the manufacturing sector; Combining manufacturing with environmental science



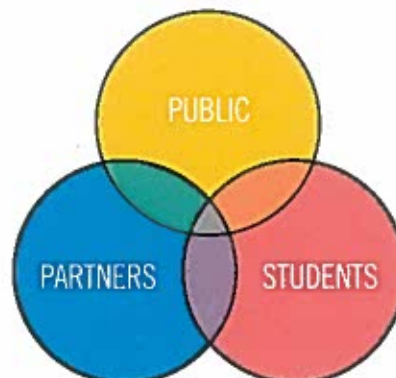
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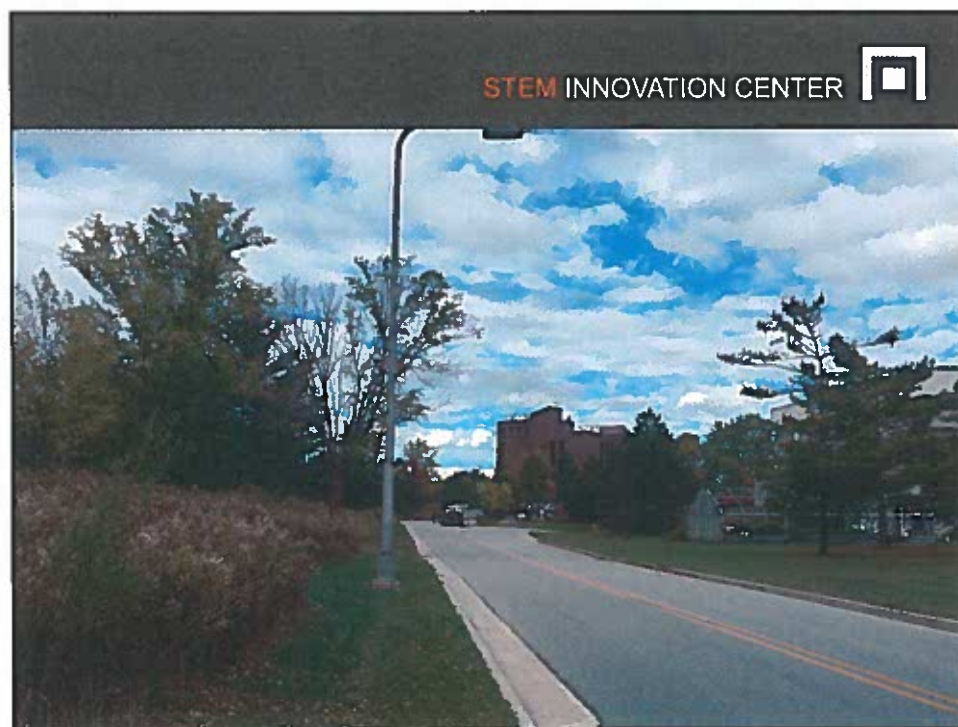
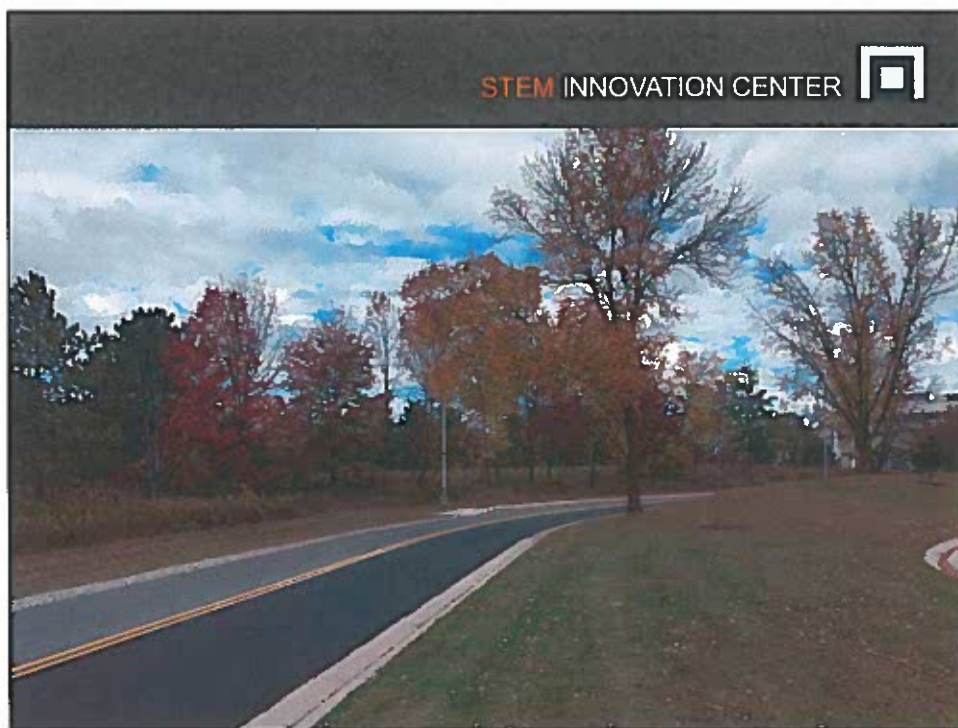
- House UW-Extension, UW-GB Engineering, Brown County Land & Water Conservation and The Einstein Project
- Collaborate with other wider community partners such as NWTC, SCORE, Jr. Achievement, proto maker space and local area k-12 school districts.
- Increase collaboration among partners in the facility, as well as with partners in Northeast WI
- Create an inviting environment designed to engage people in addressing changing community needs related to STEM
- Create space that will lead to creative innovative thinking, collaborative problem solving and foster entrepreneurship
- Maximize opportunities for shared or flex space throughout the building and share physical resources
- Master plan the facility and site for future facility expansion and additional site functions

