

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Land and Water Conservation Department is involved in a number of activities directed at water quality improvement, soil erosion control, wildlife damage and public awareness of those actions. The department addresses water quality and state-mandated Agricultural Non-Point Performance Standards and Prohibitions through administration of a variety of programs including: the Northern Pike Habitat Restoration Project; Brown County Land and Water Resource Management Plan; Brown County Animal Waste Management Ordinance; Brown County Agriculture Shoreland Management Ordinance and the Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative Program.

This letter is to bring to your attention that the Department is working on abandoning old water wells in or near agricultural fields. Unused wells can be a safety hazard and a conduit for groundwater contamination and should be properly abandoned. The Department has set aside cost-share funding for qualifying well abandonments starting in spring of 2018. The cost-share rate is 50% of the actual cost of abandonment and must be performed by a licensed well driller.

Contact the Land and Water Conservation Department at (920) 391-4620 or complete the attached request for cost-share assistance application and submit it to our office.

Thank you,

Mike Mushinski
County Conservationist