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**Walworth County**  
**Land Use and Resource Management Department**  
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## **COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

### *Citizen Members:*

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### *County Board Members:*

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### *County Board Members:*

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Randy Hawkins

### *Citizen Members:*

Dorothy Burwell

### *USDA/FSA Representative:*

Sue Bellman

**Walworth County**  
Land Use & Resource Management

# **Mission Statement**

Promote the public health, safety, prosperity, aesthetics and the general welfare for the people and communities of Walworth County by guiding the physical development of the unincorporated areas of Walworth County through sound land use planning and conservation, implementation of fair and objective zoning, advancement of environmental protection and administration of state standards for private on-site waste water treatment systems.

## **PLANNING**

The Planning Department has responsibilities and provides services in the following areas:

- Facilitating the entire Rezone and Conditional Use Hearing Process (See Rezone and Conditional Use Graphs.)
- Implementation of the Walworth County Agricultural Preservation Plan in conjunction with Land Conservation Division's technical role.
- Preparation of the County Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Smart Growth)
- Implementation of the adopted County Land Use Plan
- Implementation of the Natural Area and Critical Species Habitat Plan
- Community Planning Assistance
- Timely responses to citizens and official inquiries with regard to population, land use and geophysical data, which may influence development decision-making
- Update zoning maps and maintain map library and print maps to fill map orders from municipalities and the public in conjunction with Land Conservation Division.
- Implementation of the Walworth County Subdivision Control Ordinance
- Land Division Review including Certified Survey Maps (CSM's), Lot Line Adjustments and Parcel Splits, Subdivision Plats, Condo Plats, Restriction Removals, and Affidavit of Correction
  - Walworth County Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances require that all land divisions up to 35 acres be reviewed and approved to assure compliance with applicable county ordinance requirements. These reviews include cross check for compliance with the county sanitation ordinance, county erosion control and stormwater management ordinance, zoning ordinance, and subdivision ordinance. They must also comply with State Statute requirements under Chapter 236.
  - Subdivision and Condo Plats that have more than two lots are received initially as preliminary plats, they are reviewed by staff and presented to the County Zoning Agency at a public hearing. If the preliminary plats are conditionally approved, they are revised and resubmitted by the surveyor in the form of a final plat, which is reviewed by staff and presented to the County Zoning Agency at a public hearing. Plats containing two lots or less are only reviewed by staff and do not go to the County Zoning Agency for a public hearing unless the applicant is seeking a modification to the subdivision ordinance requirements.

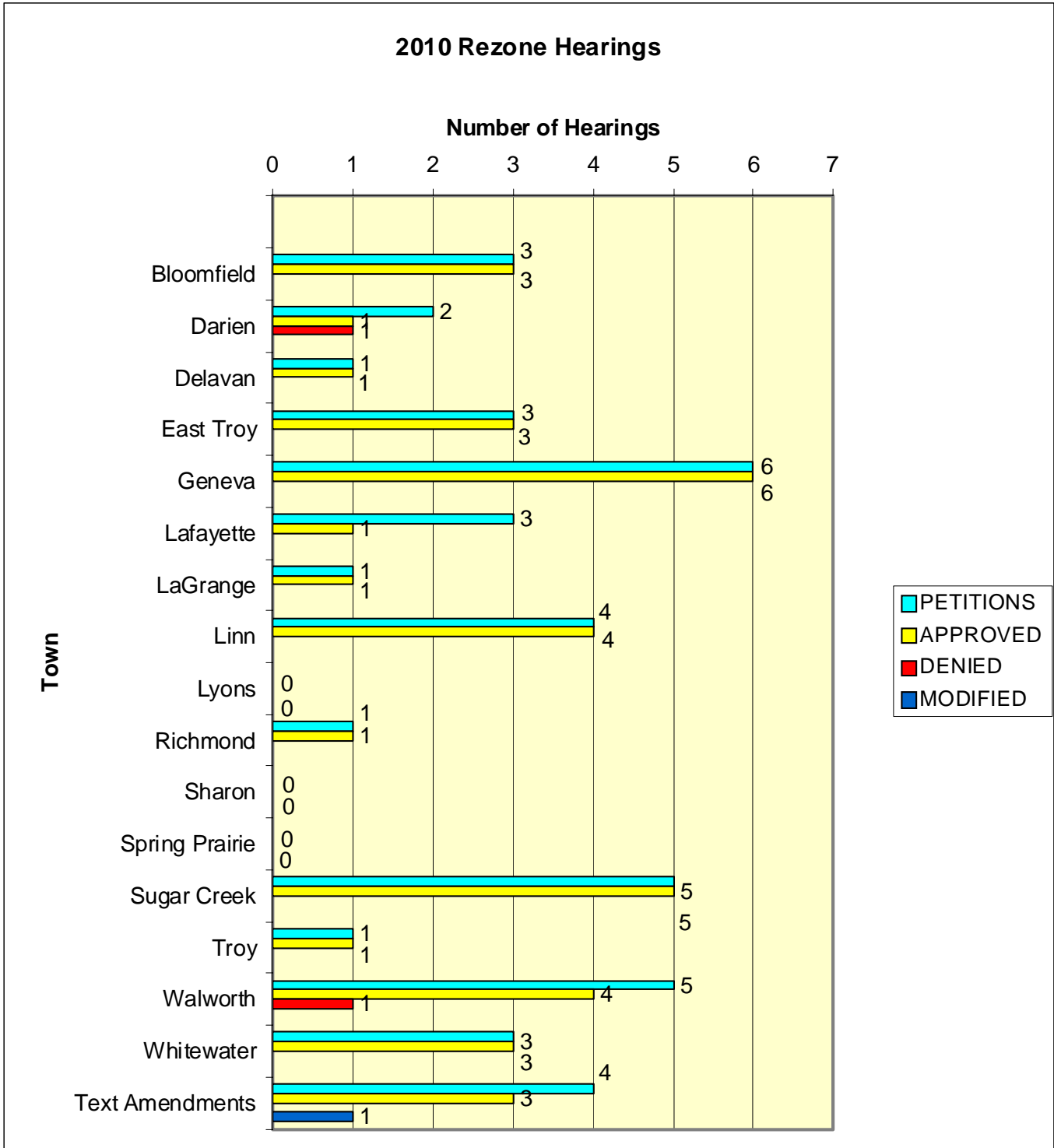
- Staff reviews certified survey maps, which are land divisions of four or less lots. If the applicant is seeking a modification to the requirements of the subdivision ordinance or in certain dual zoning situations, the certified survey map is presented to the County Zoning Agency for action during a public hearing.
- Lot line adjustments and parcel splits are reviewed by staff to insure compliance with the zoning ordinance and subdivision ordinance.
- Restriction Removals are noted on the face of a plat. If the applicant wants the restriction removed or changed, it needs to be reviewed and approved by the governmental review agencies that initially required the restriction. If the County Zoning Agency or their predecessors were responsible for requiring the stated restriction(s), they must hold a public hearing to remove or modify the restriction.
- The Affidavit of Correction is used to correct technical errors in plats or CSM's. They are also the instruments used to execute restriction removals.
- Assistance to Zoning Department, including assistance on the implementation of the Telecommunication Facilities Ordinance
- Review reports and studies submitted by Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Administration of the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program
- Review sewer service extension petitions for compliance with adopted land use plans and present to the Walworth County Land Conservation Committee for their recommendation to be forwarded to the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the County Board

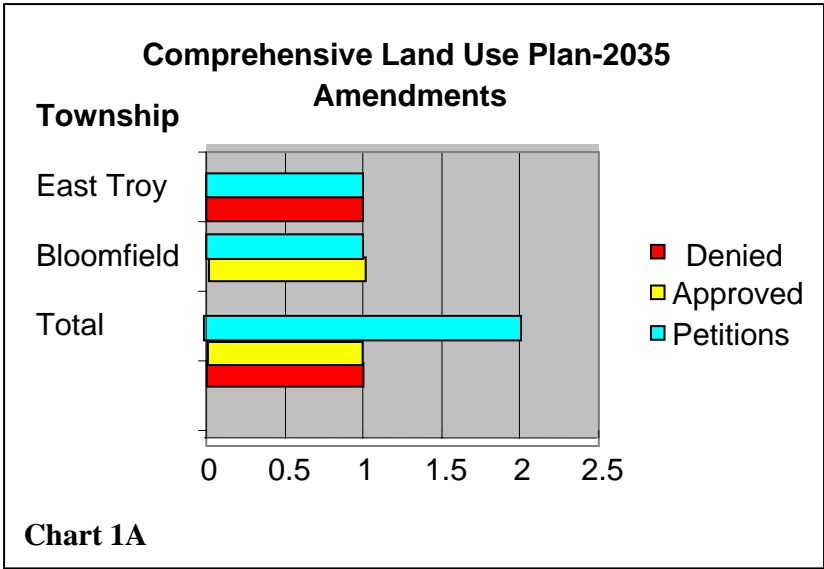
(See attached statistics (Charts 1-4 and Table 1))

## 2010 County Zoning Agency Rezones

A total of 44 rezone requests were submitted to the Land Use and Resource Management Department; The Walworth County Zoning Agency held 44 rezone hearings in 2010. Of the 44 hearings, they approved 38 rezone and text amendment requests, denied 3 rezone requests and modified 1 rezone request. Two rezone requests are on hold. As the charts below show, (Chart 1 and Chart 1A), Geneva had the most rezone requests (6), with Lyons, Spring Prairie and Sugar Creek (0), had the least. Rezones have to be approved by the townships before the County Zoning Agency will consider the request. Four text amendments (changes to the zoning ordinance) were presented to the County Zoning Agency. Three were approved and one modified.

