# Brown County Planning and Land Services

### The 32nd Annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention 3-30-10

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# Brown County Maintenance Program History

- 1990 entered into the Wisconsin Fund Program.
- One of the criteria for participation was to develop a maintenance program.
- Since January of 1990 every new and replacement sanitary permit issued has required 3 year maintenance. (~6,500 systems)

- We have recently added the remaining systems that either we had old records on or were identified by air photo interpretation.
- This brings the total number of systems on the maintenance program to approximately 10,819.
- Of the 10,819 systems, 3,000 were installed prior to the existence of this office but now we have at least created a file for them and have identified the location of the parcel.

- As of October 1, 2008, counties have five years to place all septic systems on the maintenance program.
- Brown County has completed this.
- Brown County Zoning's goal is to verify if the recently identified 4,319 systems are failing by ss. 145.245.
- We do not know if this will be feasible from a political standpoint.

- Therefore, by the end of 2013 we would like to look at, in detail, these approximately 4,319 systems. If they are found failing by ss. 145.245, replace them with a new system.
- This would mean about an average of 1,500 existing system inspections per year in Brown County.

- From 1990 until present we have ~6500 systems on maintenance.
- Three notices are mailed to property owners. One notice every 30 days until compliance is obtained.
- Failure to comply results in the file being turned over to the Corporation Counsel office to set up a small claims summons and complaint in the amount of \$5,000.
- This results in gaining better than 99% compliance.
- For the 1% that don't comply, an inspection warrant is obtained and the county completes the inspection.

- For example, in 2009 the Zoning office mailed out 2,014 first notices.
- 1,184 second notices were mailed.
- 411 final notices were mailed.
- 98 were turned over to Corporation Counsel for small claims.
- 12 have not complied, therefore, inspection warrants will be obtained this spring.

#### PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW FOR COMPLETING YOUR PRIVATE ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION.

The Brown County Private Sewage System Ordinance and COMM 83 require private onsite wastewater treatment systems to be maintained properly. Every three years the septic tank and pump chamber (if any) must be pumped by a certified septage servicing operator if it is more than 1/3 full of sludge or scurn. The system must also be inspected by one of the following: master plumber, master plumber-restricted service, journeyman plumber, journeyman plumber-restricted service, certified POWTS inspector, certified septage servicing operator under ch. NR 114 or a registered POWTS maintainer. Proper maintenance will help to prolong the life of the septic system.

Please have this form completed by a licensed professional and return it after your system has been serviced as required. Your maintenance date will change to approximately three years from the date indicated on the returned form. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at (920) 448-6480.

Tear off center stub, place in envelope and return within 30 days to: MNOWN COUNTY ZONING P.O. BOX 23500 GREEN BAY WI 54305-3800

OPERTY OWNER/MAILING ADDRESS LLJAN S BOSTACKI	***FIRST NOTICE***	INTERNAL NUMBER M-E-1409	
16 H E TOWNLINE RD IXEMBUNG, WT 54217		PARCEL NUMBER E 1-2	
OPERTY ADDRESS: 6216 H E TOW	INLINE RD		
SPECTOR'S CERTIFICATION			
1. TANKS ARE PUMPED OR LESS THAN	1/3 FULL OF SLUDGE OR SCUM.	🖂 YES	
2. DRAINFIELD IS DISCHARGING TO SUR	FACE OF GROUND.	T YES	-
3. DRAINFIELD VENTS OR OBSERVATION	I TUBES SHOW PONDED CONDITION.	T YES	
4. ALABM AND PUMPS ARE OPERATION	AL, IF APPLICABLE	T YES	
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IPRINT) INSPECTING FERSON AND LICENSE NUMBER

INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE

PHONE NUMBER

DATE OF INSPECTION

BROWN COUNTY ZONING P.O. HOX 23800 GREEN BAY WI 54305-3800

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

MANDATORY POWTS FORM ENCLOSED

WILLIAM S BOSIACKI 6216 H E TOWN\_INE RD LUXEMBURG, WI 54217

#### PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW FOR COMPLETING YOUR PRIVATE ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION.

