

Green County Public Health Well Water Program

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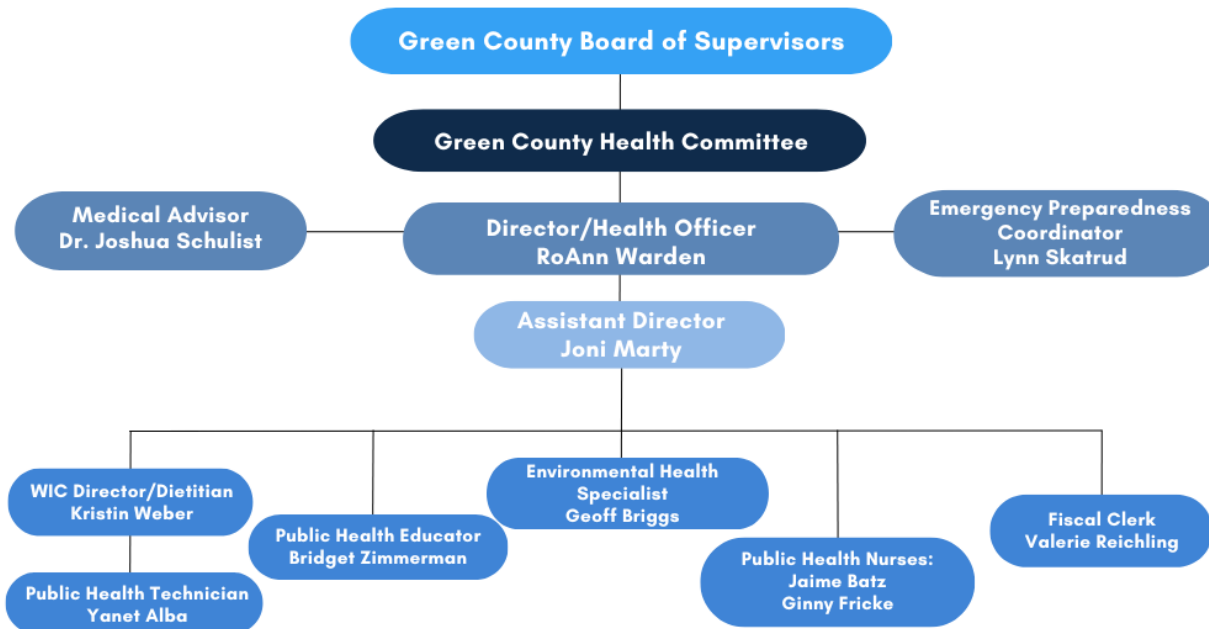


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Organizational Chart



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- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Breastfeeding Support
- Immunizations
- Lead Poisoning Prevention
- Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC)
- Early Head Start – Home Visiting Program
- Communicable Disease
- Rabies Control
- Well Water Testing
- TB Skin Tests
- Public Health Preparedness
- Radon Testing
- Education

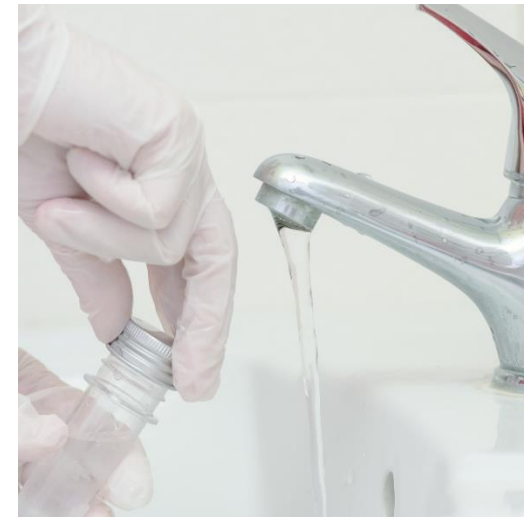


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Environmental Health Services

- Well-water testing
 - Water test kits (private wells) and provide education
 - Transient non-community (TNC) well testing
- Radon test kits
 - Distribute radon test kits and provide education
- Complaints
 - Investigate Potential Human health hazards
 - Septic issues
 - Air/water quality
 - Food Safety
 - Healthy Housing
 - Infestations
 - Garbage
 - Abandoned vehicles/campers