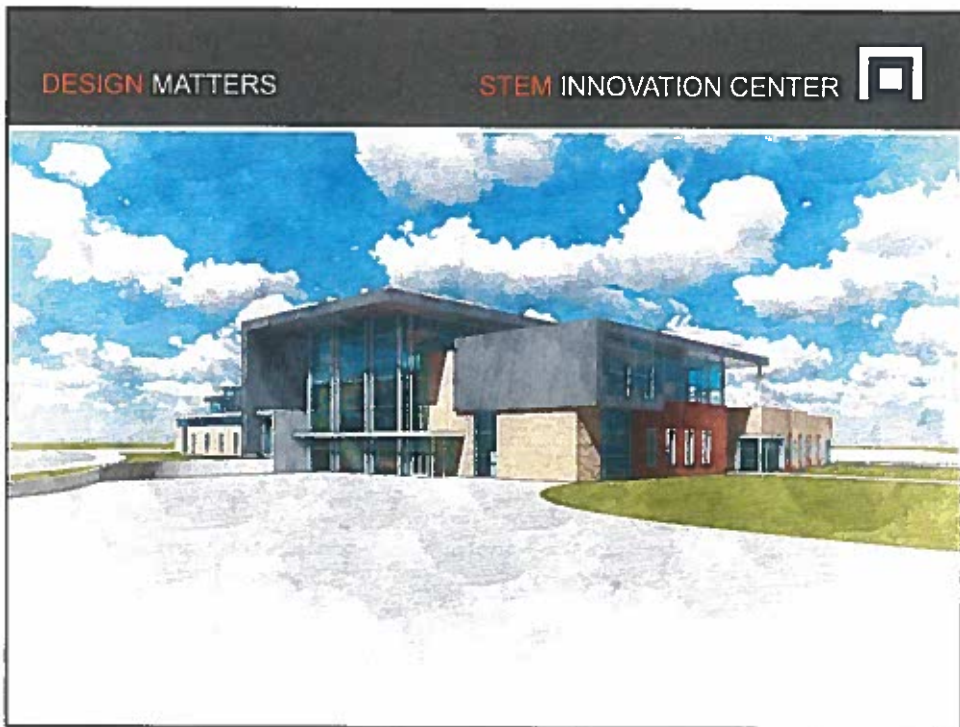
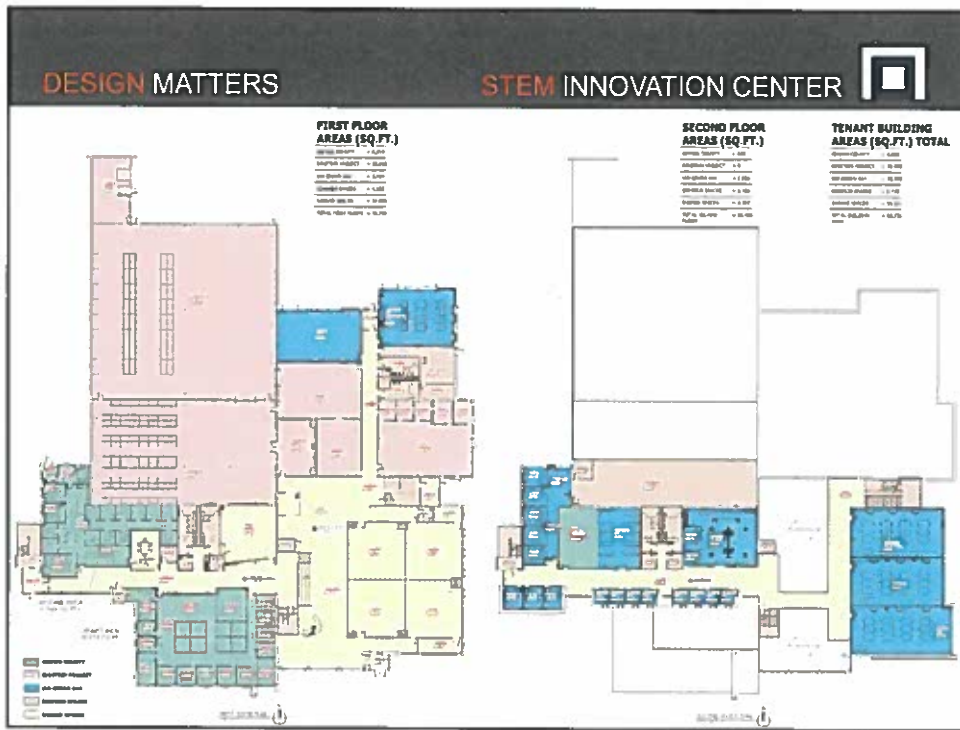


SITE PLAN GOALS

- Public and Commuters (driving/parking) - Visibility, Accessibility
- Students (walking) – Access and Accessibility
- Trucks/Delivery Access and (lack of) Visibility
- Opportunities for outdoor space
- Gateway to the Phoenix Innovation Park – Visibility
- Working with Existing Grade Conditions









From: Chris Clark
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 2:44 PM
To: Joan Brusky (brusky_im@co.brown.wi.us) <brusky_im@co.brown.wi.us>; Joan Brusky (joan_brusky@gmail.com) <joan_brusky@gmail.com>
Cc: Brad Lange <brad@villageofallouez.com>; Lynn Green <lynngtrustee@villageofallouez.com>
Subject: Webster Avenue Tree Trimming

Good afternoon Joan,
I would like to start off by again thanking you for working with Brown County DPW and Trustee Lynn Green to find a solution to the tree work that was performed by the county staff in Allouez. As you know, the work that was performed was not well received by many of the residents of Allouez and was not proper tree care and maintenance practices. I would like to suggest a few ideas or solutions to remediate some of the tree pruning issues and resident perceptions and concerns.

We at the village have maintained all of the trees within the Webster Avenue right of way (street trees) for a long time and would be happy to continue to do so along any of the county designated roads in Allouez. We would have appreciated some communication from the county if we knew that the median trees needed work. We have trained staff and equipment to properly take care of these trees and had just pruned those trees within the last two years but would have scheduled it again if needed.

I would suggest that the county reach out to the residents along Webster Avenue and any other routes that the tree work was performed. Communication goes a long way and a letter explaining the need for the work, an apology for lack of or miscommunication, and the remedy to fix those issues, as well as a staff training plan to gain back the trust of the village residents. It might also be a good idea for someone at the county to communicate with our Village Board to give them an explanation and an update on what the plan will be.

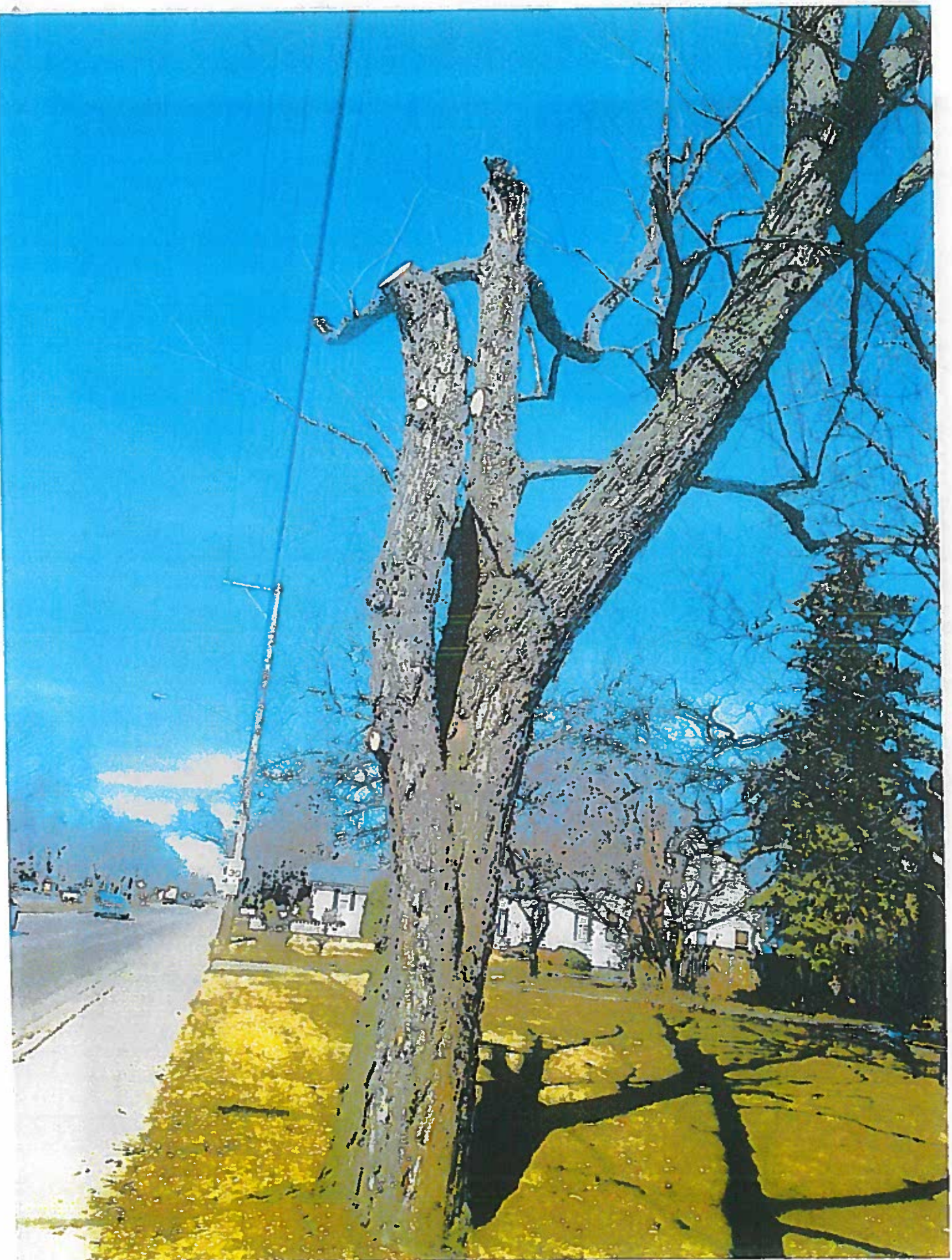
I would also recommend contacting a certified or licensed arborist to go back and repair the trees as best they can, with prior notice to the property owners of course. I would doubt that any of our residents would trust to have county staff do any of the work at this point. Much of the work that is fixable, is removing long stubs by cutting the branch off back to the branch collar (proper pruning cut). Unfortunately some of the issues are not fixable, such as bark tearing down the trunk and flush cuts. The bark tears and flush cuts typically will not kill a tree but may pose long term health or structural issues such as internal decay. I do want to make a point that the Village of Allouez has an oak pruning ban that goes into effect April 1st and runs until July 31st. The pruning or wounding of oak trees is not allowed during that time period to protect our oak trees from the oak wilt disease.