This is the final notice that the maintenance report of your private onsite wastewater treatment system on the below described property is due. As per section 11.073 (5) (a) (b) of the Brown County Private Sewage System Ordinance, this maintenance report is due every three years. Contact your licensed professional to have the tank(s) pumped if it is more than 1/3 full of sludge or scum and the system inspected. Your maintenance date will change to approximately three years from the date indicated on the returned form. Failure to have this inspection report completed and returned to this office within 30 days will necessitate legal action.

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4. ALARM AND PUMPS ARE OPERATIONAL, IF APPLICABLE.	YES	D NO
5. IF LOCKS AND LABELS ARE ON MANHOLE COVERS ARE THEY IN GOOD WORKING ORDER?	TYES	🗆 NO
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NSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE

2: ONE NUMBER

DATE OF INSPECTION.

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### COMMERCE 83.255 Comm 83.255 Governmental inventory and maintenance

**program. (1)** (a) 1. A governmental unit shall conduct, complete and maintain an inventory of all POWTS located in their jurisdictional area within 3 years after October 1, 2008.

2. The inventory shall be updated as existing POWTS are identified and new POWTS are installed or constructed.

(b) At a minimum, a POWTS inventory shall consist of all of the following elements:

1. Legal description of all properties including tax parcel number where a POWTS is located within the governmental unit jurisdictional area.

2. Name and address of the owner of each POWTS located within the governmental unit jurisdictional area.

**Note:** The inventory does not require site visits, identification of the type of POWTS or an evaluation of the POWTS.

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(2) (a) A governmental unit shall develop and implement a comprehensive POWTS maintenance program within 5 years after October 1, 2008.

(b) At a minimum, a POWTS maintenance program shall consist of all of the following elements:

1. An inventory of all POWTS located within the governmental unit jurisdictional area.

2. A process that accepts and records inspection, evaluation, maintenance and servicing reports submitted by the POWTS owner or the owner's agent for POWTS listed in the governmental unit inventory.

3. A process that accepts and creates a record for each inspection, evaluation, maintenance and servicing report for a POWTS within the governmental unit jurisdictional area but not listed in the governmental unit inventory that is submitted by the POWTS owner or the owner's agent.

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4. A process that notifies POWTS owners that are delinquent in submitting reports for inspection, evaluation, maintenance and servicing activities listed in ss. Comm 83.54 (3) and (4) and 3.55.

5. A process that includes measures meant to ensure that required inspection, evaluation, maintenance and servicing is performed and the results are reported to the governmental unit.

6. Reports summarizing the results of the maintenance program on an annual basis in a format requested by the department.

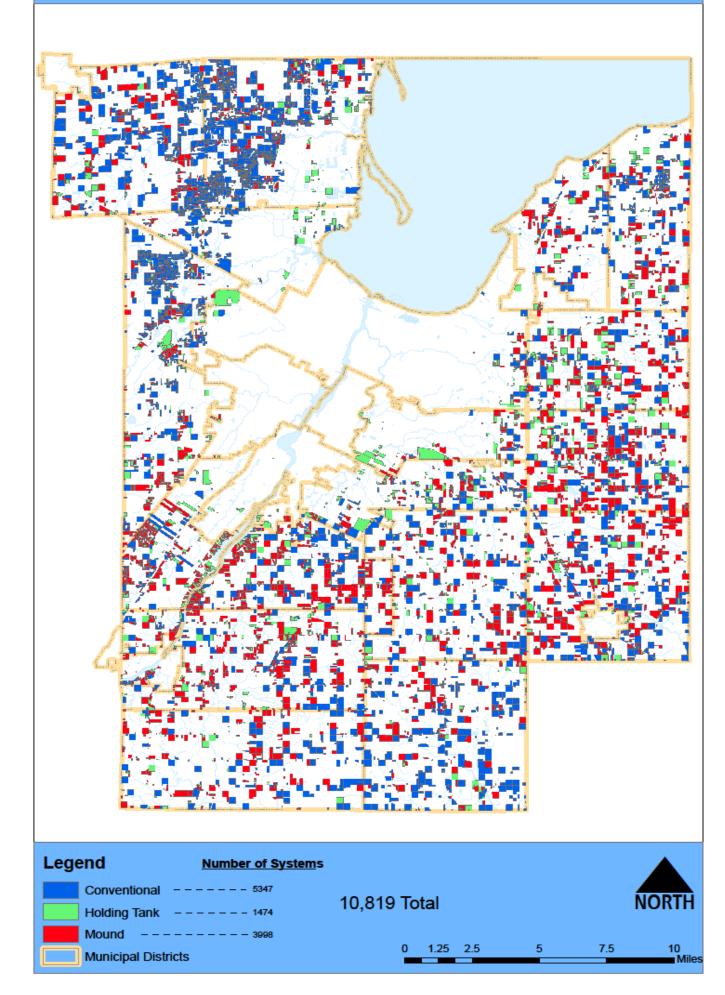
**Note:** Pursuant to s. 145.245 (9) (a), Stats., a governmental unit must comply with the maintenance provisions of this section as a condition for obtaining Wisconsin Fund grants.

