



RESOLUTION



Resolution Number R10-2023-1452

CLEAN WATER RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ashland County is surrounded by abundant clean water including more than 1,250 square miles of surface waters in the form of lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands; *and*,

WHEREAS, clean water is essential to life, health, and the well-being of families, ecosystems and lands, and is the foundation of a vibrant community, economy, and high-quality life; *and*,

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin holds all navigable waters in public trust for use by all; *and*,

WHEREAS, Ashland County is a protector of water and natural resources, demonstrates water stewardship, and recognizes the importance of addressing threats to surface and ground waters that impact the health, well-being, and future of our communities; *and*,

WHEREAS, Ashland County citizens are concerned with water resource issues including, nitrates contamination, bacteria, PFAS, toxic algae blooms, flooding, and excess sediment & nutrients; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Department is directly involved in local and regional surface and groundwater protection efforts and is statutorily charged with addressing these topics.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Board of Supervisors supports the right to clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin for the citizens of Ashland County; and

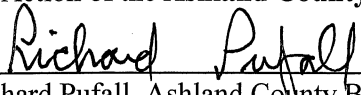
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in recognition of this right to clean water, that actions, policies, plans, and procedures of the County reflect the intent to conserve, protect, and restore clean water.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Ashland County expects that the Governor of Wisconsin and the members of the Wisconsin Legislature financially and fully support programs and staff funding to allow Ashland County to protect surface and groundwater for current and future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ashland County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution, if approved, to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and to members of the State Legislature representing Ashland County.

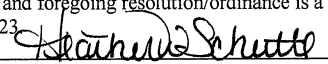
FISCAL NOTE. There are no fiscal obligations associated with this resolution.
Dated at the City of Ashland, Wisconsin on this 9th day of October 2023.

By Action of the **Ashland County Board of Supervisors**:


Richard Pufall, Ashland County Board Chairman

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) S.S.
COUNTY OF ASHLAND)

I, Heather W. Schutte, County Clerk of Ashland County, hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution/ordinance is a true and correct copy adopted by the Ashland County Board of Supervisors on this 9th day of October, 2023.


Heather W. Schutte, Ashland County Clerk