



MARATHON
COUNTY



METALLIC MINING

Marathon County Land Conservation and Zoning Committee – Public Hearing

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Metallic Mining



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Bill Introduced



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- **Metallic Mining Bill**
introduced in WI Senate and
Assembly, September, 2017

Current Law



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- Current law in effect since 1997**
- Metallic Mining Bill would repeal and replace portions of the current law.**

Deposit Recognized



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Easton Reef Deposit

- ❑ Located in the Town of Easton
- ❑ Sulfide Gold Deposit

Legislative Involvement



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- ❑ **October 2017, Marathon County Board leadership directs staff to review metallic mining bill**
- ❑ **Marathon County's primary concerns:**
 - **Removal of Sulphide Ore moratorium**
 - **Bulk Sampling language**
 - **Financial assurance language**

Legislative Involvement



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- Chair Gibbs letter to Assembly outlining Marathon County's concerns
- October/November 2017, Assembly addresses some of Marathon County's concerns through amendment process
- Not all Marathon County concerns were addressed

Executive Committee



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- November 7, 2017 - Marathon County Board Executive Committee passed the following motion:

To direct appropriate standing committees and Corporation Counsel to develop a county approach in protecting the county and towns interests as far as it relates to mining.

Bill Signed Into Law



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- December, 2017 - WI Act 134 signed into law**
- Effective July 1st, 2018**

Research & Authority



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Conservation, Planning, and Zoning & Corporation Counsel conducted research & reviewed authority

- Reviewed other Wisconsin Counties Metallic Mining Language**
- Worked with Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), Wisconsin Towns Association, Advisory Groups and Department of Natural Resources.**
- Attended WCA Metallic Mining Seminar (Minocqua)**

Research & Authority



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- Pursuant to WI Stat 59.69, Marathon County has the authority to regulate land use in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare.
- Central to this authority is the power to set standards and guidelines for development such as:
 - Setbacks/buffers
 - Prevention of adverse impacts
 - Monitoring
 - Reclamation
 - Financial assurance
 - Etc.

Zoning Code Language



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- Drafted Metallic Mining zoning language**
- Conditional Use Permit required**
 - **General Agricultural District (GA)**
- General/Local Requirements**
- Financial Responsibility of Owner/Applicant**
- Local Impact Committee**

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- It is not the intent of Marathon County to duplicate or supersede the regulatory authority of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) or other state or federal government agencies.

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- It is the intent of Marathon County to require a metallic mine applicant to provide copies of the information submitted by the applicant to the WI DNR or other state or federal government agencies for the purposes of permitting.

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- ❑ It is also the intent of Marathon County to require the applicant to pay all costs including but not limited to:
 - Review and permitting
 - Monitoring of the active mining site
 - Monitoring of the mine site after closure

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- Limited time frame for zoning language development to meet Executive Committee request
- Bulk Sampling & Prospecting yet to be addressed



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