

Summary of Committees' Actions on 2015-2017 Dane County Legislative Agenda

	<u>Amendments</u>
Dane County AAA Legislative Committee (9/24/14)	X
Youth Commission (11/6/14)	X
Health & Human Needs Committee (11/11/14)	X
Zoning & Land Regulation Committee (11/11/14) (12/9/14)	X
Public Works & Transportation Committee (11/11/14) (11/25/14) (12/9/14)	X
Lakes & Watershed Commission (11/13/14)	X
Public Protection & Judiciary Committee (11/25/14) (12/9/14) (1/13/15)	X
Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee (1/13/15)	X
Commission on Sensitive Crimes (1/20/15)	
Personnel & Finance Committee (1/26/15)	X
Executive Committee	
Dane County Board of Supervisors	
Dane County Executive	

**2015-2017 Dane County Legislative Agenda Amendments  
Adopted by Health & Human Needs Committee Meeting 11/11/14**

AAA Legislative /Advocacy Committee Amendment to 2015-2017 Dane County Legislative Agenda

Amend Human Services section, Services to Older Adults, the Physically Disabled and Mentally Ill, page 5, line 222:

Item 8), Employment Services for Older Adults, by adding the words “and county” after the word “state”. The amendment would read as follows:

8) Employment Services for Older Adults: Extend the use of state **and county** funds to encourage the business community and technical colleges to create and support retraining and placement of older adults entering/re-entering employment, especially those lacking English proficiency.

(Adopted by AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014)  
(Adopted by AAA Board Wednesday, October 14, 2014)

Youth Commission Amendment

Amend page 1, line 36, item 4 by adding:

4) Apprenticeship/Internships: ~~Encourage~~ Provide incentives for the business community and technical college system to create and support apprenticeship/internship opportunities to ~~unemployed post-high school~~ young adults. **Expedite entry and graduation from the programs to meet increasing demands to fill vacancies created by an aging boomer workforce.**

(Unanimously adopted by the Dane County Youth Commission 11/6/14)

Create new items (Health and Human Needs)

Add new item 22, page 4, line 172:

22) Legalize Marijuana: Enacted a referendum for Spring 2014 Election ballot, “Should the state government enact legislation legalizing marijuana?” Dane County voters approved by 64.5% yes votes and 35.5% no votes.

Add new item 8, page 4, line 198:

8) Drug Testing: Oppose legislation that would enact drug testing as a requirement for public benefits.

Add new item 3, page 4, line 205:

3) Comprehensive Community Services (CCS): Support continued full funding of the State match.

Add new item 8, page 5, line 273:

8) Mass Transit for Disabled Veterans: Support fully funding bus passes and other mass transit costs for all service-connected disabled veterans in all Wisconsin locations and transit programs.

Add new item 48, page 10, line 525:

48) Nonpartisan Redistricting: Enacted a referendum for Spring 2014 Election ballot, "Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to require a nonpartisan system for redistricting legislative and congressional districts in the state?" Dane County voters approved by 82.1% yes votes and 17.9% no votes.

#### Amend agenda items (Health & Human Needs)

Amend page 2, item 23, line 96 by adding:

23) Landlord Regulation: Repeal 2011 WI Act 108, which prohibits local government ordinances that place limits or requirements on landlords (Fair Housing Ordinance). Repeal 2011 WI Act 143, which prohibits a local government from imposing a moratorium on eviction actions and amends/creates new provisions that benefit landlords including but not limited to allowing: landlord discretion in disposing/storing of medical/personal items; landlords to withhold a tenant's security deposit or portion of for damages, unpaid rent/utility bills; and severability of rental agreements. Repeal 2011-2012 budget bill provision which deletes landlord foreclosure notice. **Repeal 2013 WI Act 76 (Prohibit Local Landlord Ordinances)**

Amend page 2, line 105 by transferring item 7 from page 4, line 94:

7) Medicaid Expansion Funding: Enacted referendum question for 11/4/14 ballot, "Shall Governor & Legislature accept available federal funds for BadgerCare to ensure that thousands of Wisconsin citizens have access to quality and affordable health coverage?" Dane County voters approved this item in 11/4/14 general election with 81.7% yes votes and 18.3% no votes.

Amend page 5, item 10, line 226 by adding:

10) Dementia Patient Rights: Oppose **2013 AB 575 which imposes legislation to impose** new guardianship requirements, involuntary psychotropic drug administration and emergency detention requirements in Chapters 51 and 55.