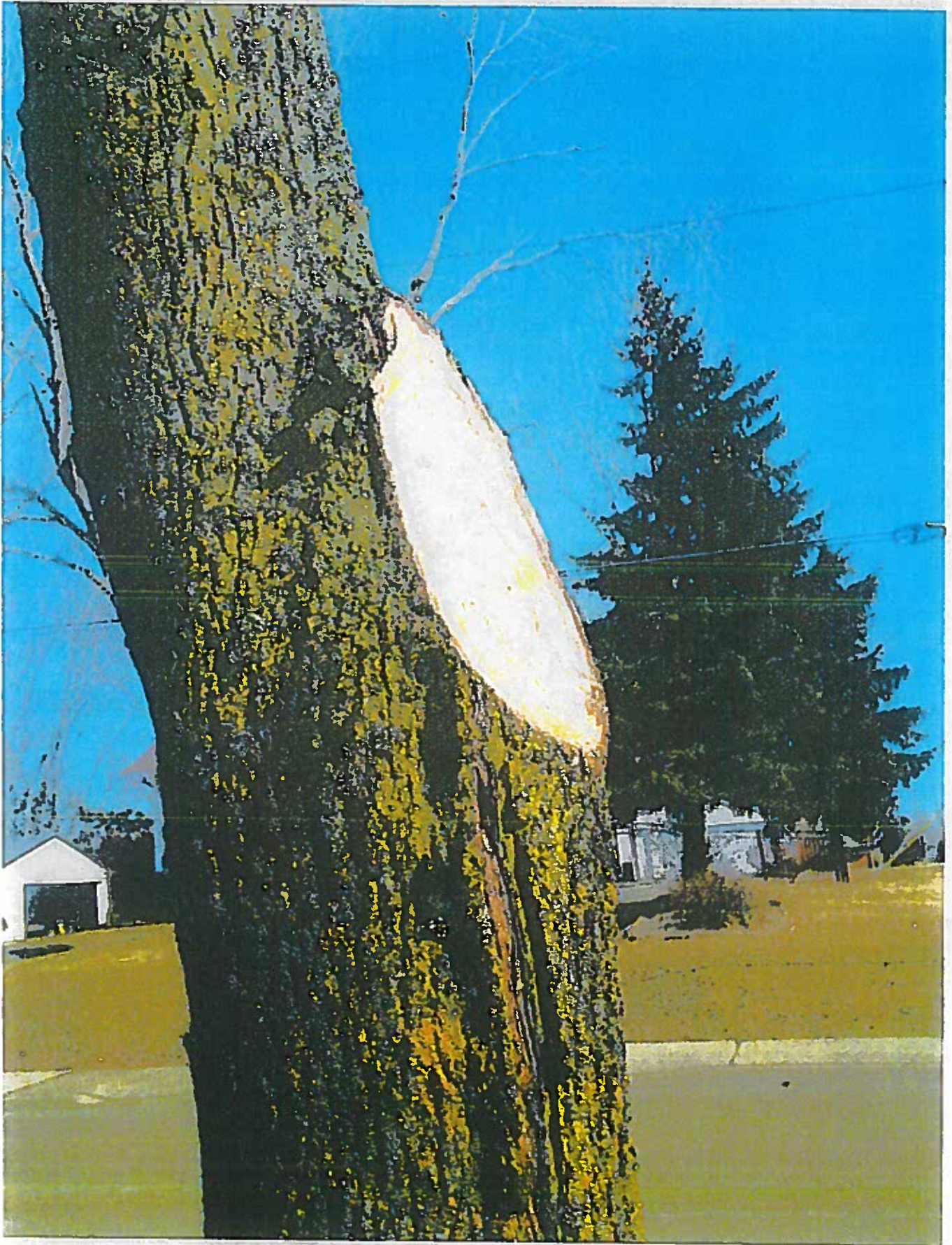
If the county's plan is to continue this type of work in the future, I would hope that they look at sending some of their staff to training. There are plenty of opportunities for tree maintenance training from hands on seminars and workshops to interactive web based video. A call to the UW Extension office or the local DNR Urban Forestry staff in Howard could assist them with training opportunities. They could even bring in a professional arborist for part of a day to go over the basics.

I do understand the need to make sure that the infrastructure and roadways are properly maintained and safe for motorists, and that maintenance is the responsibility of the DPW department. However making sure that the job is done correctly is very important. In this day and age, perception is reality and social media can have a much greater impact than in the past. Proper training can go a long way, not only for the good of the trees, but more importantly for the safety of the staff. Thank you again for contacting us at the Village and working to come up with some solutions. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like my assistance with anything further.