**Chart 1**



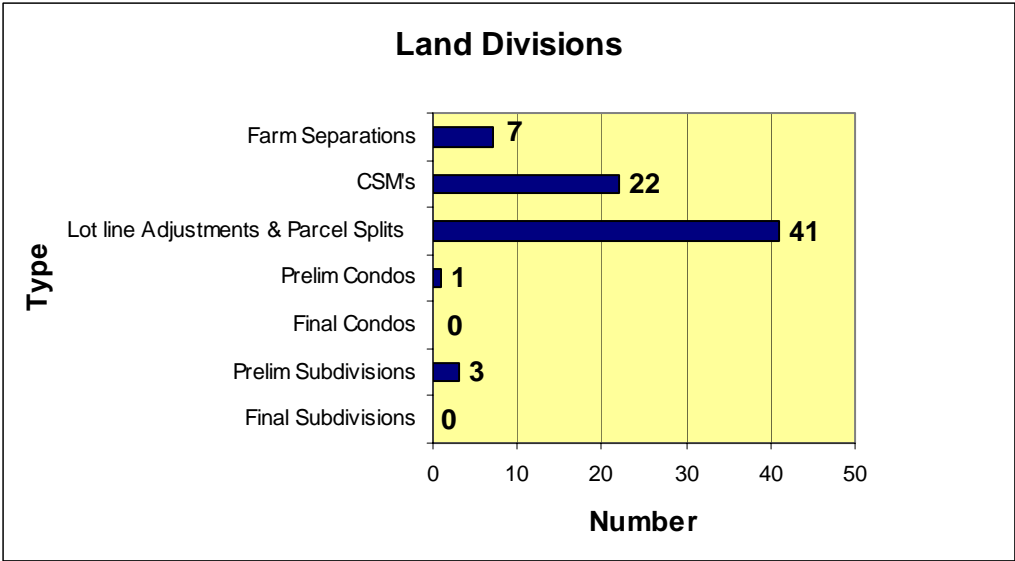


Also, there were two petitions to amend the Comprehensive Land Use Plan - 2035; one each from Bloomfield, (approved) and East Troy, (denied). See Chart 1A at left.

**2010 Land Divisions**

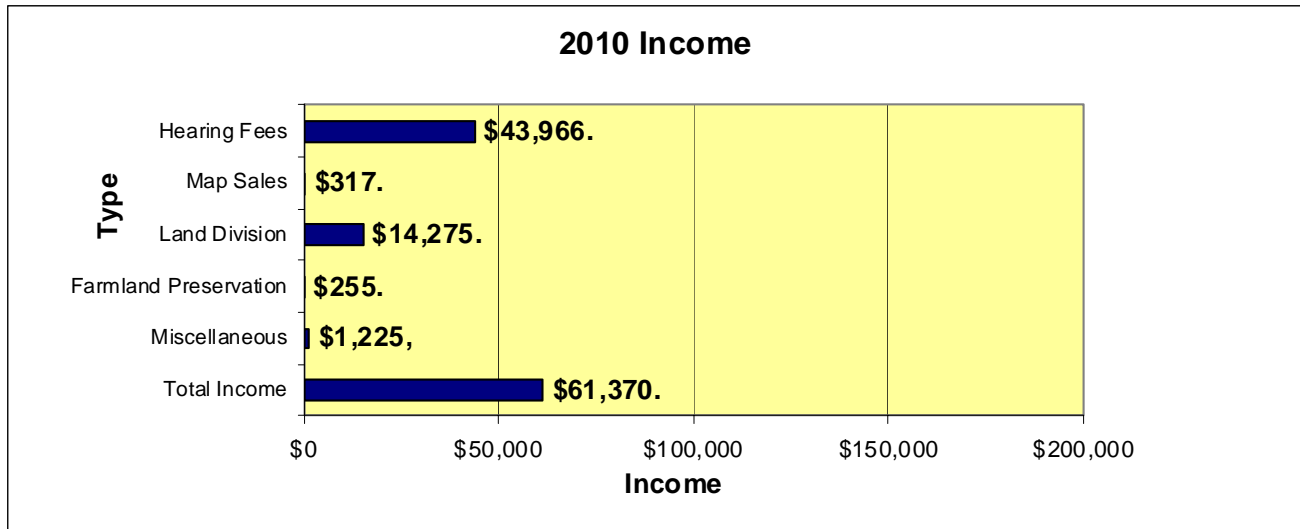
The Planning Division offers technical expertise regarding certified survey maps, condominium plats, and subdivision plats, lot line adjustments, parcel splits, farm separations, and cemetery plats. Parcel splits and lot line adjustments totaled 41 while there were 7 farm separations. Staff reviewed a total of 4 condo plats, subdivision plats and 22 certified survey maps.

**Chart 2**



The Planning Division conducts rezone and conditional use hearings and has generated a total of \$43,966. Land Division fees totaling \$15,355. include CSM's, lot line adjustments, subdivision plats, condo plats, and parcel splits, restriction removals, and affidavits of correction. Map sales, farmland preservation and miscellaneous income totaled \$2,049. The Planning Division received a total income of \$61,370. during 2010.

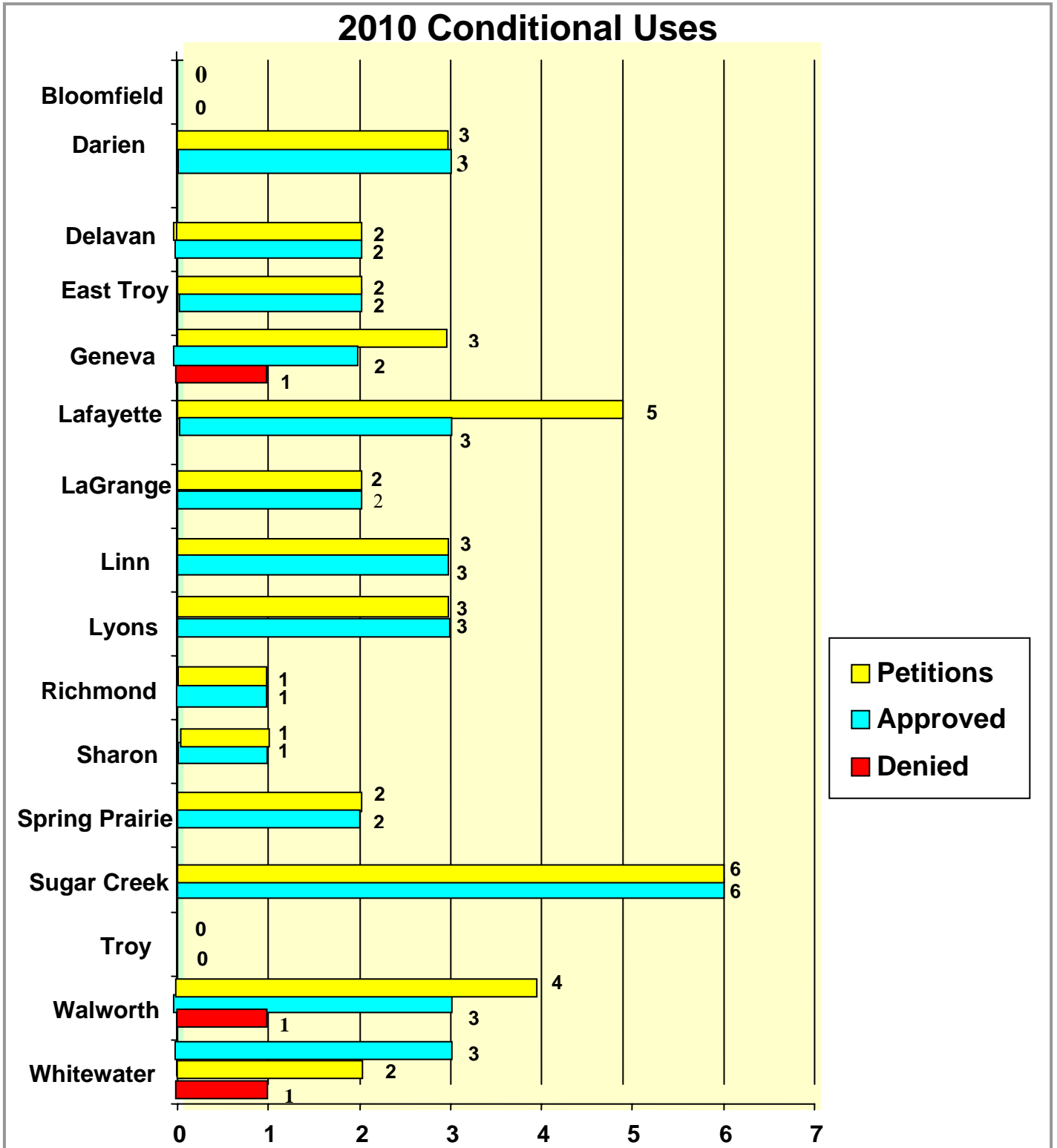
**Chart 3**



**2010 County Zoning Agency Conditional Uses**

The Walworth County Zoning Agency conducted a total of 40 conditional use hearings in 2010. Thirty-five of the requests were approved, 3 were denied, and 2 withdrawn. Sugar Creek Township had the most hearings, 6 while Bloomfield and Troy had no conditional use requests. The 3 denials for the year were in Geneva, Walworth, and Whitewater Townships.

**Chart 4**



## **FARMLAND PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Walworth County farm owners received \$230,824 in Farmland Preservation Program tax credits this past year, according to figures released by the State Department of Revenue. The number of farmers receiving Farmland Preservation Program tax credits in the county was 374. The average credit was \$617.

The Program is an effective way of providing property tax relief to farmers while at the same time protecting prime Wisconsin farmland through land use planning. Persons interested in applying for Farmland Preservation Program Tax Credit need to obtain a zoning certificate from the County Planning and Zoning Office and complete the State's Farmland Preservation Credit Claim (Schedule FC).