Amend page 10, item 43, line 514 by adding:

43) Oppose Milwaukee County Board Reform: Oppose legislation ~~which~~ **that impedes the Milwaukee** a County Board from governing, budgeting and hiring staff through referendum and state law **without county input.**

#### Research Viability of Items

Check out status, page 10, item 38, line 505:

38) Palermo's Worker Union: Support the Palermo Workers Union, endorse the consumer boycott campaign and urge UW Madison to support the boycott.

Check out percentages, page 8, item 1, line 411:

1) Shared Revenue: Support additional funding for the County Mandate Relief Fund; allow counties to be credited for 100% (now 85%) of local purpose revenues. Oppose elimination of Small Municipalities Shared Revenue program. Support a county expenditure restraint program; and oppose the imposition of cost controls on counties.

(Delete items 1 & 2, no longer relevant)

### **Zoning & Land Regulation Committee**

Amendment Adopted 12/9/14

Create new item for Dane County Legislative Agenda, Transportation, Land Use & the Environment section:

Water Management: Support local governmental efforts to improve water management through water conservation, a balanced water budget and enhanced groundwater recharge.

### **Public Works & Transportation Committee**

Amendment Adopted 12/9/14

Re-Format Transportation, Land Use and the Environment section, Dane County Legislative Agenda:

## **Transportation, Land Use and the Environment**

### **Water Quality**

#### **Funding**

- **Water quality planning and watershed projects. Maintain level of DNR funds.**
- **Reduction of nonpoint source pollution. Support increased DNR financial assistance.**
- **Inland lakes and waterways. Seek a fair share of state funding. (Target state funds to**
- **where there is a high likelihood of project success, where recipient units of government have a proven track record of meeting state and local water resource goals).**
- **Local water quality. Support legislation to provide additional funding and staffing for local water quality protection improvement unfunded mandates.**
- **Water management. Support local governmental efforts to improve water management through water conservation, a balanced water budget and enhanced groundwater recharge.**

## Local Transportation

### Funding

- General local transportation. Support a greater share of state and federal transportation funding going toward local transportation needs and services.

### General Transportation Aids

#### State Highway Maintenance

#### County Highway Improvement Program

#### Specialized Transportation for older adults and persons with Disabilities

- Amtrak. Support state/federal funding for Amtrak service to Milwaukee and Madison.
- Commuter rail and regional bus service. Support continued state funding for further planning and implementation of a commuter rail system and regional bus links to outlying communities in Dane County.
- Transport 2020. Support increased funding for Transport 2020 and rail rehabilitation and purchases.
- Midwest Regional Rail Initiative. Support state/federal funding.

## Legislation/rules

- Require “farmland mitigation” for highway improvement projects.
- Revise funding formulas that discriminate against urban counties.
- Decrease 50% local match for CHIP

## Bicycle Trail Funding

### Funding

- Commuter bike trails. Work with legislators and state agencies to obtain transportation aids for bicycle trails with significant commuter traffic.
- Bike path maintenance. Allow these costs to be eligible for transportation aids.

## Policy/practice planning

- Statewide Task Force. Support the creation and development of a statewide Bike Trail Task Force.
- Planning. Integrate bicycle transportation into future commuter transportation systems.

## Soil Erosion

### Legislation/Rules

- Cropland soil erosion. Support DNR and/or legislative streamlining of NR 297 process to deal more quickly with cropland soil erosion that threatens water resources.

## Policy/practice/planning

- Control soil erosion to acceptable limits, e.g., tolerable soil loss levels, for the production of food and fiber.
- Support DATCP Soil and Water Resources Management program's implementation, e.g., NR 243 cost sharing and Land and Water Resource Management Plan Implementation and cost sharing.

## Recycling

### Funding

- Statewide recycling. Support long-term state funding for state's program.
- Recycled materials. Support continued state funding to expand markets.

## Legislation/rules

- Innovation demonstration grants. Amend the statutes to allow local governments or other entities to receive more than one state grant.

## Landfill Siting

### Legislation/rules

- Replacing existing public landfills. Allow municipalities to proceed without a new DNR needs determination.
- Landfill negotiation-mediation process. Amend state statutes to modify the process to include counties as an appropriate governing body for the approval of negotiated agreements.
- Landfill negotiation-mediation process. Amend statutes to prohibit the construction of landfills until the process is complete.

## Stewardship Fund

### Funding

- Support annual adjustment for inflation to maintain at least 1990 funding levels.

## Legislation/Rules

- Eliminate requirements for hunting and trapping

## Formula for DATCP administrative Funding to Counties

### Funding

- Support revision used to distribute funding to counties for administration of Farmland Preservation Program, Nutrient Management Program and the implementation of performance standards.

### Legislation Rules

- Use criteria for distribution that include number of farms, acres of cropland, number of livestock and amount of resource waters in a county.

