

## NEW FACES AT THE CONSERVATION, PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

CPZ has hired 3 new employees to fill vacancies due to retirements and promotions. Please help us welcome our new staff!



### **Onsite Waste Specialist Position**

Morgan Tollard has been selected as the new Onsite Waste Specialist. Morgan comes to CPZ as a May, 2020 graduate from St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI, with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Environmental & Geology studies. Morgan has already completed three summer internships with Fond du Lac County conducting septic system on-site inspections and working with zoning ordinances.

### **Water Resources Technician (Grant funded Limited Term Position)**

Jared Mader has been selected as the new Water Resources Technician. Jared grew up fishing many lakes and rivers in Northern Wisconsin. Jared graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota (Duluth) with a major in Environmental Science and a minor in Environmental Engineering. Jared has had past experiences working as an Environmental Lab Technician for Flambeau River Papers.

### **Conservation Technician**

Jana Suriano has been selected to fill the position of Conservation Technician. Jana graduated May, 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point with a Major in Waste Management and a minor in Soil Science. Jana previously obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University with a major in Geosciences and certificate in Environmental Studies. Jana also served as an Assistant Environmental Technician with the Marathon County Solid Waste Department during the summer, 2019.



## **2020 MARATHON COUNTY LAND AND WATER RESOURCE PLAN UPDATE**

The Marathon County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (LWRMP) represents a coordinated public and private effort to establish and identify goals, objectives, and strategies for the implementation of soil and water conservation. This coordinated effort is intended to align local, county, state, and federal desired outcomes aimed to protect and conserve natural resources by improving human interaction and use of these resources in a manner that is protective of the environment and water quality.

The vision and goals of the LWRMP embodies the County's vision to support resilient rural economic growth and development while improving the county's water and soil quality. The initiatives found within, will guide the Conservation, Planning & Zoning Department's Land and Water Program over the next 10 years from 2020 through the year 2030. The focus and main body of the LWRMP is organized into five areas; introduction; resource assessment; plan goals, objectives, strategies, and measurable outcomes; plan implementation; and monitoring and evaluation.

This plan is a product of the collaborative efforts of many individuals representing the county, conservation agencies, local watershed groups, health department, farm groups, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, representatives from the USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Services, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, and the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension who assisted staff in formulating the plan. This advisory committee was established June 6, 2019, by the Marathon County Administrator and approved by the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee. This committee met 7 times to determine overarching goals, objectives, strategies, outcomes, and the implementation strategy for the plan. In addition, staff from the Wisconsin DNR, Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company, USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the UW – Extension Marshfield Agricultural Research Station met four times via Webex meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic to review goals, strategies, objectives, and measurable outcomes.

The Environmental Resources Committee will review and approve a draft LWRM Plan for public review and comment in the near future; watch for further information. A Public Hearing on the Plan will then be held to consider comments and make any final changes to the plan.

This Plan will be forwarded to the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) for approval and will also need approval by the Marathon County Board. In order to continue to secure state funding through the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the Marathon County Land and Water Resource Management Plan will need to be approved by December, 2020.

For further information on the Marathon County Land and Water Resource Management Plan, please feel free to contact Jeff Pritchard at [jeff.pritchard@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:jeff.pritchard@co.marathon.wi.us) or 715-261-6042.