The Farmland Preservation and the Farmland Tax Relief Credits will both continue to be paid through the year 2010 (for payments in 2011). Beginning in tax year 2010, the credits will be merged into a restructured Farmland Preservation Credit pursuant to 2009 Wisconsin Act 28 (the 2009-2011 state biennial budget bill).

## **FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Walworth County prepared an Agricultural Preservation Plan, which was approved by the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture in 1978. This plan, along with the county's exclusive agriculture zoning ordinance (A-1 zoning district) allows Walworth County residents to participate in the state's tax credit program at a 100% funding level. Out of Wisconsin's 72 counties, 34 currently administer exclusive agricultural zoning ordinances.

The State Department of Agriculture monitors counties' compliance with their adopted agriculture preservation plans and zoning ordinances. If the state determines a county is not acting in compliance with their agricultural preservation plan, they can conduct a decertification hearing which could lead to the county's landowners no longer being eligible for Farmland Preservation Tax Credit under an exclusive agricultural zoning ordinance.

One method the state uses to monitor compliance with the program is the Notice of Rezoning Conditional Use form. This notice is a two-page report, which must be completed every time a rezone or a conditional use permit is approved in the A-1 zoning district. Chapter 91 Wis. Stats. requires the Walworth County Zoning Agency to consider specific standards and conditions before approving a rezone or conditional use in the exclusive agricultural zoning district. Farmland must also comply with soil and water conservation standards as a compliance component of this program.

(See A-1 Prime Agricultural Zoning Districts Farmland Preservation (Table 1))

## FARMLAND PRESERVATION

**Table 1**

### **2010 A-1 PRIME AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT REZONES**

TOWNSHIP	REZONES OUT OF A-1 DISTRICT	<u>TOTAL</u> ACRES REZONED OUT OF A-1
BLOOMFIELD	0	0
DARIEN	2.16	2.16
DELAVAN	0	0
EAST TROY	0	0
GENEVA	0	0
LAFAYETTE	51.7	51.7
LAGRANGE	0	0
LINN	<u>0</u>	0
LYONS	0	0
RICHMOND	0	0
SHARON	0	0
SPRING PRAIRIE	0	0
SUGAR CREEK	0	0
TROY	1.84	1.84
WALWORTH	0	0
WHITEWATER	36.55	36.55
TOTALS	ACRES REZONED OUT OF A-1	92.25
	ACRES REZONED INTO A-1	0

S = Poor soil class IV and higher

Me = Mineral Extraction

Chs = Commercial horse stable

Underlined acreage identifies land certified for participation in the Farmland Preservation Program.

## FARMLAND TAX RELIEF CREDIT

The Farmland Tax Relief Credit was created in 1989 and is a separate program from the Farmland Preservation Program. This is solely a tax relief program. The public goals of land use planning and compliance with county soil and water conservation standards are not objectives of this credit program. Farmland owners may claim this credit in addition to the Farmland Preservation Tax Credit. Walworth County farm owners received \$211,802 in Farmland Tax Relief Credit. The number of farmers receiving Farmland Tax Relief Credit in the county totaled 642. The average credit was \$330.

## **PLANNING PROJECTS SCHEDULED IN 2010 INCLUDE:**

- Completed preparation of the Walworth County Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Met with Towns to review their local Land Use Plans
- Completed distribution of 2010 Census information and education materials being dispensed to several demographics. (Started in 2009 for completion in 2010).
- Updated the Farmland Preservation Plan for adoption and state certification by 2011 and obtain grant.
- Updated and implemented the Walworth County Land and Water Resource Management Plan under the guidance of the Walworth County Land Conservation Committee.
- Completed the Annual Report for the State of Wisconsin, DNR/DATCP.
- Update the Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Website to include links to all projects completed in 2010, all on-line forms, links to pertinent web sites, and streamline current information available to the public. (ongoing)
- Awarded the Mississippi River Healthy Basin Initiative (MRBI) grant with technical expertise provided by the Conservation Division.
- Shoreland Grant – to assist with amending existing zoning ordinance to meet with NR 115 compliance.

### **Comprehensive Plan Website**

The Walworth County comprehensive plan website can be accessed at:

[www.sewrpc.org/smartgrowth/walworthcounty/](http://www.sewrpc.org/smartgrowth/walworthcounty/) The website includes links to a wide range of materials pertaining to the comprehensive planning effort.

## **ZONING ADMINISTRATION**

The Land Use and Resource Management Department Zoning Division has the responsibility of regulating and enforcing Walworth County's Zoning, Shoreland Zoning and Telecommunication Tower Ordinances.

The zoning division consists of a Sr. zoning officer, three code enforcement officers, and two clerical staff. The zoning division works in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, County Sanitation Division, County Land Conservation Division, County Planning Division, Sheriff's Department, Register of Deeds, Information Systems/GIS, Clerk of Courts, Towns and the Walworth County Corporation Counsel's Office.

- Implementation of the ordinances is through:
  - Meetings and workshops to educate in zoning requirements
  - Protection of shorelands and floodplain
  - Issuance of zoning permits
  - Zoning inspections
  - Board of Adjustment Hearings
  - Zoning review of subdivisions, CSM's or condo plats
  - Issuance of citations for violations and court appearances
  - Assist the planning division in the review of rezone & conditional use requests.
  - Zoning review of telecommunication towers

The zoning division also completes zoning reviews on farm separations, lot line adjustments and parcel splits. The zoning division reviews all applications for campgrounds, salvage yards, telecommunication towers, their accessories co-locations and annual reports.

The zoning division also reviews and processes all applications for variances, temporary use requests and appeals. The applications are scheduled for public hearing before the Board of Adjustment, a three member quasi-judicial board. The zoning personnel provide their input into staff reports and may be present at the public hearing to assist the Board.

(See statistics regarding the BOA and Zoning Permits (Table 2, Charts 5-9))

## 2010 ZONING PERMITS ISSUED

The zoning division staff reviewed a total of 649\* permits with 595 issued. These do not include cell tower, salvage yard, vegetation/tree, shoreyard mitigations, BOA renewals, or zoning ordinances. Of the permits listed below, 248 were for additions and alterations. Accessory buildings followed with a total of 156 and requests for single-family dwellings totaled 64. Delavan Township residents acquired the most permits at 92; Linn followed with 70 permits. *\*-not all permits reviewed were received in 2010; a portion of the permits may have been received in a previous year and some may still be pending.*

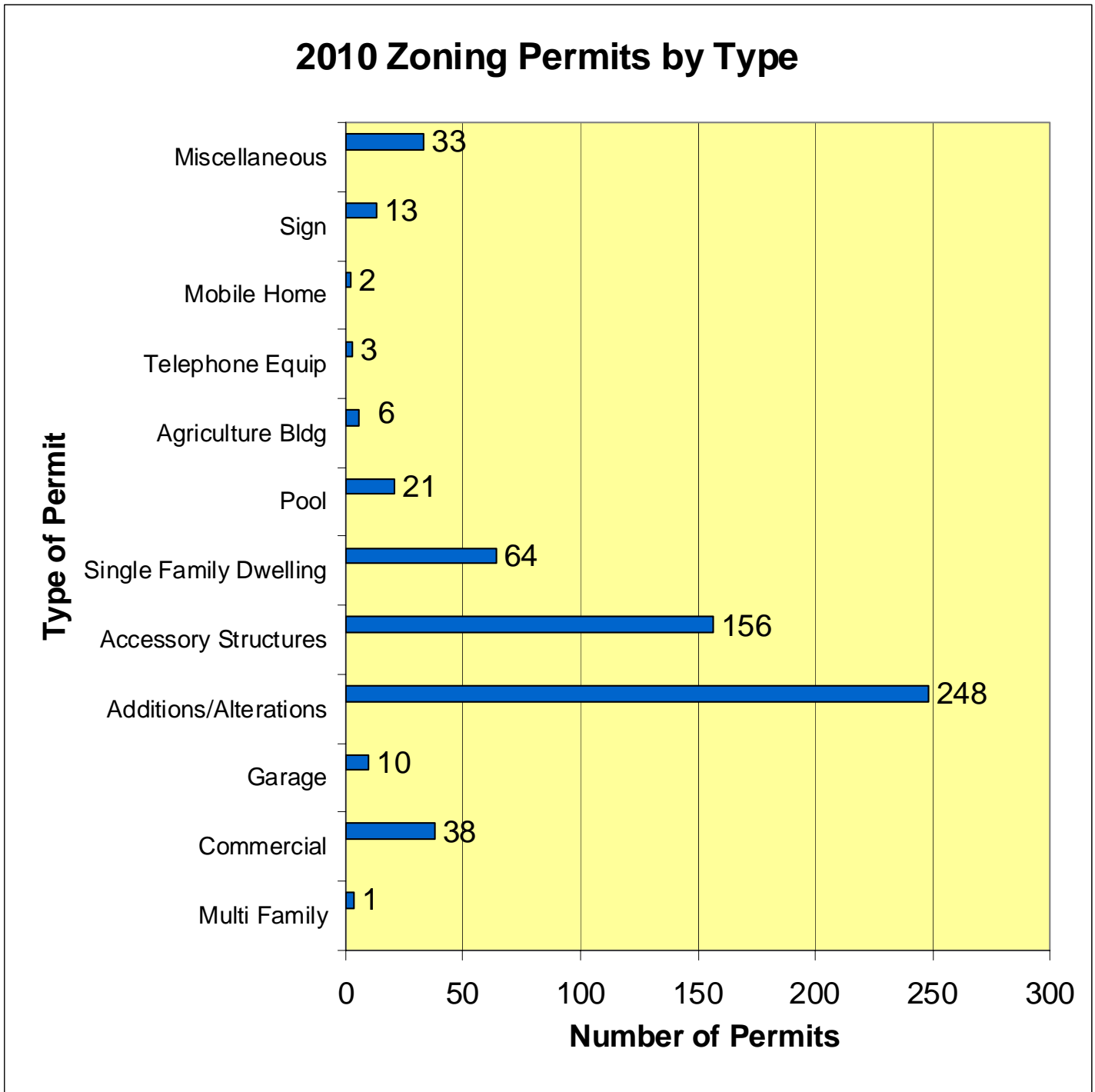
**Table 2**

<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	SFD	ACC BLD	ADD/ ALT	GAR	COMM	MULTI	POOL	MOVE BLDG	MISC	SIGN	MOBILE HOME	CAMP	AG	TEL EQP	Totals
BLOOMFIELD	1	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
DARIEN	2	10	6	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	23
DELAVAN	6	16	51	1	3	0	3	0	5	7	0	0	0	0	92
EAST TROY	7	9	23	1	2	1	6	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	52
GENEVA	12	9	29	3	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	61
LAFAYETTE	4	10	3	0	6	0	4	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	32
LA GRANGE	5	13	27	1	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	56
LINN	11	15	29	1	6	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	70
LYONS	0	11	9	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	26
RICHMOND	2	9	10	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	25
SHARON	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
SPRNG PRAIRIE	4	8	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24
SUGAR CREEK	2	14	14	0	8	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	44
TROY	4	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	25
WALWORTH	0	6	8	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	19
WHITEWATER	4	9	13	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	29
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>595</b>