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Well Water Testing YouTube Video



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WI DHS Environmental Tracking Mini Grant

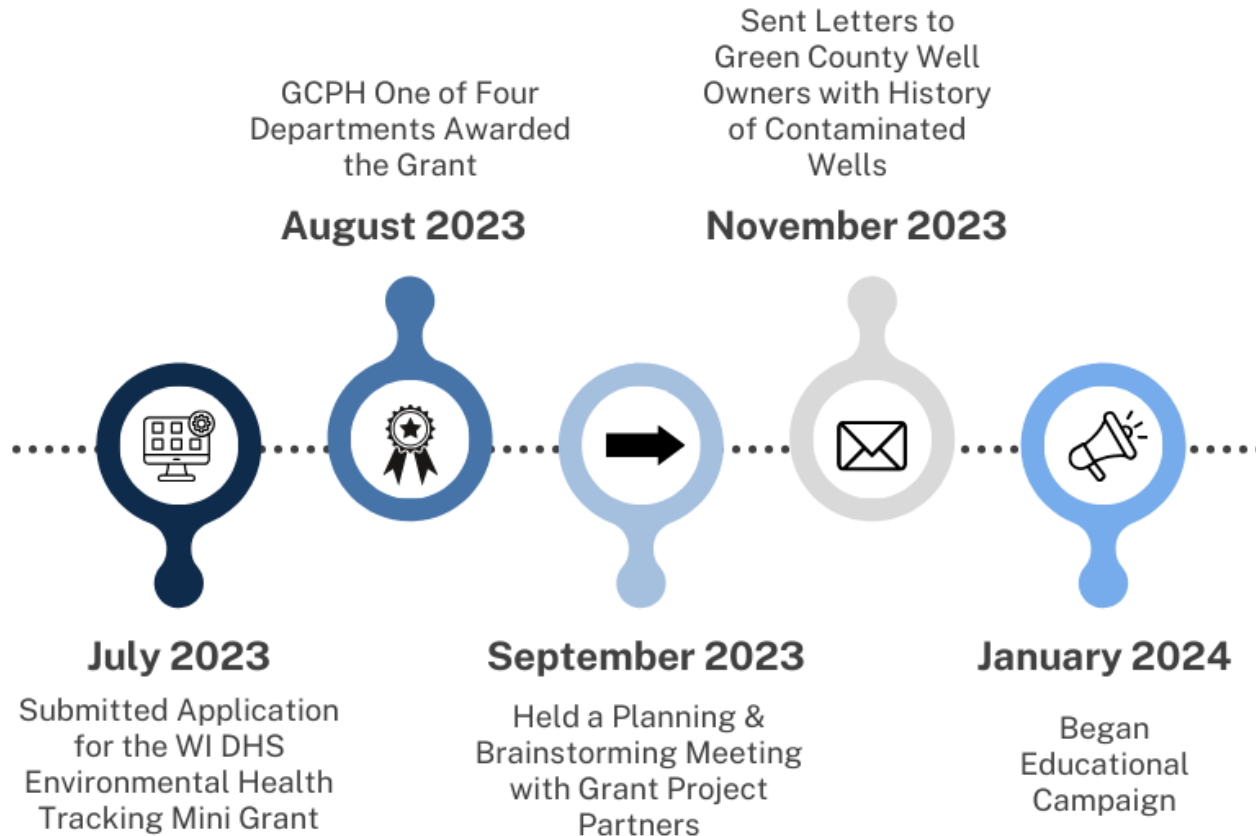
- Grant Description
 - Turning data into action.
 - Up to \$10,000 for an environmental focused health project.
- GCPH Project
 - Well Water Education Campaign
 - Promote the WI DNR ARPA Well Compensation Grant Program
 - Educate community members about the importance of well water testing



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Grant Timeline



The screenshot shows the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website. The page title is "Environmental Public Health Tracking". A blue box contains the following text:

Congratulations to our 2023-2024 mini-grantees!