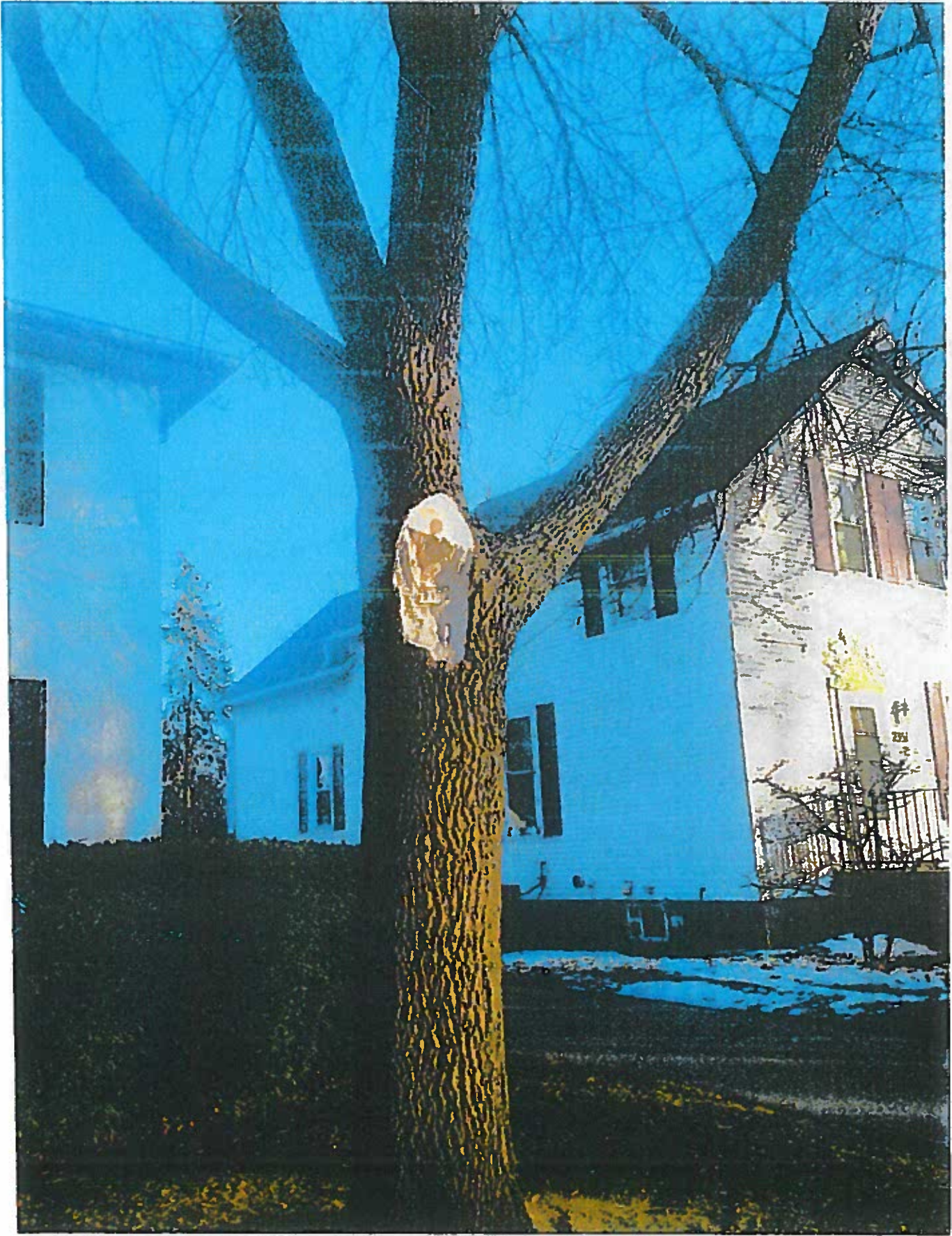
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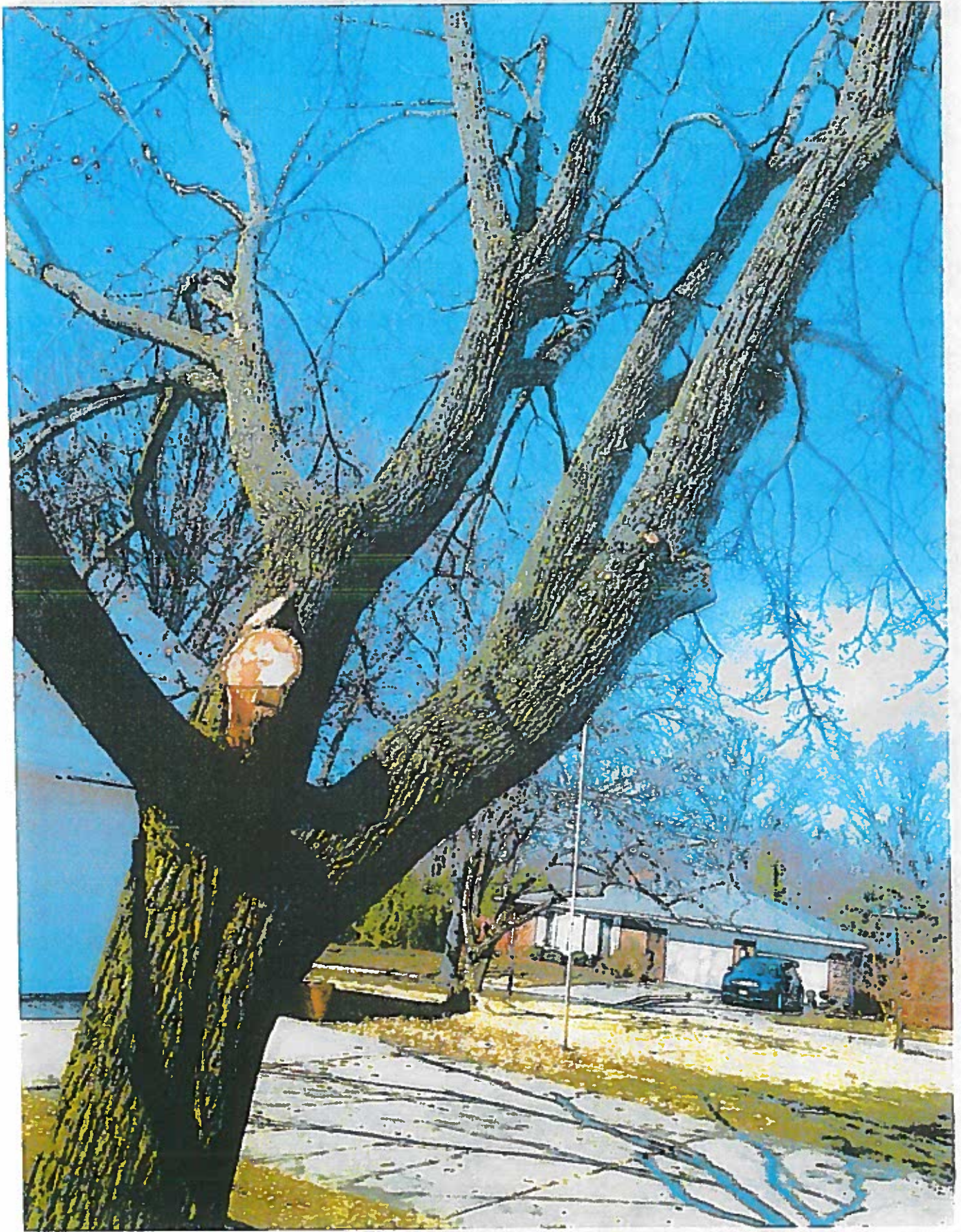














Biography - Daniel R. Traas

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Dan Traas is the President of Ranger Services Inc., Appleton, Wisconsin. Ranger Services has been in operation for 31 years providing Urban Forestry consulting, training and Arboricultural services for academic, municipal, commercial and residential clientele. He has been working in this field for over 38 years.