### Miscellaneous Budget Items:

- Alternative energy production. Support statewide funding in the form of grants and incentives leading to the increased use of renewable energy sources such as wind solar and biomass.
- Clean Sweep. Support increased state/federal funding for household and agriculture Clean Sweep.
- DNR budget reductions. Oppose reductions in staffing that affect Dane County water programs (regulatory, lake/fishery, runoff specialists, conservation wardens, land conservation and parks programs). and others).
- Green jobs economic development. Support statewide funding in the form of grants and incentives for counties to develop, create and attract green job opportunities with green companies or industry.
- Greenhouse air pollution. Reduce by updating and implementing Governor's Global Warming Task Force recommendations and increasing funding for county energy efficiency measure. (July 2008)
- Highway Workers Safety. Earmark a portion of every state construction/maintenance contract to fund increased local law enforcement in construction/maintenance zones.
- Reduce Fine Particle Emissions. Target fine-particular pollution non-attainment areas by providing increasing funding and new incentives for fine particle emission reduction programs.
- Soil & Water Resource Management Program. Return \$9.3 million to state aid for county conservation employees who assist Wisconsin farmers and help grow the state's agricultural industry. (\$1.3 million cut in 2011-20123 state budget)
- Transmission Study. Request the state support an independent study of the needs for additional high voltage transmission lines through Dane County.
- Wisconsin 2030 State Rail Plan. Support funding and planning for intercity rail serving Dane County and Madison and urge WIDOT to work with Minnesot5a DOT on Milwaukee-Twin Cities High Speed Rail Study.

### Miscellaneous legislative/rules items:

- Clean energy choice. Support legislation to increase affordability/sustainability of renewable energy in Wisconsin.

- Renewable energy. Oppose legislation that restricts or prevents waste-to-energy and renewable energy as viable energy sources for utilities and consumers.
- Comprehensive planning. Oppose legislation which repeals applicable statutes.
- State urban forestry grants. Allow towns, counties and nonprofits to access both federal and state funds.
- Local control of erosion and storm water management standards. Oppose standardizing regulation of construction site erosion, storm water management and prohibiting local government from enacting local ordinances that are stricter than statewide standards.
- Stormwater utility. Amend the state statutes to allow counties to create and manage a stormwater utility.
- State commercial building code. Support the exemption from the state commercial building code of farm buildings used for agricultural purposes or horse boarding/stabling facilities.
- Landfill/solid waste fees and program reductions.
  - Oppose state increases to landfill recycling tipping fee and environmental repair fee
  - Oppose elimination or reduction of recycling and solid waste programs
- Mining Reform. Oppose provisions that usurp local government's role and suspend floodplain rules that would nullify flood insurance and federal disaster assistance.
- Local control of nonmetallic mining. Oppose state legislation that preempts local governments from enacting their own regulations and oversight of air/water quality, highway damage, noise and use contracts.
- Payments in lieu of taxes. Authorize counties to make payments in lieu of taxes to other local units of government when the county takes land off the tax rolls for conservation purposes.
- Takings Legislation. Oppose legislation that requires county government to compensate real property owners for restricted use or loss of property value as a result of law or regulations.
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- Mercury Projects ban. Ban the sale of mercury-containing products, with the exemption of dental fillings and fluorescent lamps. (If ban is implemented on phased in basis, retailers should be required to take back for recycling those mercury-containing products that they are selling until the ban for each product take effect).
- Mercury Rules. Support changes to mercury rules to achieve a 90% reduction per DNR rule.
- Boating Laws. Support legislation making fines and associated penalties for drunken boating commensurate with those for drunk driving.
- Boater Registration Act. Authorize the state to license, regulate and require education/training for operation of motorized watercraft.
- Fair Motorboat Gas Tax Allocation. Support legislation to fairly allocate motorboat fuel tax through a more equitable distribution formula.



- Diesel Idling Regulation. Support statewide implementation for trucks, buses and other diesel engines.
- Holding Tanks As Systems of Last Resort.
  - Support changes in statutes and administrative rule that oppose using holding tanks as a last resort for new and replacement septic systems.
  - Modify rules and statutes to ensure funding from the Wisconsin Fund is for the least costly systems, excluding holding tanks, unless a holding tank is the system of last resort.
- Airport Authority. Oppose legislation that takes governance away from county government and gives it to a private/public airport authority.