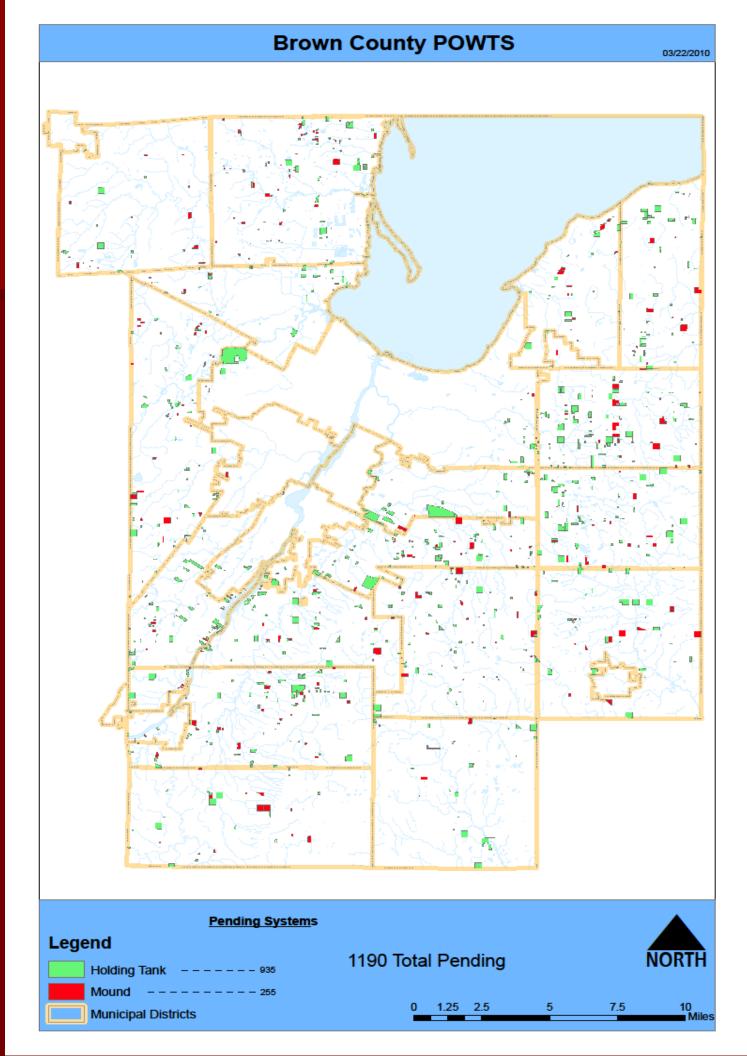
(3) A governmental unit shall make available to the department, upon request, any and all records necessary to ascertain compliance with this chapter and the provisions as specified in s.145.20 (2) (i), Stats.

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#### **Brown County POWTS**

02/10/2010







#### PRIVATE ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM (POWTS) INSPECTION FORM FOR MOUNDS AND HOLDING TANKS

Property Owner(s):

Property Address:

Tax Parcel Number:

Internal Number:

Municipality:

The purpose of this report is to comply with Section Comm. 83.54(4) and 83.55, Wisconsin Administrative Code and Chapter 11, Brown County Private Sewage System Ordinance.