Dan has conducted over a 1500 tree care workshops, seminars, and public education classes during this time to a vast audience to government agencies, universities, botanical gardens, professional associations, communities of all sizes, school groups, private businesses, and special interest and civic groups: He has developed courses as an adjunct instructor of Urban Forestry for **Mid-State Technical College**. He has developed the Plant Health Care course as an adjunct instructor at **Northeast Technical College** in their Landscape Horticulture program. He is an adjunct instructor at **Fox Valley Technical College** in their Landscape Horticulture program and developed their Urban Forestry Technician Certificate

His presentations focus on practical tree care and knowledge. He includes his audience using tree samples, audio visual, anecdotes and humor, with displaying and encouraging a passion for trees. He has authored a number of articles in professional newsletters.

Dan is a native of West Bend, Wisconsin. **In 1981 Dan graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point** with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry, with an emphasis in Urban Forestry and Forest Recreation. He has a **MS degree in Education with an emphasis in Adult Professional Studies from Capella University, 2010.** He is an active member in a number of professional organizations and associations:

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Member: International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)
Wisconsin Arborist Association (WAA)
Board of Directors: 1986 - 1990
President: 1989
Distinguished Service Award: 1999
Honorary Lifetime Membership 2010
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National Arbor Day Foundation
American Forests Association
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Established: 1988

Located: Appleton, Wisconsin

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Honorary Master Gardener Calumet County, WI

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Member: Professional Advisory Committee

Northeast Technical College, Green Bay, WI; adjunct instructor; Landscape Horticulture Program.
Chair: Professional Advisory Committee

Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, WI; adjunct instructor: Landscape Horticulture,
Urban Forestry

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Cities

1. City of Algoma
2. City of Appleton
3. City of Beaver Dam
4. City of Berlin
5. City of Chilton
6. City of De Pere
7. City of Eau Claire
8. City Fond du Lac
9. City of Fort Atkinson
10. City of Kaukauna
11. City of Lake Mills
12. City of Madison
13. City of Manitowoc
14. City of Marinette
15. City of Menasha
16. City of Milwaukee
17. City of Muskego
18. City of Neenah
19. City of New London
20. City of Oconto
21. City of Oshkosh
22. City of Stevens Point
23. City of Two Rivers
24. City of Watertown
25. City of Waupaca
26. City of Wautoma
27. City of West Bend

28. Village of Amherst
 29. Village of Cambria
 30. Village of Combined Locks
 31. Village of Denmark
 32. Village of Elkhart Lake
 33. Village of Francis Creek
 34. Village of Germantown
 35. Town of Hobart
 36. Village of Kimberly
 37. Town of Lawrence
 38. Village of Little Chute
 39. Village of Luxemburg
 40. Town of Madison
 41. Village of North Fond du Lac
 42. Village of Sherwood
- ## **Government/Educational/ Associations**
43. Audubon Society
 44. Illinois Landscape Contractors Association
 45. Illinois Arborist Association
 46. Indiana Arborist Association
 47. International Society of Arboriculture
 48. Wisconsin Arborist Association
 49. Wisconsin Golf Course Supt. Association
 50. Wisconsin Master Gardener Association
 51. Indiana Dept. of Natural Recourses
 52. Midstate Technical College
 53. Milwaukee County

54. Purdue University
55. Student Society of Arboriculture, UW-Stevens Point
56. UW-Extension
57. UW-Extension, Dane County
58. Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
59. Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation
60. Chicago Botanical Garden
61. Mid Am Horticulture Show

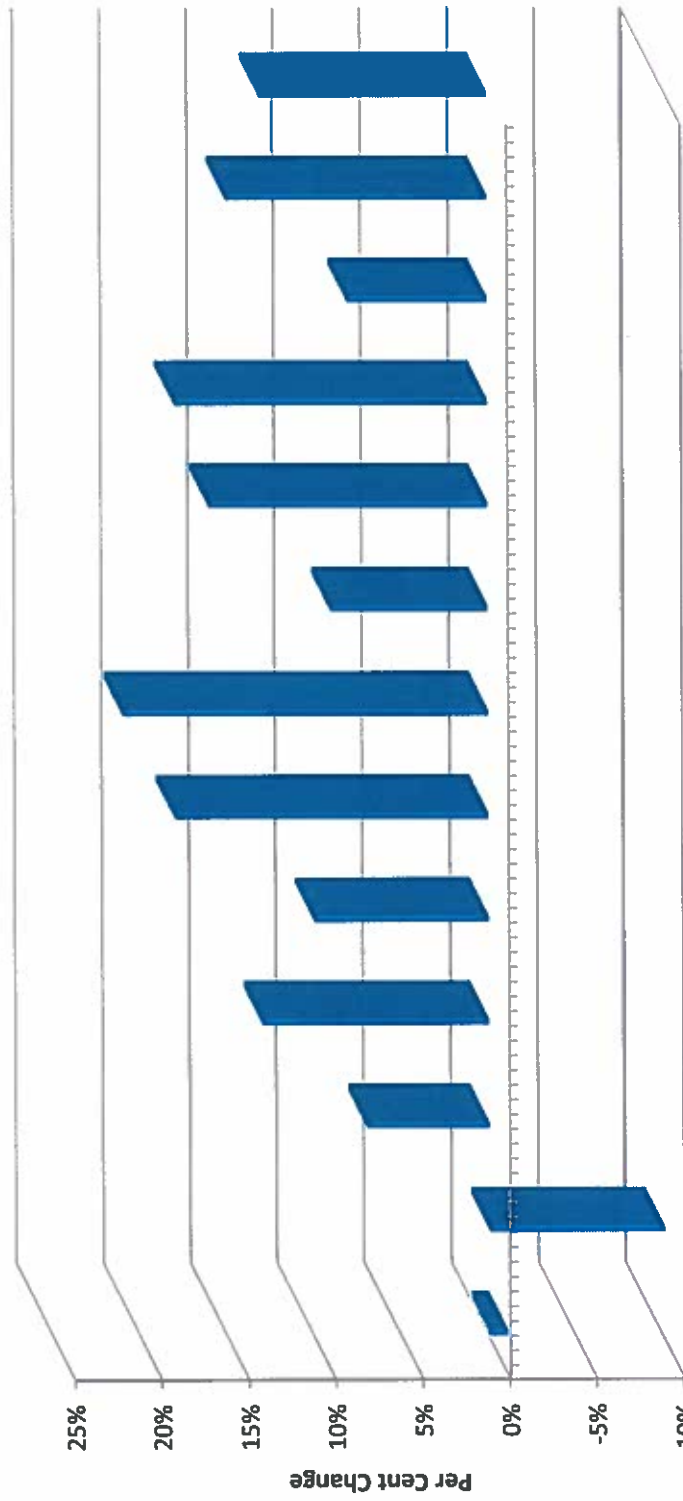
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62. American Family Insurance
63. Coldwell Banker Real Estate Management Group
64. Hendricksen Care of Trees
65. Jewelers Mutual Insurance
66. Madison Gas & Electric
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72. Wisconsin Public Service

