



# Waukesha County

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### **WAUKESHA COUNTY 2024-2028 CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN INVESTS IN SAFE ROADS, PARKS, AND COUNTY FACILITIES**

**(WAUKESHA, WI)** – Today, Friday September 1, 2023, County Executive Paul Farrow submitted Waukesha County’s 2024 – 2028 Capital Projects Plan to the County Board of Supervisors. The Board is anticipated to vote on it during their Tuesday, October 24th board meeting.

The Capital Projects Plan includes funding for all major projects proposed in County budgets over the next five years. It focuses on essential infrastructure projects that supports safety and economic development in the community. Residents will notice quality-of-life improvements to vital transportation corridors, County parks, plus a safer, more accessible courthouse and County facilities.

“Despite historic inflation, supply chain issues, national labor shortages, and rising construction costs, in this plan, we utilized conservative fiscal planning to address these challenges without putting significant investments in our infrastructure on hold. I believe together we will continue to maintain a plan that respects the taxpayers, keeps residents safe, and supports growing businesses in Waukesha County,” County Executive Paul Farrow said.

The plan funds Phase Two of the Waukesha County Courthouse Project, which addresses security concerns, capacity limitations, outdated mechanical systems, and enhanced public accessibility in the Courthouse building built in 1959.

It also provides newly renovated facilities for all divisions, enhances business operations by improving layout, public access, courtrooms and overall building security with a brand new entryway. The County has been planning for the \$115 million 4-year project over several years and is funded through a variety of sources. Construction began this summer with interior demolition and is expected to be completed in 2026.

Waukesha County continues to improve one of the busiest roads in the county highway system. The plan includes three projects in the City of New Berlin. CTH O or Moorland Road, serves as a major access road between I-43 and I-94 and shopping centers. Improvements will widen the

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road from two to four lanes, replace existing pavement, reconfigure intersections to improve safety, replacing older traffic signals, and adding sidewalks and storm water improvements.

The County's Repaving Program will also support crucial maintenance to the transportation network.

The plan also supports several projects to enhance visitor amenities at Waukesha County Parks. The county is laying the groundwork for Phase V of the Lake Country Trail, a 2.25-mile trail that would combine an off-road trail facility with on-road accommodations to link the Lake Country Trail at Roosevelt Park in the City of Oconomowoc with the proposed Jefferson County Interurban Trail at the Waukesha/Jefferson County line. The project is being accelerated to align construction with the completion of the last segment of the Interurban Trail, which will allow for the trail to open three years earlier than previously planned. Design is expected to begin in 2024 with construction in 2026. This \$2.0 million project is largely funded through federal, state, and local partnership funding from the City of Oconomowoc.

The Golf Course Infrastructure Plan will continue to address major infrastructure maintenance needs at Naga-Waukee War Memorial Golf Course in Delafield and Moor Downs golf course in Waukesha. This multi-year effort includes golf course irrigation system repair, HVAC replacement, cart path maintenance, a new clubhouse and irrigation well, new clubhouse roof, pedestrian bridge upgrades, clubhouse restroom renovations, patio pavement maintenance and a protective netting barrier between Moor Downs and the Waukesha Employee Health and Wellness Center.

These important maintenance projects are funded by the golf users at no cost to the county taxpayer.

Finally, the plan includes an Election System Upgrade. The new project will develop a strategy for the eventual replacement of voting equipment before the end of its useful life. The county expects to build upon a partnership that was established in 2015 with all 37 municipalities to acquire the current system. This partnership helped ensure a unified election vote counting and reporting system, as well as establishing a precedent for a cost-sharing arrangement with the municipalities. Initial funding is planned for 2028, with implementation in 2029.

### **About the Waukesha County Capital Projects Plan**

The first year of the 2024 - 2028 Waukesha County Capital Plan will be included as part of the full Waukesha County Budget. Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow will introduce the full 2024 Budget to the County Board in late September, with final passage expected in November.

You can find the complete Waukesha County Capital Projects Plan at:  
[www.waukeshacounty.gov/capitalplan](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/capitalplan).

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