After inspection of tank(s) and associated components, are they in a code compliant condition? Check Yes or No. Use back of page if more comments are necessary:

Yes	No	
Yes	No	

Manhole cover(s) above grade	Yes No	Septic / holding tank watertight	
Manhole cover(s) locked	Yes No	Pump chamber watertight	Yes No N/A
Warning label(s)	Yes No	Alarm working	Yes No
Baffles (inlet)	Yes No	Pump working	Yes No N/A
Baffles (outlet)	Yes No	Laundry water bypassing	Yes No
Tanks are pumped or less than 1/3	full of sludge or s	cum? Yes No	

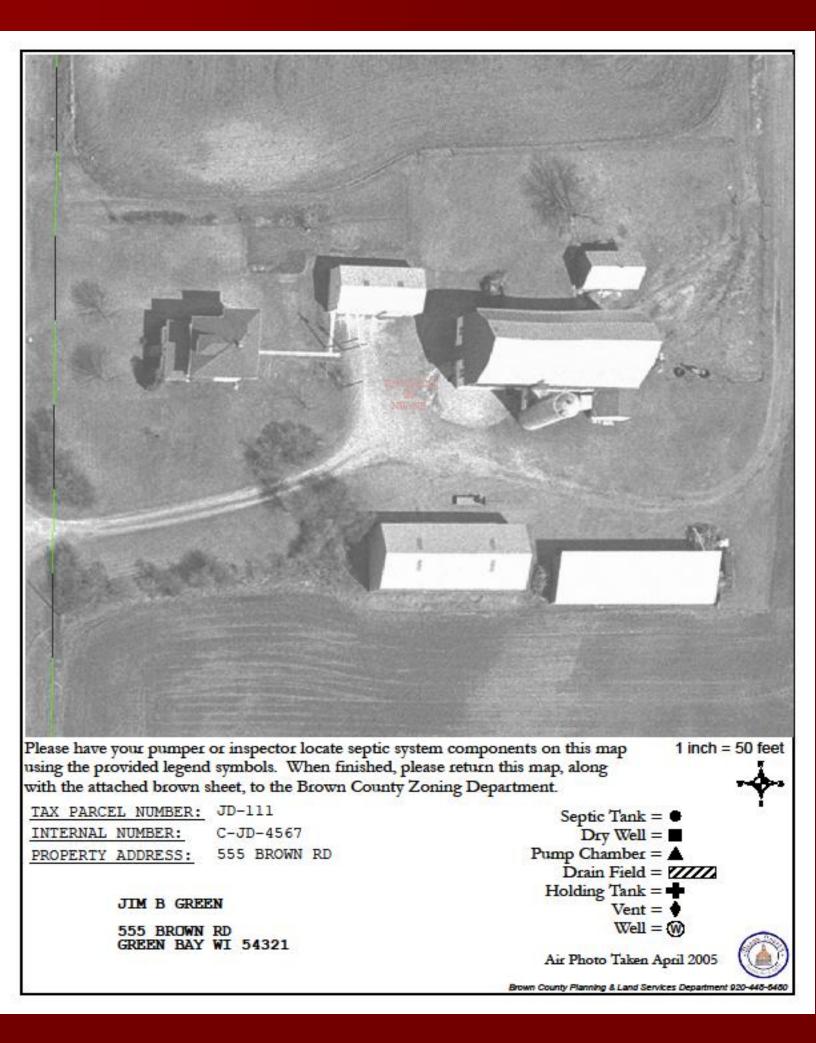
Surface ponding of sewage effluent or wastewater observed by tank(s) or absorption area: Yes No (If yes, explain/diagram on back of report or attached aerial photo).

Does the holding tank(s) have any openings that allow effluent to be illegally discharged? Yes No

(PRINT) INSPECTING PERSON	COMPANY NAME	LICENSE NUMBER
INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE	PHONE NUMBER	DATE OF INSPECTION
LEASE RETURN ORIGINAL TO:	BROWN COUNTY ZONING PO BOX 23600	
	GREEN BAY WI 54305-3600 (920) 448-6480	

This completed report with an <u>ORIGINAL</u> signature is required by this Department. A FAX OR PHOTOCOPY IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.















# POWTS Program Costs and Funding Sources

### Costs

- \$270,000
  - Salaries and benefits (3 employees)
  - Administrative chargebacks
  - Information services chargebacks
  - Facility chargebacks
  - Insurance chargebacks

## Funding sources for POWTS administration

- 4 sources of funding
  - Sanitary permit fees
  - Plan approval fees
  - Annual fee per system (on tax bill)
  - Tax levy

# POWTS Program Costs and Funding Sources

- Funding Sources (con't)
- Sanitary permit fees \$70,000
- Plan approval fees \$23,800
- Annual fee \$168,240
- Tax Levy \$7,960