### 2010 ZONING PERMITS BY TYPE

There were a total of 595 permits issued in 2010 and 649 permits were received. Of these, 54 were either refunded or have not yet been issued in 2010. The greatest numbers of permits acquired by the public were additions and alterations, then accessory structures, followed by new single-family dwellings. The least amount issued was for the garage, multi-family, and agricultural permits. These do not include cell tower, campground, salvage yard, vegetation/tree, shoreyard mitigations, BOA renewals, or zoning ordinances.

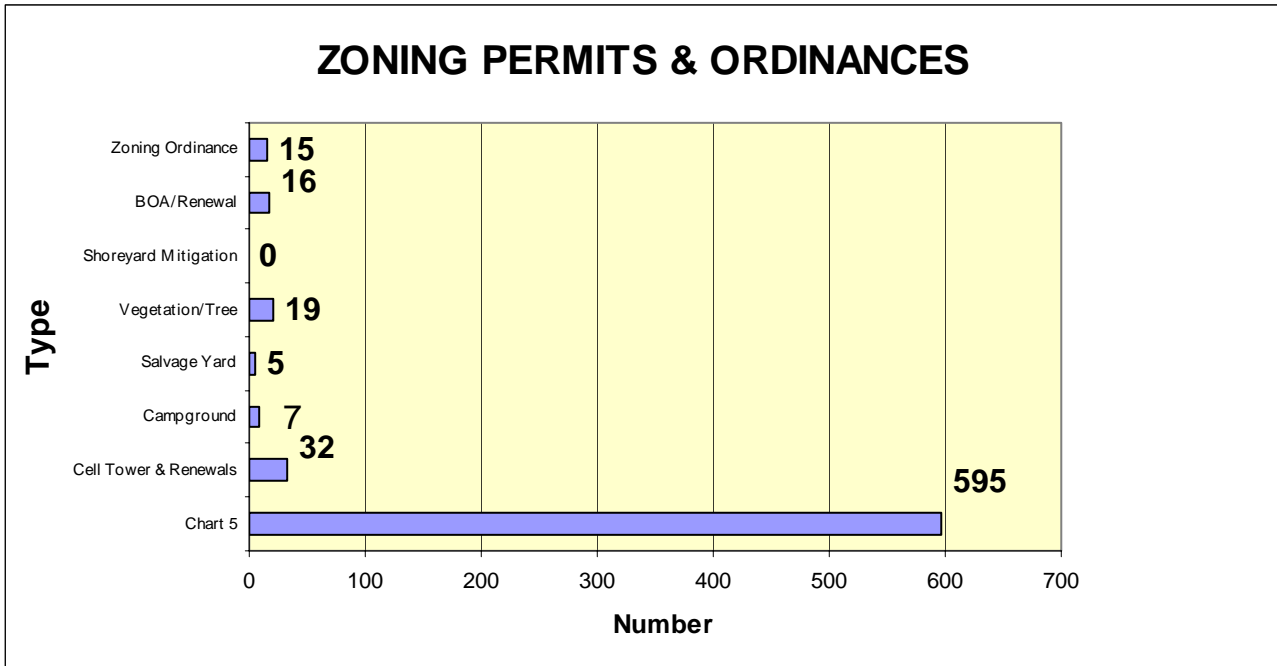
Chart 5



**2010 REMAINING ZONING PERMITS BY TYPE**

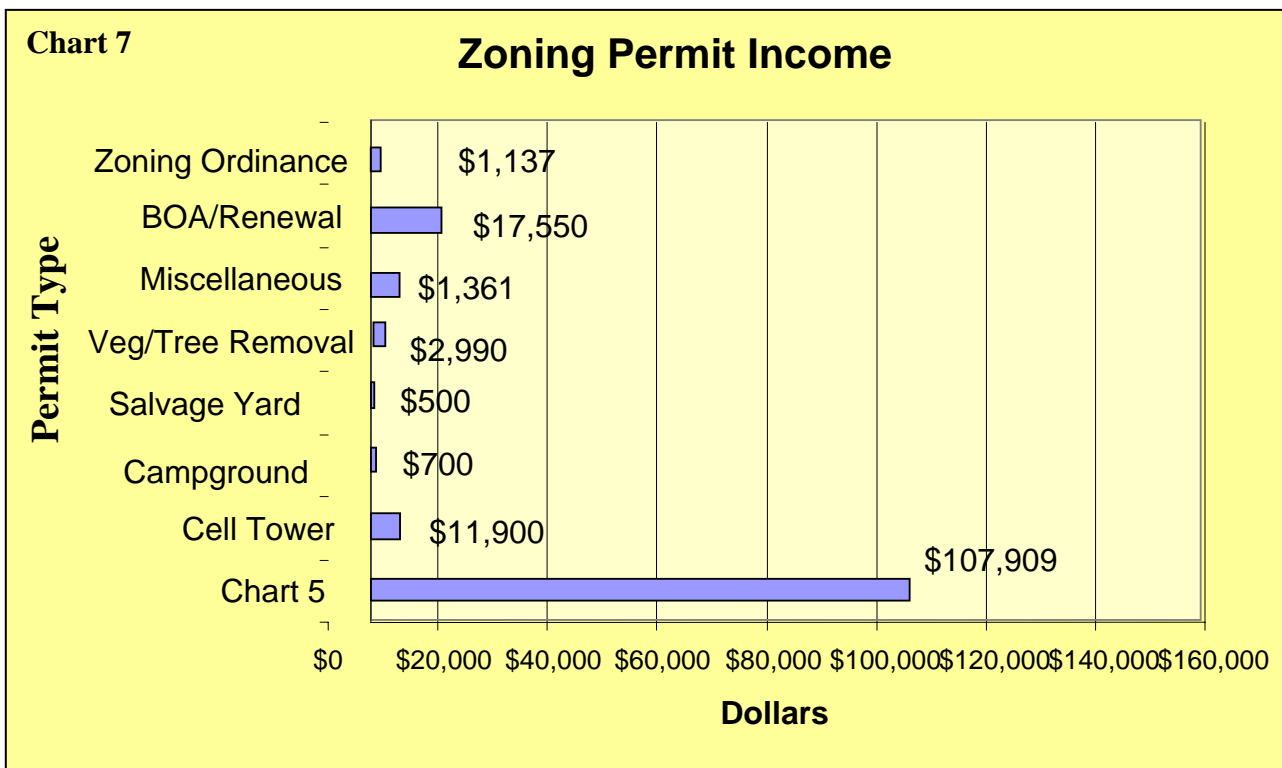
The permits listed below in Chart 6 include cell towers and cell tower renewals, campgrounds, salvage yards, vegetation/tree removals, BOA renewals, zoning ordinances and miscellaneous. The 595 types of permits are listed in Chart 5.