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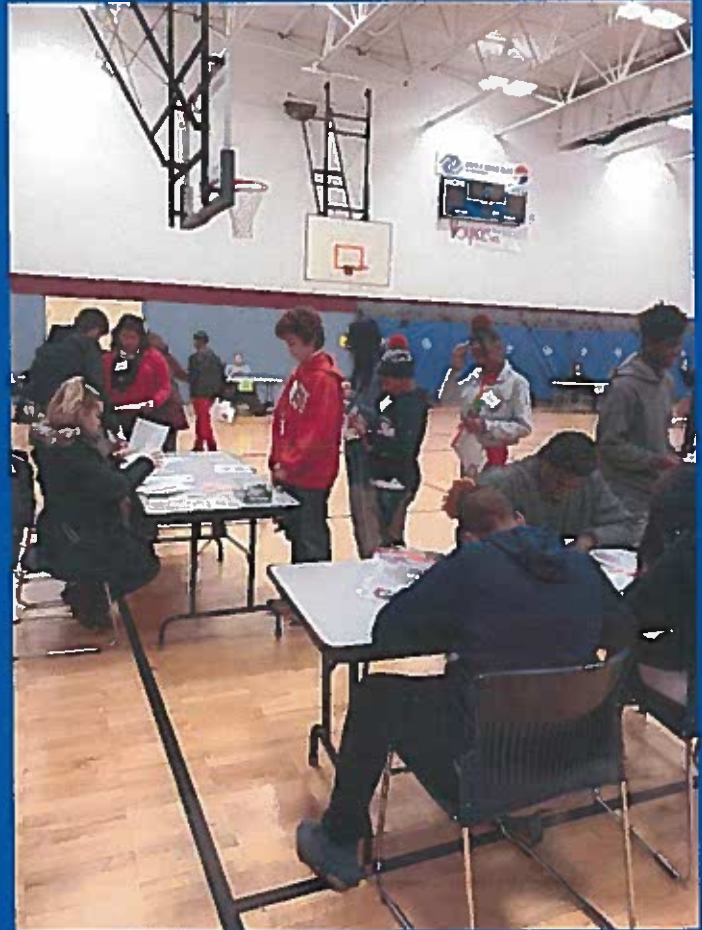


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Brown County UW Extension

2017

Highlights





Purpose **to which we commit....**

WE TEACH, LEARN, LEAD AND SERVE, CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, AND ENGAGING WITH THEM IN TRANSFORMING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES.

Vision **of what we want to become....**

A THRIVING, WELL-KNOWN AND SOUGHT-OUT EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE THAT REFLECTS THE RICH DIVERSITY OF THE

Mission

THE BROWN COUNTY UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EXTENSION TRANSFORMS LIVES AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH UNIVERSITY RESEARCH, KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES IN THE AREAS OF AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY, NATURAL RESOURCES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FAMILY LIVING, HORTICULTURE, AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.



Brown County UW-Extension Celebrates 100 Years

2017 marked the centennial anniversary of University of Wisconsin-Extension, Cooperative Extension in Brown County. On April 1, 1917, Brown County UW-Extension hired its first agriculture agent – A.E. Carncross. Over the past 100 years, Cooperative Extension has been a bridge between University of Wisconsin institutions and county residents. Educational programs have grown with the county and kept current in meeting public need. Let's take a moment to look back at some formative highlights and exciting opportunities in the horizon.

As the first Brown County Cooperative Extension agent, Mr. Carncross, specialized, not surprisingly, in agriculture. He set the stage for a reputation of public service, creating a bridge between the research and expertise of UW institutions. He worked with farmers to improve soil quality. Quickly more agents were hired. They educated youth and adults on how to grow better quality corn, raise poultry, and preserve food. By 1920, youth members of Brown County's corn, potato, poultry, bread and canning clubs were exhibiting their projects at the Northeastern Wisconsin Fair.

Cooperative Extension tailors its programs for the times. For example, during World War II, agents instructed Brown County residents on how to make the best of supply shortages and food rations with classes on breathing new life into the family wardrobe, food preservation and preparing meals with canned and stored food.

And Cooperative Extension kept on growing. In 1979, the popular Master Gardener program took root in Brown County. Later, in 1996, Brown County UW-Extension Community Garden Program began.

Work with youth has been updated too. During the 2016-2017 school year, 4-H offered after-school programs at 11 Green Bay elementary schools as well as robotics sessions and year round STEM programs. The FoodWise program encourages youth and adults to eat more healthy vegetables, fruits, grains and low-fat dairy products.

The future of Cooperative Extension in Brown County is bright as Brown County UW-Extension is delving into urban farming. Other programs include human resource training for farm managers and agribusiness professionals who supervise employees; Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programming for youth; and simulations to educate professionals about challenges faced by individuals and families with limited financial resources.

What's more, Brown County UW-Extension is scheduled to relocate in 2019 to the newly constructed STEM Innovation Center to be located on the UW-Green Bay campus. This facility will also house the new UW-Green Bay School of Mechanical Engineering, The Einstein Project, and Brown County Land and Water Conservation.

This annual report provides a sampling of programs conducted in 2017 by Brown County UW-Extension staff.



Community Gardens Highlights

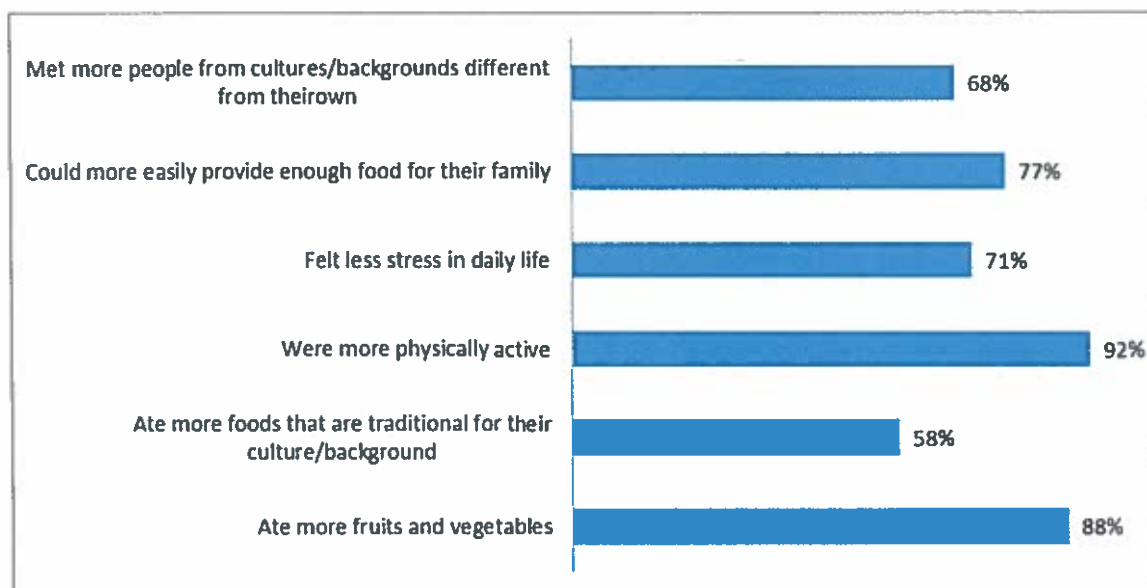
2017 Update

In 2017, the Brown County UW-Extension Community Gardens Program had a productive year.