Miscellaneous Policy/Practice/Planning Items:

- American Transmission Company (ATC) Requirement. Urge Wisconsin Public Service Commission to require ATC to construct power lines underground to protect Dane County economic and environmental resources while enhancing resiliency and reliability during extreme weather events.
- Asian Carp. Encourage the DNR and the federal to increase efforts to stop the destructive advance of Asian carp through Wisconsin.
- Comprehensive Approach to Control Lake Levels. Request the DNR to adopt a comprehensive approach to managing the levels of lakes through collaboration with affected parties, including dam operators, municipalities and regulatory agencies toward improving natural hydrologic conditions and habitat.
- Divestment of Fossil Fuels. Support zero investments in fossil fuel companies for Dane County, all local governments and state institutions.
- North Mendota Parkway
  - Oppose construction of four lanes on Main Street (State Highway 19) in Waunakee.
  - Support an update of the 2003 North Mendota Parkway traffic study and request WIDOT to consider how the proposed Parkway, State Highway 19, CTH K and State Highway 13 relate to each other and US Highway 12.
  - Support an implementation review of the North "E-Way".
- Power Plants. Support efforts to clean up dirty power plants.
- Regional Trail System Planning. Request DNR assistance in development of regional trail systems.
- Verona Road Project. Support mitigation measures to lessen the impact of construction on surrounding neighborhoods and businesses. Those measures include noise barriers, monitoring air quality, preservation of commercial areas, minimizing impacts on established neighborhoods, stormwater management (steer away from Dunn's Marsh) and develop bike lanes, pedestrian/bicycle bridges and sidewalks on frontage and neighborhood roads and mass transit alternatives to alleviate traffic.

- **Wisconsin Land Information Program. Support the continuation of this program and grants.**
- **Greenhouse Air Pollution. Provide funding for county-level climate action planning, mitigation and adaptation.**

#### **Lakes & Watershed Commission 11/13/14**

Adopted amendments

Amend the following items found in the Transportation, Land and the Environment Section, starting on page 6:

23) **DNR Budget Reductions:** Oppose reductions in DNR staffing that affect Dane County water programs (water regulatory programs, lake/fishery, runoff specialists, conservation wardens, **land conservation and parks programs.**)~~and others.~~

29) **Greenhouse Air Pollution:** Reduce greenhouse air pollution by updating and implementing the Governor's Global Warming Task Force recommendations and increasing funding for county energy efficiency measures. **Provide funding for county-level climate action planning, mitigation and adaptation.**

31) **American Transmission Company (ATC) Requirement:** Urge Wisconsin Public Service Commission to require ATC to construct power lines underground to protect Dane County economic and environmental resources **while enhancing resiliency and reliability during extreme weather events.**

34) **Comprehensive Approach to Control Lake Levels:** Request the DNR to adopt a comprehensive approach to managing the levels of the lakes through collaboration with affected parties, including dam operators, municipalities and regulatory agencies **toward improving natural hydrologic conditions and habitat.**

#### **Public Protection & Judiciary Committee 1/13/15 Meeting**

Adopted Amendment to Res. 355 (Legislative Agenda)

Delete & Replace item 7, page 3, lines 125-129 with new item:

7) **911 Surcharge:** Support legislation to redirect electronic communications surcharge funding directly to County 911 Centers.

#### **Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee 1/13/15 Meeting**

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Create new items in Transportation, Land Use and the Environment section:

**High Capacity Wells:** Oppose limiting, relaxing or thwarting the regulation of high capacity wells.

Foreign Interests In Farmland: Oppose legislation that removes limits on foreign ownership of Wisconsin agricultural land.

Adopted 1/13/15

**Personnel & Finance Committee 1/26/15 Meeting**  
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Create new item in Criminal Justice & Public Safety Section:

Open Records Law: Support updating the open records law to cover all county costs for new and emerging labor-intensive records requests and associated costs including redaction.

Create new item in Human Services section under "Services to Older Adults, the developmentally /Physically Disabled and Mentally Ill"

InvestaCare (Long Term Care Investment Fund): Support legislation to establish a long term care investment savings program for individuals 18 years and older to meet future long term care needs through financial contributions.

Amend page 1, line 18 by adding:

"6. The state shall fully fund and create a free-standing Wisconsin Arts Agency to enhance the lives of youth, older adults, and all Wisconsin citizens by funding art projects in Communities, Schools, Colleges and Public Works/Building construction across the state."

Amend Health & Human Needs Committee amendment to read:

43) Oppose ~~Milwaukee State-Imposed~~ County Board Reform Restructuring:  
Oppose legislation which that impedes the Milwaukee a County Board from governing, budgeting and hiring staff. through referendum and state law without county input.

43) Oppose State-Imposed County Board Restructuring: Oppose legislation that impedes a County Board from governing, budgeting and hiring staff.

Adopted 1/26/15