**Chart 6**



**2010 ZONING PERMIT INCOME**

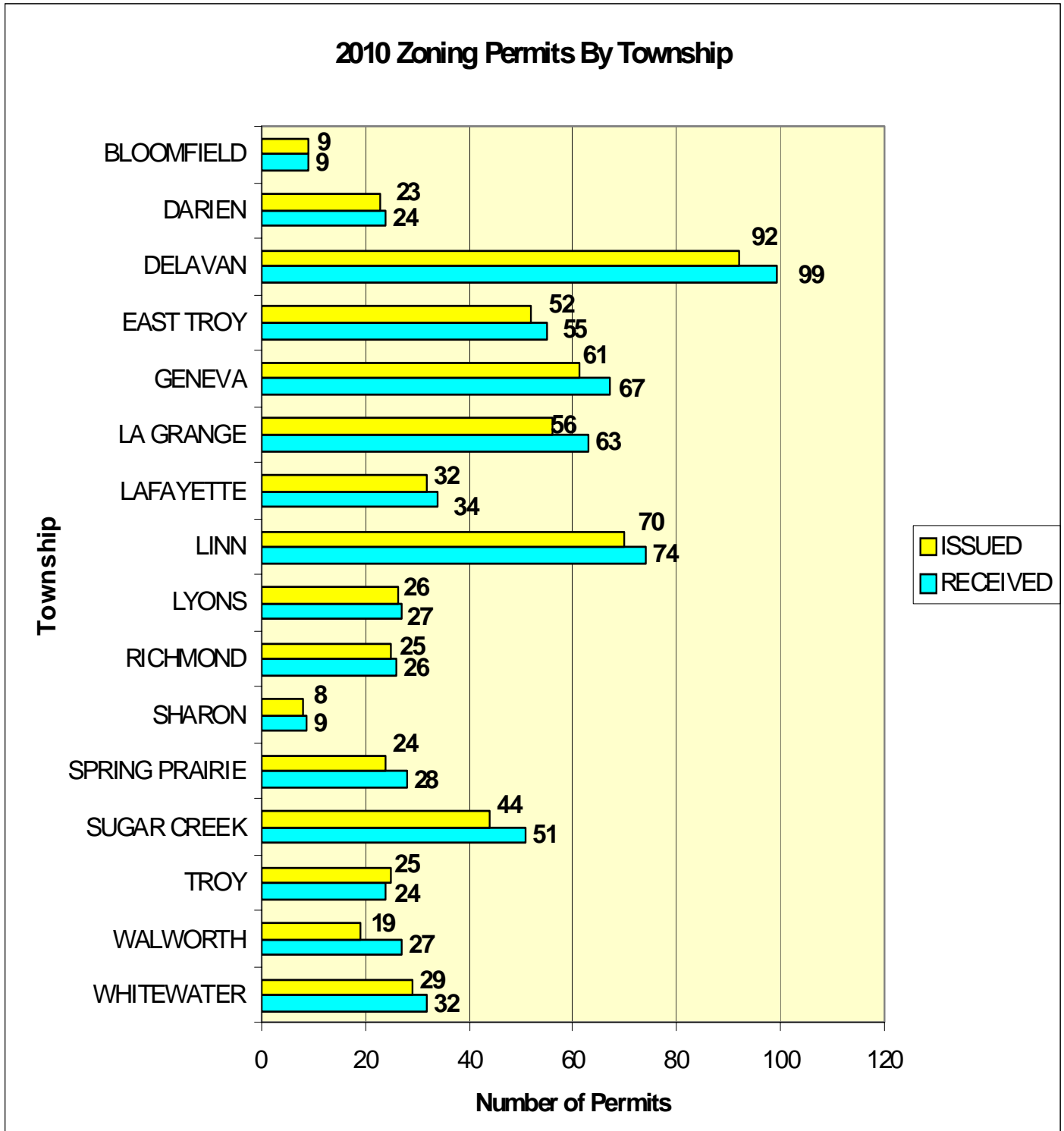
The zoning division income totaled \$144,047. A majority of income was generated from permits listed in Chart 5, \$107,909.



## 2010 ZONING PERMITS BY TOWNSHIP

Total permits received, excluding cell tower, campground, salvage yards, vegetation/tree, shoreyard mitigation, BOA renewals or zoning ordinances, is 649. Of these, 54 were not issued, were refunded or are not yet issued. The townships that showed the greatest number of permits are Delavan, Linn, and Geneva. Overall, Delavan applied for the most permits, 99, acquiring more alterations and accessory structures than any other township. The townships that purchased the least number of permits are Sharon and Bloomfield with 9 permits each.

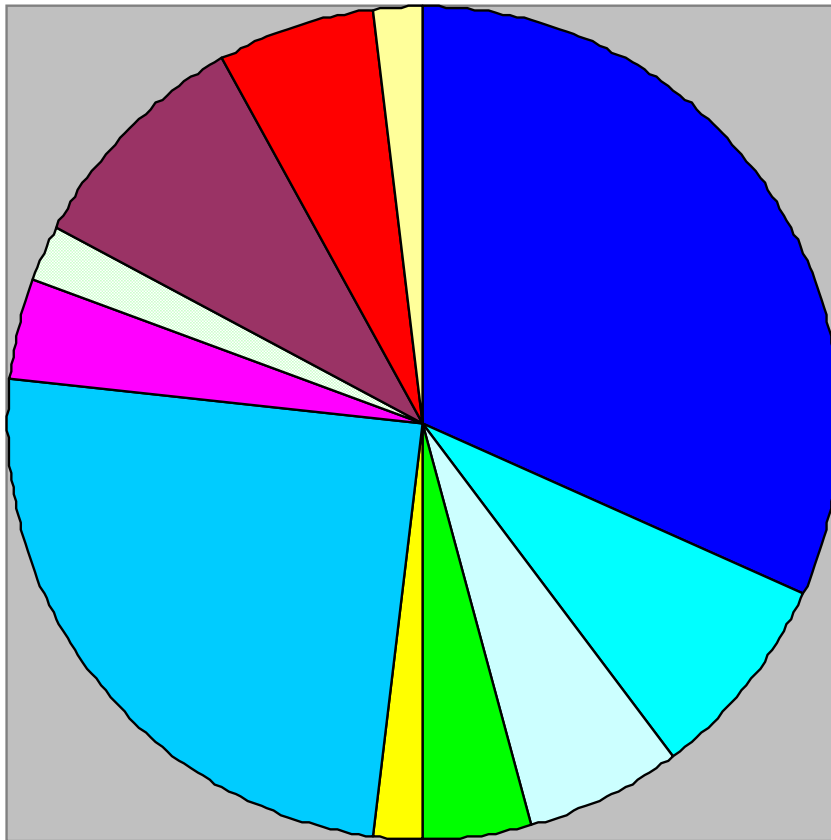
**Chart 8**



An overall view of what decisions were made in 2010 by the Walworth County Board of Adjustment is shown below. The Approved Decisions include hearings that had no other conditions or restrictions. The Board will sometimes approve one part of the variance request and deny, modify, or condition part of the request. The Board denied 13 variance requests with no other conditions or restrictions. There were a total of 52 BOA hearings in 2010, generating an income of \$17,550.

**Chart 9**

## 2010 Walworth County Board of Adjustment




- Approved 31%**
- Approved w/Cond. 8%**
- Approved & Denied 6%**
- Approved & Denied w/Cond. 4%**
- Modified & Approved 2%**
- Denied 24%**
- Upheld 4%**
- No Action 2%**
- Postponed 9%**
- Withdrawn 6%**
- Modified & Approved & Denied 2%**

## HOUSING STARTS COMPARISON

The following Tables, Table 3, 3A and 3B reflect housing starts in Walworth County. **Table 3** below is broken down by township/municipality with the Village of Williams Bay showing the greatest gain in 2010 with 9 starts versus the 3 starts in 2009 and East Troy Township second with 7 starts versus 5 starts in 2009. Table 3A reflects a 6-year comparison for the month of December which shows an increase from 2009 to 2010, but still indicates a slow down when comparing 2010 to the other 4 years of 2005 – 2008 when starts were significantly higher. Table 3B reflects a 6-year comparison of starts and compares starts for the entire year Table 3B also reflects a slow down in the 6-year comparison. However, the average value of houses built comparing 2010 to 2009 shows an increase from \$38,207,439 in 2009 to \$42,529,563 in 2010.

**Table 3**

<b>MTD Marketing Services LLC</b> 		<b>1/6/2011</b>						
<b>Single Family and Duplex Permits Issued</b>		<b><u>2010 Walworth December YTD report</u></b>						
<b>Municipality Report</b>								
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>2010 Total</b>	<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>2010 Starts</b>	<b>2009 Starts</b>	<b>2010 Avg. Value</b>	<b>2009 Avg. Value</b>	<b>2010 Avg. Sq Ft</b>	<b>2009 Avg. Sq Ft</b>
Bloomfield (T)	\$250,000	\$905,000	1	6	\$250,000	\$150,833	2,800	1,567
Darien (T)	\$452,000	\$195,000	2	1	\$226,000	\$195,000	2,005	1,900
Delavan	\$250,000	\$350,000	2	3	\$125,000	\$116,667	1,528	1,638
Delavan (T)	\$3,393,890	\$7,584,500	7	16	\$484,841	\$474,656	3,617	3,873
East Troy (T)	\$2,044,665	\$1,228,600	7	5	\$292,095	\$245,720	2,629	2,854
Elkhorn	\$480,000	\$817,000	3	5	\$160,000	\$163,400	2,615	1,908
Fontana	\$9,892,500	\$4,850,000	9	10	\$1,099,167	\$485,000	5,729	3,706
Geneva (T)	\$2,329,000	\$2,234,900	10	13	\$232,900	\$171,915	2,224	1,621
Genoa City	\$200,000		1		\$200,000		1,766	
Lafayette (T)	\$283,600	\$166,890	2	1	\$141,800	\$166,890	1,748	1,735
LaGrange (T)	\$1,925,000	\$1,441,000	5	4	\$385,000	\$360,250	2,814	2,327
Lake Geneva	\$2,196,000	\$2,526,699	13	15	\$168,923	\$168,447	1,714	2,004
Linn (T)	\$8,756,682	\$7,621,000	10	11	\$875,668	\$692,818	4,012	3,683
Lyons (T)		\$750,000		1		\$750,000		6,322
Richmond (T)	\$200,000	\$1,170,000	1	3	\$200,000	\$390,000	2,476	2,477
Sharon (T)		\$824,900		4		\$206,225		2,001
Spring Prairie (T)	\$790,000	\$402,950	3	3	\$263,333	\$134,317	2,231	1,504
Sugar Creek (T)	\$570,000	\$426,000	2	2	\$285,000	\$213,000	2,504	2,235
Troy (T)	\$920,000	\$1,463,000	4	4	\$230,000	\$365,750	2,520	2,394
Walworth		\$316,000		2		\$158,000		1,478
Walworth (T)		\$1,221,000		3		\$407,000		3,680
Whitewater (T)	\$1,445,226	\$1,075,000	5	3	\$289,045	\$358,333	2,686	3,199
Williams Bay	\$6,151,000	\$628,000	9	3	\$683,444	\$209,333	3,950	2,512

## WALWORTH COUNTY HOUSING STARTS COMPARISON

**Table 3A & Table 3B**

<b>Year to Year December Comparison</b>				
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>SUM</b>	<b>COUNT</b>	<b>AVG VALUE</b>	<b>AVG SQ FT</b>
2005	6,656,125	30	221,870	2,225
2006	5,040,054	17	296,473	2,530
2007	4,508,845	8	563,605	2,397
2008	3,063,190	9	340,354	2,772
2009	1,175,000	2	587,500	6,132
2010	4,145,000	7	592,142	3,329

<b>Year to Date Comparison</b>				
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>SUM</b>	<b>COUNT</b>	<b>AVG VALUE</b>	<b>AVG SQ FT</b>
2005	130,743,868	575	227,380	2,319
2006	96,609,033	382	252,903	2,389
2007	90,752,516	305	297,549	2,516
2008	65,310,339	178	366,912	2,853
2009	38,207,439	118	323,791	2,654
2010	42,529,563	96	443,016	3,023

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## SANITATION

As acting agent for the State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce, the Walworth County Sanitation Division functions to ensure Walworth County Code of Ordinances – Chapter 70 Utilities, Wisconsin Administrative Code and Wisconsin State Statutes standards are met when designing, installing, inspecting, and managing private sewage systems within the county so the safety of the public and the waters of the state are protected.