- Offered 300+ rental garden plots at 10 locations to over 200 diverse households who raised nearly \$300,000 of produce.
- Opened a veterans' garden for growing and healing in partnership with the Green Bay Vet Center and Green Bay Packers Give Back Program.
- Oversaw a youth farmers' market program in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Green Bay.
- Worked with volunteers to establish Friends of the Community Gardens, an endowment to support community gardens.
- Increased fresh produce donations at local pantries through the Planting for a Purpose program, a partnership with the Green Bay Packers Giveback Program.
- Partnered with New Leaf Foods and local volunteers to sell, build, and install 127 garden boxes through the Green Bay Garden Blitz
- Collaborated to author a white paper summarizing the program's history and impact, available at goo.gl/uvY7ve

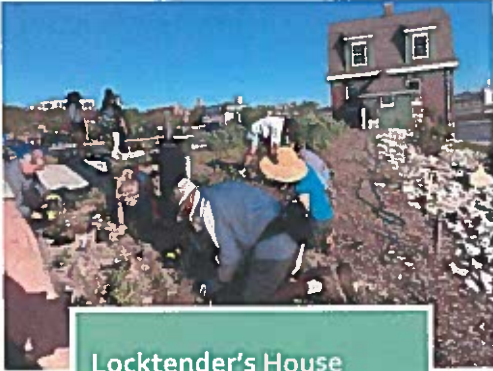


Responding 2017 gardeners (n = 76) said that, because they participated in the community gardens program, they:



Horticulture Highlights

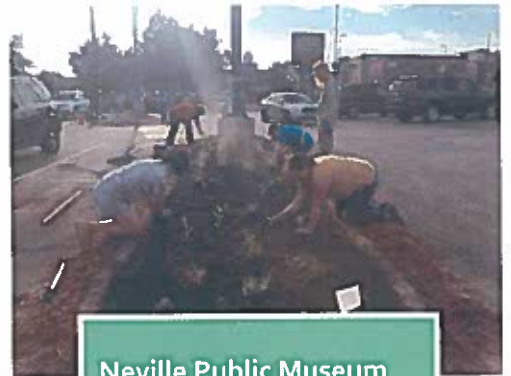
NEW Master Gardeners Beautify Brown County



Master Gardeners are volunteers with the University of Wisconsin-Extension who help educate the public about gardening and natural resources. Being a Master Gardener is about helping deliver meaningful community programs to improve the well-being of individuals and communities, to protect natural resources, and to help others learn how to grow fresh fruits and vegetables. It's about working in tandem with University of Wisconsin (UW)-Extension staff and other like-minded volunteers to make a difference, so Brown County is a great place to live, learn, and work. Currently there are 122 Master Gardener volunteers in Brown County.

In 2017, they contributed 4,200 hours of volunteer time. Many of their efforts focus on beautification and/or educational efforts in Brown County. In 2017, Master Gardeners worked on the following projects:

- Aging and Disability Resource Center of Brown County: Raised Bed Gardens
- Brown County Library (Central Location): Children's Garden
- De Pere Locktender's House: Native Plants Garden
- Green Bay Botanical Garden : Gardening in Small Spaces Garden
- Heritage Hill Tank Cottage: Garden
- Neville Public Museum: Native Plants Garden (new in 2017)
- St Mark Lutheran Church: Square Foot Garden
- St Philip Parish: Garden
- Unity Hospice: Garden
- YMCA (Howard): Square Foot Garden
- Rose Trial Garden: at former Brown County UW-Extension Location
- Bob Mongin Perennial Garden: at former Brown County UW-Extension Location
- Square Foot Garden at former Brown County UW-Extension Location



Urban Tree Diversity

In partnership with the NEW Master Gardener Association, the Brown County UW-Extension Horticulture Educator obtained \$10,000 grant through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) urban forestry program to increase tree diversity, canopy cover and educate proper tree care practices in Brown County.

Two tree planting sessions were organized by the NEW Master Gardeners in spring 2017. Pandian taught proper tree planting technique and post planting care for bare root trees in both sessions. A total of 100 diverse tree species was distributed at no cost to participants at the end of the sessions.

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Horticulture Highlights Continued

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A written evaluation was distributed at the end of the session (n=98) and 90% of the participant rated the quality of the session "Excellent" and 83% felt that their level of confidence as "high" after attending the session on proper tree planting and care. In a follow up online survey conducted in late summer to assess the impact of planting techniques and care of the newly planted trees that the participant received in spring (n=22), 91% stated that they planted the tree in accordance to the demonstration session conducted in spring by the educator. 81% of the participant observed that their newly planted tree looks green and healthy. Comment from one of the online participants:

"We appreciated the class, and have shared the info with family and friends . The addition is great for us and natural habitat. We live in a fairly high traffic area, and believe that trees will be a source of enjoyment for many years with a little TLC. Thanks to all involved."

Master Gardener Training Level 2 –Plant Diagnostic Training with Emphasis on Tree Care Practices

Brown County UW- Extension hosted Master Gardener Level 2 Training on plant diagnostics from March 10th to April 7th on a weekly basis. Eleven Master Gardeners enrolled in the program and received 10 hours of education on general pest, diseases, lawn care, woody ornamentals and abiotic disorders. Five Master Gardener volunteers assisted the UW-Extension Horticulture Educator during the growing season from May until September by volunteering two hours per week to help in answering consumer calls, emails, and assisting walk-ins at the Brown County Plant Health Clinic.

Six Master Gardener volunteers provided diagnostic help and education at the Brown County Breakfast on the Farm event and once a month at a local farmer's market booth from May to September to more than 400 people.



UWEX & Master Gardener's Booth at the Broadway Farmers Market from May till September 2017

4-H Highlights

4-H Tech Changemakers

True Leaders are making a change in their communities through innovation and leadership, and thanks to the partnership between 4-H and Microsoft, youth can lead positive change in a digital-driven world. 4-H has partnered with Microsoft to create the 4-H Tech Changemakers.

Through the 4-H Tech Changemakers initiative, Microsoft is equipping young people with the knowledge, resources, and empowerment to lead in their communities through technology.

There are eight teams nationwide found in the states of Maine, Michigan, North Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, and Virginia. Brown County UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Program was selected to organize a team to participate in 4-H Tech Changemakers. Two Brown County 4-Hers along with Melinda Pollen, 4-H Youth Development Educator had the opportunity to attend an orientation with teams from the other five states at Microsoft's headquarters.



Teams from each state are making a difference in their community with the use of technology. Brown County's team of 4-Hers is in the process of surveying middle schools administrators in Brown County to determine opportunities middle school youth have for participating in STEM related activities. This information will be used to identify gaps in STEM programming.



4-H Highlights Continued

4-H Afterschool Programming

4-H youth development programs are grounded in the belief that kids learn best by doing. The Brown County UW 4-H Youth Development Program partners with the Green Bay Area Public Schools, Boys & Girls Club of Green Bay, and Greater Green Bay YMCA to offer after school programming at 11 sites during the 2016-2017 school year.

One of the programs focused on flight. After school staff received an evaluation and results are as follows:

- 100% of schools indicated youth were engaged in the program, with 80% saying they talked about the program after the instructor left.
- 80% of sites indicating the program had a positive impact on participants.
- 80% of sites indicated: 1) participants learned more about STEM, learned more about flight, communicated with others, showed critical thinking, and practiced collaboration and creativity skills
- 60% indicated they saw a change in students as a result of the program. Comments included:

“Our boys seemed to be very engaged with the program - they really enjoyed making the planes/flying objects. They were very excited to teach their friends how to make the planes. They were also trying to improve their planes which shows the impact of the critical thinking.”