The Wisconsin Tracking Program is pleased to award four Taking Action With Data mini-grants this year. These projects will use Tracking data to make a difference in their community. Congratulations to the City of West Allis, Taylor County, Green County, and Monroe County on their excellent new projects.

Below the text is a photograph of a diverse group of people sitting on a grassy area, possibly at a community meeting or park. The word "Tracking" is visible at the bottom of the screenshot.



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Dear Property Owner,

Our department is reaching out because our records indicate that either the nitrate-nitrogen concentration of your private well water has been elevated (meaning it exceeds the 10-milligram per liter standard), and/or fecal bacteria (E.coli) was detected in your well water at some point in the past seven years. We want to inform you of an exciting program you may be eligible for that could improve the quality of your drinking water. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources currently has funding available for eligible residents to replace, reconstruct, treat, or abandon their well or water system up to \$16,000.

The American Rescue Plan Act Well Compensation and Well Abandonment Grants program is currently accepting applications from Wisconsin residents. This program provides funding for private well owners to replace, treat, or abandon their well due to contamination. You may be eligible for this program if you meet the following criteria:

- You own a private well or non-community water system
- Your annual family or business income is \$100,000 or less
- Your well or water system is contaminated with nitrate, arsenic, fecal bacteria, or PFAS
- You have not begun work on your well or water system yet

We encourage you to apply as soon as possible; the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources expects that all funding will be awarded by Spring 2024. Once funding is exhausted, the DNR will maintain a waiting list of approved applications and issue additional grant awards if additional funding becomes available.

To learn more about this program or to complete an application, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid/WellCompensation.html or dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid/WellAbandonment.html.

You can also call (608)-577-3583 or email DNRARPAWellGrants@wisconsin.gov to learn more.

To qualify for the grant, two consecutive tests taken two weeks apart are needed to confirm the water contamination (bacteria testing may be less than two weeks apart). If you need to test your well water again, Green County Public Health has well water test kits available at our department located in the Green County Government Services Building (N3152 WI-81, Monroe, WI 53566). The test kits are free, and you can collect the water sample by yourself in your home. You will need to mail your sample to UW-Stevens Point to be tested at their lab, which includes a fee. The cost is dependent on which testing package you choose. For instructions on how to collect your water sample, please check out this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Qnffv2f95k>

If you have any questions about the Well Compensation and Well Abandonment Grants program or getting your well water retested, please contact Green County Public Health by calling us at (608) 328-9390 or email at info@greencountywi.org.

Sincerely,

Geoff Briggs
Environmental Health Specialist



Update on WI DNR ARPA Well Grant

- Funding is wrapping up this spring.
- As of January, 2024:
 - 6 project have been completed in Green County
 - 2 applications are in intake process



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT WELL COMPENSATION AND WELL ABANDONMENT GRANTS

YOU COULD RECEIVE UP TO **\$16,000**

To replace, reconstruct, treat or abandon your well or water system

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Apply by December 2024. To learn more about eligibility and how to apply:

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BUREAU OF DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER

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PUBLIC HEALTH
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We can all help keep drinking water clean.



- ✓ Use and dispose of harmful materials properly (pesticides, leftover paint cans, household cleaners).
- ✓ Limit the use of pesticides or fertilizers on lawn, farm and garden.
- ✓ Dispose of your medications properly at a medication drop box.



High Levels of Nitrate in Water can Affect



Nitrate may cause birth defects.
This can affect people who are or may become pregnant.



Nitrate may cause thyroid disease.
This can affect everyone.



Nitrate can cause blue baby syndrome.
This can affect infants less than 6 months old.



Nitrate may increase the risk of colon cancer.
This can affect everyone.

Test your well each year and take action if nitrate is over 10 mg/L.



Scan the QR code or visit our webpage to learn more
dhs.wisconsin.gov/water/nitrate.htm.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Division of Public Health
Groundwater and Drinking Water Program
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Are you a private well owner?

When was the last time you tested your well water?



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Questions?

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