To administer these rules and regulations, the sanitation division duties include:

- Issuing sanitary permits
- Inspecting private sewage systems
- Reviewing and conducting soil on-sites to determine site suitability for private sewage systems
- Investigating complaints relative to private sewage systems
- Issuing orders as deemed necessary to correct failing private sewage systems
- Assist the general public, property owners, real estate professionals, attorneys, soil testers, plumbers, etc.
- Oversees the maintenance program for private sewage systems such as mounds, conventional, at-grades, in-ground pressure, and holding tanks

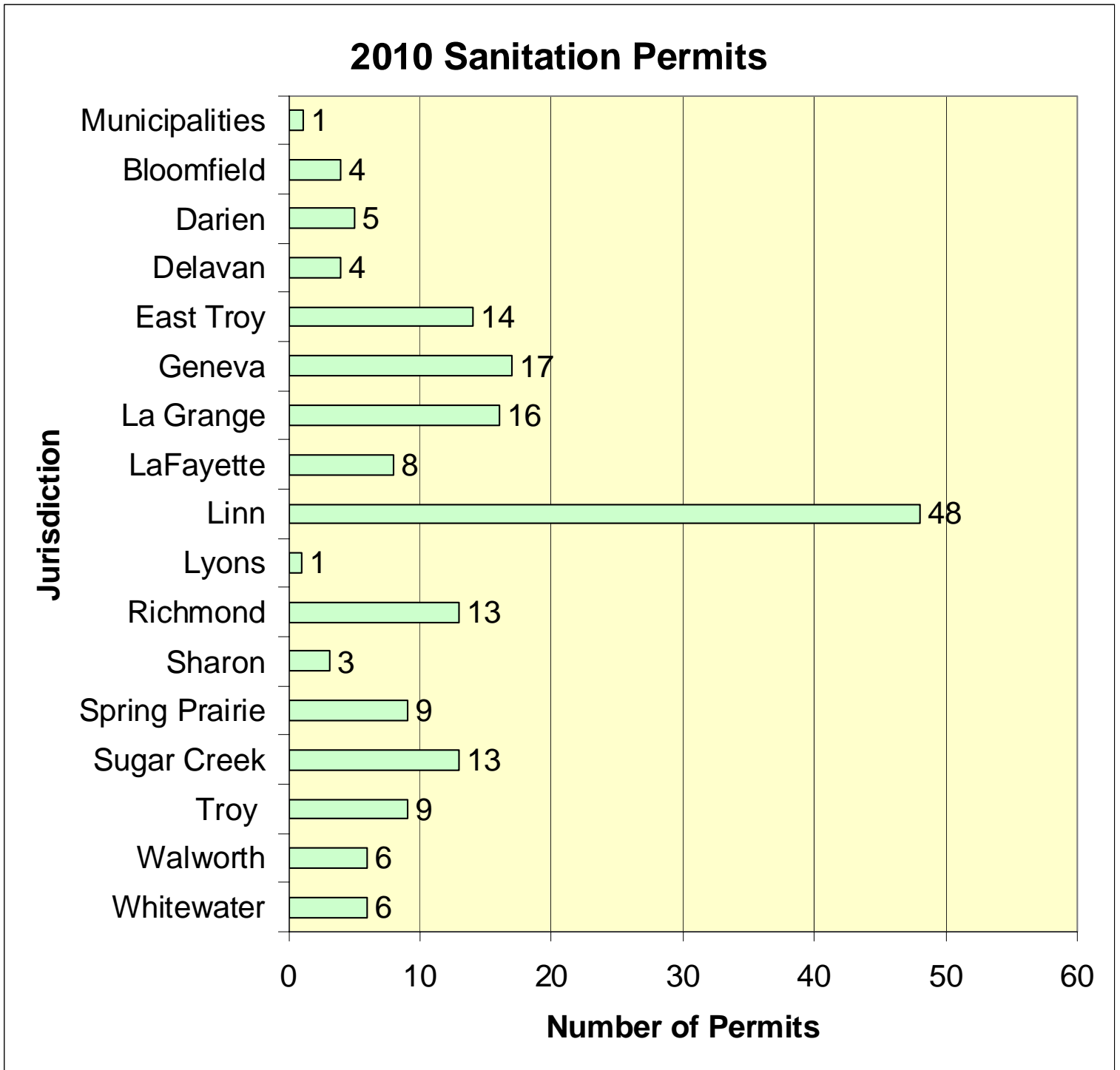
In addition to these services, Walworth County participates in the Wisconsin Fund Private Sewage System Grant Program, a state-funded, county-administered program that provides funds for replacement of failing private sewage systems to qualified property owners. Walworth County has been part of the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program since July 13, 1982 and to date, has submitted 615 individual applications for funding requests totaling approximately \$951,695.

(See attached statistics regarding sanitary permits, state funds and soil and site evaluation reports (Tables 4-7 and Charts 10–11))

### 2010 NUMBER OF SANITARY PERMITS

The sanitation division processed a total of 177 permits. Of these, 173 have been issued with 4 permits to be issued in 2011 or refunded. Systems installed totaled 97. Linn Township residents purchased the most permits at 48 and Lyons Township and Municipalities the least, receiving 1 each. As shown in Table 4, Linn Township generated the most income bringing in \$25,340, while municipalities income for sanitary permits totaled \$70. Total income for sanitary permits collected was \$78,510.00 which included \$1,715 in permits to other county departments and miscellaneous sanitation fees in addition to \$76,795 from the townships and municipalities.

**Chart 10**



## 2010 SANITARY PERMITS

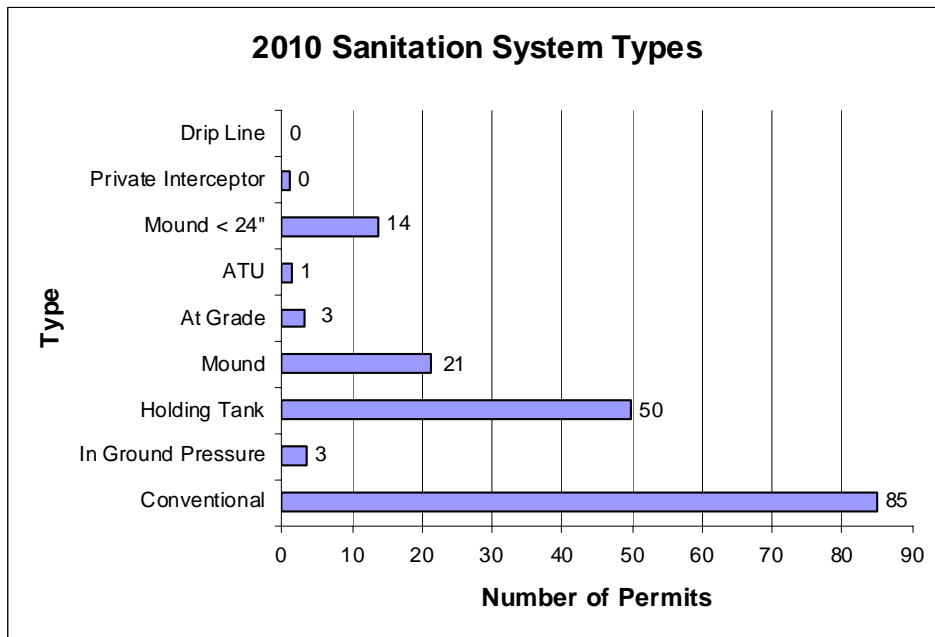
**Table 4**

TOWNSHIP	TOTAL PERMITS RECEIVED	PERMITS ISSUED	SYSTEMS INSTALLED	TOTAL COLLECTED RECEIPTS
MUNICIPALITIES	1	1	1	\$70.00
BLOOMFIELD	4	4	2	\$1,705.00
DARIEN	5	5	4	\$2,065.00
DELAVAN	4	4	4	\$1,665.00
EAST TROY	14	13	7	\$5,350.00
GENEVA	17	17	9	\$7,525.00
LAFAYETTE	8	8	4	\$3,340.00
LAGRANGE	16	16	6	\$5,940.00
LINN	48	48	21	\$25,340.00
LYONS	1	1	0	\$465.00
RICHMOND	13	11	7	\$4,675.00
SHARON	3	3	3	\$1,015.00
SPRING PRAIRIE	9	9	6	\$3,545.00
SUGAR CREEK	13	12	12	\$5,430.00
TROY	9	9	5	\$3,770.00
WALWORTH	6	6	2	\$1,940.00
WHITEWATER	6	6	4	\$2,955.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>\$76,795.00</b>

### 2010 SANITARY PERMIT TYPES

Mounds and holding tanks are put in when a conventional system cannot be used. The number of conventional systems installed in 2010 totaled 85. Holding tanks and mounds followed at 50 and 21 (of the total mounds, 14 of them were less than 24").