“Our students always benefit from being put in situations where they need to use teamwork and collaboration.”

Financial literacy was a new addition with four part sessions being held. Youth enhanced their math, literacy, and financial skills. Evaluation results include:

- 80% of schools indicating youth were engaged in the program, with 60% saying they talked about the program AFTER the instructor left
- 60% of sites indicating the program had a positive impact on participants..
- 60% of sites indicated: 1) participants learned about basic math, understood more about money, were talking about money more, practices communication, critical thinking, and collaboration skills
- 80% of sites indicated the unit and hands-on activities made the concepts of money more meaningful and teachable.
- 40% of sites indicated they saw a change in students as a result of the program, with an additional 40% indicating maybe. Comments included:

“The teamwork and creativity has been noticeable after the program was over. The students were asking if they were going to come back next year as well.”

“I think the lesson on spending, saving and donating really resonated with the students. Even weeks after the lesson, some of the students were talking about saving for something they wanted in the near future and using the wallet they made in the Financial Literacy class.”

“The kids enjoyed more hands on math activities.”



FoodWise Highlights

Strong Women Pilot has Impact on Health and Relationships

The Strong Women Program is a strength training program developed by Tufts University for midlife and older women. Brown County UW-Extension Nutrition Coordinator Karen Early and Nutrition Educators Liliana Ramirez and Dee Thetford organized and co-taught the multi week series for Latino and Somali women.

The Strong Women program for Somali women was offered at the Islamic Center of Northeast Wisconsin. Each participant was assessed using the Strong Women protocol, acquiring doctor's approval when necessary. Of the 13 enrolled during the first week of class and who did not drop out, eight women attended 70% of the classes. At the completion of the 19 session series, the women wanted to continue through the winter months. Another series of 12 sessions enrolled 14 women by the end of the second week. Attendance however, was less consistent with 4 women attending 95% of classes and the remaining 10 attending 32% of classes. Holiday employment opportunities, family health issues, and winter weather hindered attendance along with a desire to try new things.



Nine participants completed both the pre and post Strong Women Fitness test. These included six assessments: chair stand test, arm curl, two minute step test, chair sit and reach test, back scratch test and eight-foot up and go test. There was a 39% average percent improvement for the conglomerate of all tests and participants.

Of the 10 women who completed the Strong Women Evaluation for First Timers, all participants responded with "definitely yes" when asked if they have improved in the areas that prompted them to enroll in the class; 90% enrolled for health issues, 60% enrolled for exercise and 50% enrolled because they wouldn't exercise on their own and had heard good things about the class. When asked, "what was the best aspect of your entire experience with the program?", 80% reported improving their overall health and 50% reported exercising, building strength and flexibility and being motivated to exercise. In addition 40% improved balance and 30% reported feeling better and losing weight.

The Strong Women Program for Latino women was developed in collaboration with Casa Alba. Each participant was assessed using the Strong Women protocol. In the first Strong Women program 16 participants started, with nine participants completing the program. Ninety percent of participants gave the program a 10 star rating. A comment in the evaluation was: "the program is really good, more women should benefit from it."

A second series enrolled 20 participants, with 13 repeaters and seven new participants. The overall percent improvement was measured for 5 assessments: chair stand test 35%, two minute step test 27%, chair sit and reach test 28%, back scratch test 5% and eight-foot up and go test 29%. 90% of the participants stated that their health is better; they have become more active, they feel more physically strong, have more energy.

To further encourage a physically active lifestyle, scholarships were sought from Bellin Hospital for the Bellin Walk/Run. Nine participants utilized the scholarships and it was their first experience in such an event. Several Strong Women participants were also introduced to and invited to attend the Brown County Fitness in the Parks programs.

FoodWise Continued

Safe and Healthy Food Pantry Initiatives

UW-Extension in partnership with the CHIP Nutrition Coalition and Brown County Food and Hunger Network are working to address the need for healthier food options to be available at local food pantries.

The CHIP Nutrition Coalition, comprised of 10 active community partners including UW-Extension, developed and marketed the Food Drive Five Toolkit and public education campaign. To measure impact, donations have been inventoried at the Scouting for Food Drives since 2012. As a result, healthy food donations have increased 10% and the amount of vegetables increased 14.5% while overall donations increased last year by 30%.

Local food pantries now support and promote the "Food Drive Five", realizing that requests for healthy donations have increased rather than decreased overall donations coupled with a better understanding of diet related health disparities in food insecure populations. They are also examining their food procurement policies and asking questions: What if we accept food that support a balanced diet and refuse foods that are not healthy? Since there are a lot of bakery pastry and desserts items donated as food surplus to pantries, how much should we actually be distributing to families? How can we work together to purchase fresh produce for distribution?

Five local pantries completed the FoodWise pantry bag assessments. After learning how the package meets requirements by food group and for how many people and days their bag provides food, significant changes were made to their distribution packages. One pantry has implemented a section for gluten free dietary needs and increased whole grains, another is developing infrastructure to offer more fresh foods.

In support of fresh produce, UW-Extension partnered with the Green Bay Packers Give Back Program to develop and implement "Planting with Purpose". This program encourages local gardeners to donate extra produce to participating food pantries. In 2017, 945 pounds of donated produce was specifically linked to Planting with a Purpose and in addition another nearly 12,000 pounds of produce was donated that was not specifically linked to Planting for a Purpose.



Karen Early UW Extension FoodWise Coordinator, Carey

Family Living

Living On Your Own Simulation

The Boys and Girls Club of Green Bay staff asked UW-Extension Family Living Educator if to help create a simulation for teens enrolled in a work readiness program. The purpose of the simulation is help teens experience the challenges of living on their own with little or no support. Following an introduction and reading through a scenario, teens are responsible for going to school and/or work, buying groceries, paying rent and utilities. These tasks all need to be accomplished in three 15 minute weeks.

Thirty-five teens participated in the pilot of the simulation. Comments were provided by teens following the simulation.

- “Before the simulation, I felt like I had this in the bag. After the simulation, I feel overwhelmed.”
- “Before the simulation I felt I already knew a lot about living on my own. After the simulation, I feel like I understand more about the real world and bills.”
- “I thought it would be easy but it is not.”
- “Before the simulation I felt like I had everything under control. After the simulation things can get out of hand in life.”



This simulation will be piloted four times in 2018 in order to make fine tune the experience.

Brown County UW-Extension Recognized with 2016 Financial Literacy Award

In February 2016, Governor Scott Walker announced 15 individuals, businesses, and organizations as recipients of the 2016 Governor’s Financial Literacy Awards, as selected by the Governor’s Council on Financial Literacy. Criteria considered innovative implementation, demonstrated measurable results, collaboration with partners, and whether the effort was focused on needs-based groups.

The Brown County UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development and Family Living Programs in partnership with the Green Bay Area Public Schools were recognized in the organizational category for a financial literacy curriculum developed and delivered to first through seventh grade students participating in after school programming. The curriculum focuses on enhancing financial literacy skills through math and literacy. The curriculum is developed to incorporate hands-on learning.

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