**Chart 11**



**Table 5**

<b>TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>CONV</b>	<b>IN-GR. PRESS</b>	<b>HOLDING TANK</b>	<b>MOUND</b>	<b>AT GRADE</b>	<b>ATU</b>	<b>MOUND &lt;24"</b>	<b>PRIVATE INTER.</b>	<b>DRIP LINE</b>
MUNICIPALITIES	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLOOMFIELD	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
DARIEN	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
DELAVAN	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
EAST TROY	7	1	1	1	0	1	3	0	0
GENEVA	3	0	5	7	0	0	2	0	0
LAFAYETTE	5	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
LAGRANGE	14	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
LINN	8	0	28	8	0	0	4	0	0
LYONS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RICHMOND	8	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0
SHARON	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
SPRING PRAIRIE	6	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
SUGAR CREEK	8	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0
TROY	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
WALWORTH	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
WHITEWATER	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**2010 SANITATION INCOME AND STATE FUNDS**

A state sanitary permit is required before a private sewage system can be installed. The fee for the sanitary permit provides revenue for the State of Wisconsin and Walworth County Agents. For each sanitary permit issued, a portion of the fee collected is forwarded to the State of Wisconsin. The total sent in 2010 was \$15,300. The remainder of the fee is utilized by the county to administer the private sewage system program.

**Table 6**

<b>TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>STATE FUNDS COLLECTED BY WALWORTH COUNTY</b>	<b>AMOUNT RETAINED BY COUNTY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
MUNICIPALITIES	0	\$70.	\$70.00
BLOOMFIELD	\$400.00	\$1,705.00	\$2,105.00
DARIEN	\$500.00	\$2,065.00	\$2,565.00
DELAVAN	\$400.00	\$1,665.00	\$2,065.00
EAST TROY	\$1,000.00	\$5,350.00	\$6,350.00
GENEVA	\$1,400.00	\$7,525.00	\$8,925.00
LAFAYETTE	\$700.00	\$3,340.00	\$4,040.00
LAGRANGE	\$1,500.00	\$5,940.00	\$7,440.00
LINN	\$4,400.00	\$25,340.00	\$29,740.00
LYONS	\$100.00	\$465.00	\$565.00
RICHMOND	\$1,000.00	\$4,675.00	\$5,675.00
SHARON	\$200.00	\$1,015.00	\$1,215.00
SPRING PRAIRIE	\$800.00	\$3,545.00	\$4,345.00
SUGAR CREEK	\$1,100.00	\$5430.00	\$6,530.00
TROY	\$900.00	\$3,770.00	\$4,670.00
WALWORTH	\$300.00	\$1,940.00	\$2,240.00
WHITEWATER	\$600.00	\$2,955.00	\$3,555.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,300.00</b>	<b>\$76,795.00</b>	<b>\$92,095.00</b>

## 2010 SANITATION SOIL AND SITE EVALUATIONS

Soil and site evaluations are conducted by a certified soil tester (CST) to determine site suitability for a private sewage system. These evaluations are on-sited by the County to verify the results. After completion, the soil report can be filed with the county to be later used to obtain a sanitary permit. If the soil report is filed with the county, the original soil report must be submitted along with a filing fee. The 2010 filing fee was \$100. As Table 7 below indicates, a filing fee may be waived in certain circumstances such as when a soil test determines the site is only suitable for a holding tank; additional borings are needed to expand an existing area, to confirm soils are near an existing system, or for preliminary boring(s) to develop land. Total soil test fees collected in 2010 are \$11,700.

### 2010 SOIL AND SITE EVALUATION REPORTS

**Table 7**

TOWNSHIP	REPORTS W/ \$100.00 FEE	WAIVED FILING FEE	TOTAL REPORTS	TOTAL FEES RECEIVED
MUNICIPALITIES	0	0	0	\$0.00
BLOOMFIELD	5	0	5	\$500.00
DARIEN	4	0	4	\$400.00
DELAVAN	3	0	3	\$300.00
EAST TROY	19	1	20	\$1,900.00
GENEVA	10	1	11	\$1,000.00
LAFAYETTE	6	0	6	\$600.00
LA GRANGE	14	0	14	\$1,400.00
LINN	15	2	17	\$1,500.00
LYONS	0	0	0	\$0.00
RICHMOND	10	0	10	\$1,000.00
SHARON	1	1	2	\$100.00
SPRING PRAIRIE	6	0	6	\$600.00
SUGAR CREEK	11	4	15	\$1,100.00
TROY	5	3	8	\$500.00
WALWORTH	4	0	4	\$400.00
WHITEWATER	4	1	5	\$400.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>\$11,700.00</b>

## LAND USE

The following statistical report identifies meetings held, projects reviewed and permits issued for the period covering January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

12	Regular Meetings of the Walworth County Zoning Agency
0	Smart Growth Technical Advisory Committee Meetings
24	Regular Meetings of the Board of Adjustment
158	Planning and Zoning Assistance, Educational and Other Miscellaneous Meetings
7	Training Sessions Attended
0	ACE Meetings Attended
19	Vegetation Removal/Prescribed Burn Parcels Reviewed
6*	Court Appearances *5 trials, 1 subpoena trial
47	Zoning Citations
32	Telecommunication Towers/Antenna Permits Issued
5	Notice of Rezone/Conditional Use Reports Prepared for DATCP
3	Budget Meetings
12	County Board Meetings
5	Map Correction Forms Reviewed and Sent to Information Systems
173	Sanitation Permits Issued
97	Sanitation Systems Installed – Inspected
127	Soil Tests and On-Sites Required Per Soil Test
4,257	Sanitation Maintenance Cards
100	Sanitation Citations
997	Holding Tanks
2	Wisconsin Fund Applications
595	Zoning Permits Issued
32	Cellular Tower Renewals
5	Community Smart Growth Workshops and Meetings
20	Historic Map Reviews and Meetings with the Public
15	Planning Ordinance Amendments
40	County Zoning Agency Conditional Use Hearings
595	Subdivision Ordinance/Plat Assistance Meetings and Requests
41	Lot Line Adjustments / Parcels Affected
7	Parcel Splits Reviewed
22	Number of Certified Survey Maps (CSM)
1	Condominium Plats Reviewed, preliminary and final
3	Subdivisions, Plats Reviewed
4	County Zoning Agency Plat Review Reports
3	Pre Application Conferences for Subdivisions, Rezones and Conditional Uses
27	Review and Print New Zoning Maps After Rezones and Conditional Uses
59	Planning Reports Prepared for Rezones and Conditional Uses
7	Farm Separations
42	County Zoning Agency Rezone Hearings

## **LAND CONSERVATION**

The Walworth County Land Conservation Division provides technical assistance to landowners, businesses and units of government to advance county conservation goals. The Conservation Division works in partnership with federal, state and local agencies including: the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA); Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), USDA Wildlife Abatement (APHIS); Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR); University of Wisconsin Extension (UWEX); US Fish and Wildlife Service, Walworth County Planning and Zoning Divisions; Register of Deeds; County Clerk, Information Systems/GIS; and Clerk of Courts.

The Conservation Division's responsibilities include the following:

- Implementing the Land and Water Resource Management Program to the farming community to achieve sediment and nutrient reduction through cost sharing best management practice assistance, contracts, follow-up visits, engineering assistance as needed, and information and education. In 2010, \$89,520 in funding was secured from DATCP for cost sharing conservation practices for the Land and Water Resource Management Program. Of that, \$75,905 was used. In addition, funding of \$163,973 was secured from DATCP for staff salaries and support expenses.
  - Applied practices include:
    - 1,077 acres of Nutrient Management plans; 7.75 acres of waterway systems, 500 feet of diversions, 800 feet of terrace systems, 1 barnyard runoff control system, 1 grade stabilization structure, 1 manure storage system, 100 feet of access roads, and 1 well decommissioning.
- Providing technical assistance to the NRCS in implementing the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) for buffer establishment and other needed practices to achieve sediment and nutrient reduction. In 2010, \$12,289 in cost sharing went to Walworth County landowners to implement CREP contracts. Since CREP's inception in 2002, landowners have been given cost sharing of \$202,406. In addition, a Conservation Contribution Agreement with the USDA NRCS of \$5,760 was also secured for technical assistance from Walworth County. The agreement runs from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2010.
  - Due to the buffers/other practices established in 2010, Walworth County experienced a reduction of 133.9 tons of soil loss, 183.8 pounds of phosphorus, and 100.3 pounds of nitrogen. Practices applied through this program include 1.9 acres of waterway, and 35.2 acres of filter strips.

- Assisting landowners enrolled in farmland preservation, assuring their compliance in up-to-date conservation plans, spot-checking 111 farms or 25% of those (466 landowners) enrolled on a yearly basis, and when necessary, issuing Notification's of Noncompliance to DATCP.
- Preparing detailed project cost estimates for all landowner contracts and conduct and overseeing each project through layout and implementation phases
- Assisting in all project record keeping, contract administration, reimbursement documents to DATCP, DNR and/or NRCS/FSA
- Administering the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (APHIS). Received \$5,588 plus \$250 administration costs from the DNR for the program. Venison processing costs paid from that amount were \$935, or a grand total of \$5,838.
- Providing guidance to the farming community for nutrient management planning for sediment and nutrient reduction, including writing nutrient management plans with all components and providing nutrient management workshops for the farming community and the farming industry
- Overseeing county ordinances regarding animal waste storage
- Overseeing county ordinances regarding erosion control and stormwater activities.
- Overseeing county ordinances regarding non-metallic mining reclamation including site inspections and all project record keeping. In 2010, \$27,320 in fees were collected of which \$3,700. went to the DNR.
- Provide technical assistance to the Kettle Moraine Land Trust.
- Provided several educational meetings to landowners explaining the elements and impacts to the farming community of the Working Land Initiative, which is part of the 2010 State Budget. The initiative components include Farmland Preservation, Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEA), and the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation easement (PACE) program.
- Provide conservation information and education through press releases, newspaper interviews, workshops, television cable channel presentation, newsletters, dairy breakfast activities, prairie walk activities, and the tree program.
  - In 2010, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Prairie Walk was attended by 68 people. Speaker, Dianne Moller, Hoo's Woods Raptor Center brought live birds including a Golden Eagle and Cooper's Hawk to explain their role in the various ecosystems. To date, 704 people have attended the prairie walks listening to a wide range of environmental topics and seeing first-hand, restored prairies and prairie remnants, wetlands, fens, CRP/CREP lands, and other conservation practices.
  - In conjunction with the Zoning Division, provided 67 landscapers, arborists, supervisors and interested individuals with information at the annual 2010 Landscapers Workshop about

erosion control standards/sediment/stormwater management, County permitting, and DNR grading rules, waterway regulations, and Invasive Species regulations (NR-40).

- Assisted in a joint program with UW Extension that provided 76 rain barrels to landowners wishing to collect their own water for gardens, lawns, etc.
- Provided technical assistance to Walworth County Lakes Association through information and education, attending meetings, procurement of qualified speakers, pontoon classrooms, handouts and newsletter articles.
- Provided community education and outreach offering technical assistance and aquatic invasive species (AIS) education including contacts with townships, cities/villages, educators, lake groups, nurseries, pet stores, bait dealers and other southeast area counties. There were 26 AIS workshops, 10 local company contacts, 5 Clean Boats Clean Waters training workshops, 201 hours of watercraft inspections, and various source containment and monitoring activities.
- Achieving pollution reduction by implementation of the Walworth County Tree Program, including choosing, purchasing, order processing, and annually distributing over 25,000 trees and shrubs to 450 landowners. Brochures on several pollution reduction measures and tree/shrub care were also distributed along with root gel to assure better survival rates
- Staff assisted regional conservation activities through memberships in regional workgroups including Fox River Basin Partnership, Mukwonago River Initiative, Rock River Partnership and Coalition of Walworth County Conservation Organizations and Land Trusts
- Issuing erosion control permits and conducting onsite inspections to verify permit compliance
  - (See attached statistics regarding land conservation permits and programs. (Tables 8- 11))

### **2010 NUMBER OF STORMWATER & EROSION CONTROL PERMITS**

Construction site erosion control, stormwater management and non-metallic mining reclamation permits and permit application fees are shown in Table 8 Erosion, stormwater, non-metallic mining, non-metallic mining for DNR and animal waste storage permit funds collected totaled over \$122,564. The land conservation division processed a total of 438 permits for erosion control and stormwater control. Seven townships enforce their own non-shoreland erosion control reviews; they include Darien, Linn, Delavan, Lyons, Geneva, Richmond and Bloomfield. The county is required to review plans for land disturbance that occurs in the shoreland. All stormwater management plans are reviewed by Walworth County. Bloomfield Township requires all sites have a stormwater review by the township. The county does not issue Bloomfield permits until they receive verification from Bloomfield that they have conducted a stormwater review. Table 9 reviews stormwater and erosion control on-site inspections and citations/notices issued. Not all notices resulted in citations. There were 816 erosion control/Stormwater site inspections with 83 citations/notices issued.

**Table 8**

Units	Erosion Control/ Stormwater Permits	Non-Metallic Mining County Acres	Non-Metallic Mining DNR	Animal Waste Storage
# Permits/Acres	438	894	894	0
\$ Collected	\$98,944.	\$23,620.	\$3,700.	\$0.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$122,564.</b>			

**Table9**

<b>STORMWATER &amp; CONSTRUCTION SITE EROSION CONTROL INSPECTIONS, CITATION/NOTICE</b>			
<b>Township</b>	<b>Erosion Control/Stormwater Inspections</b>	<b>Inspections Citation/Notice</b>	<b>Total Contacts</b>
<b>Bloomfield</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Darien</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Delavan</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>East Troy</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Geneva</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Lafayette</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>LaGrange</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Linn</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Lyons</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Richmond</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Sharon</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Spring Prairie</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Sugar Creek</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Troy</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Walworth</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Whitewater</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Village of Williams Bay</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>City of Elkhorn</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Multi Townships</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Permit Totals</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>816</b>

## 2010 LAND CONSERVATION CONTRACTS

The land conservation division supervised 729 contracts. Money allocated to Walworth County landowners for the Land and Water Contracts, Conservation Reserve and Enhancement Program and Farmland Preservation in 2010 totaled \$526,943 in funds/tax relief provided by the State of Wisconsin.

**Table 10**

Program	Contracts Serviced	Cancelled/ Carryover Contracts	Contract Amendments	Contract Supervision (cumulative)	(CREP) Practice/ Incentive Payments	NOD/ NOI	Practice Costs	State Cost Share	Spot Checks
Land and Water Contracts	17	2 carryover 4 cancelled		139		\$22,318.	\$53,588.	\$75,905.	
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	9	0	0	124	\$4,175/ \$8,113.		\$20,875.	\$8,412.	
Farmland Tax Relief 2009 (for 2009 tax year) - 642 participants								211,802.	
Farmland Preservation 2009 (374 for 2009 tax year)	466			466				230,824.	111
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>\$12,289.</b>	<b>\$4,175.</b>	<b>\$74,463.</b>	<b>\$230,758.</b>	<b>111</b>

## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL & PREVENTION

The Walworth County Aquatic Invasive Species Control and Prevention Program provides education and information to lake residents, lake protection organizations, lakeshore landscapers, schools and other youth groups. Education and assistance provides a means to protect water quality and improve recreational use through the following:

- Educational workshops and presentations on aquatic invasive species and prevention methods.
- Recruiting, coordinating and training local volunteers for Clean Boats, Clean Waters Watercraft inspection program and the Citizen Lake Monitoring program.
- Monitoring Walworth County Lakes for aquatic invasive species that have not been recorded. This includes data reporting and creating maps of infestations.
- Distributing aquatic invasive species educational information to residents and visitors to increase their knowledge and encourage preventative measures.
- Provide technical assistance to the Walworth County Lakes Association.

### 2010 Aquatic Invasive Species Control & Prevention Program (AIS)

The various programs provided to the public by the land conservation lakes specialist and staff is displayed in Table 11. They supported several different information and education processes. Of those, 26 educational workshops and presentations were conducted and 5,116 handouts were distributed to the public. The

Walworth County Lake Specialist also trained 28 individuals in both community education and outreach programs. One of the presentations was recorded and televised daily on a cable channel for 2-3 weeks. It is not included in the 1,801 individuals contacted, since there was no way to measure the audience. In addition, 35 waterbodies had watercraft inspections, and 84 were monitored for 2 different aquatic invasive species. There were also, 5 articles written and/or published (1 to area newspapers) and forwarded to Walworth County Lake Organizations and for publication in their newsletters/websites to reach several thousand interested individuals.

**Table 11**

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Presentations/ Workshops/ Surveys</b>	<b>Training/ Contacts with Groups</b>	<b>Handouts Distributed</b>	<b>Watercraft Inspected</b>	<b>Individual Contacts</b>	<b>Sampling Taken</b>	<b>Articles Written/ Newspaper Articles Published</b>
Community Education & Outreach (includes Clean Boats, Clean Waters outreach)	26	18	5,116	591	1,801		
AIS Source Containment			32		23	84	
AIS Monitoring	1					35	
Project Evaluations	26	10					5
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b>53</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5,148</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>1,824</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>5</b>

### **ADDITIONAL LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS**

The Walworth County Land Conservation Division supports a variety of programs and initiatives to protect, restore, study and manage Walworth County's environmental resources. The Land Conservation Division recognizes that clear, accurate and timely information is the foundation of a sound and accountable conservation program. The Conservation Division provides natural resource management information to citizens, business owners and other units of government to encourage them to make better decisions and practice new ways to protect the water quality of Walworth County surface water, groundwater, lakes and wetlands. The conservation division staff assists other organizations in exercising their leadership to prevent pollution, restore bio-diversity, and promote sustainable development. Examples include:

- Information and education through; one-on-one contacts, seminars, nutrient management workshops, press releases, newsletters, dairy breakfast activities, tree program, and prairie walk activities
- Provided valuable Transect Survey information to effectively manage our soil and water resources
- Provide technical assistance to the Walworth County Lakes Association through information and education including attending meetings, procurement of qualified speakers, handouts, and newsletter articles.
- Provide technical assistance to the Kettle Moraine Land Trust.

- Memberships – LCC Staff serves on the following Regional Workgroups:  
 Audrey Greene is a member of the Fox River Basin Partnership Team  
 Brian Smetana is on the Rural Rock River Partnership Team  
 Fay Amerson is a member of the Urban Rock River Partnership Team, the Mukwonago River Initiative, and the Coalition of Walworth County Conservation Organizations and Land Trusts.  
 Brian Smetana is a member of the Coalition of Walworth County Conservation Organizations and Land Trusts.

## LAND RESOURCE

The following statistical report identifies meetings held, projects reviewed and permits issued for the period covering January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010

450	Tree Program Recipients
111	Farmland Preservation Spot Checks
111	Farmland Preservation Conservation Plan Compliance Letters
17*	Land and Water Contracts, 2010 (Began in 1999) 19 total *2 carried over into 2011
1	Ordinance Amendments - Chapter 26
9	CREP Contracts 2010 (Began in 2002)
438	Permits – Small/Large Projects, Stormwater Management
816	Compliance Inspections – Small/Large Projects
83	Ordinance Citations/Notices
25	Notice of Compliance Letters
210	Pre-Application Assistance
24	Zoning Committee Conservation Reports
8	Board of Adjustment Conservation Reports
1,852	Aquatic Invasive Species Program Contact and Events
5,148	Aquatic Invasive Species Program Handouts Distributed
591	Aquatic Invasive Species Program Watercraft Inspections
12	Walworth County Land Conservation Committee Meetings
2	Special Joint Meetings, Walworth County Land Conservation Committee/CZA
1	Working Lands Initiative Public Hearing
3	Budget Meetings