

# Scope of Work

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## GOAL OF THE STUDY GROUP

To use sound science-based information to provide the Green County Board with science-based recommendations developed to effectively protect groundwater, surface water, air quality, and public health and safety.

## SCOPE

The scope of the study group's work is:

1. Provide record of existing science-based analyses and monitoring of nutrient pollution levels and trends in Green County.
2. Researching, gathering, analyzing, and synthesizing scientific literature regarding the impact of livestock facilities of 1,000 or more animal units on groundwater, surface water, air quality, and public health and safety, specifically as these issues apply to Green County.
3. Understand county, state, and federal regulations as it pertains to these issues.
4. Understand county plans, policies, programs, capacities, and regulations as it relates to these issues.
5. Review alternative Wisconsin regulations and approaches to protecting groundwater, surface water, air quality, and public health and safety as they relate to livestock facilities of 1,000 or more animal units for lessons learned and best practices.
6. Identifying areas where new regulations may be needed, where current regulations need to be modified, and where enforcement of current regulations is inadequate and are needed to protect public health or safety.
7. Propose solutions to mitigate problems and/or shortcomings identified in the report.

## BACKGROUND

The Green County Livestock Facility Study Group was established by resolution of the Green County Board on August 8, 2017.

## STRUCTURE & SUPPORT

The Study Group will be composed of nine voting members and three non-voting advisory members, as follows:

- **Voting Members**
  1. Chair of Land & Water Conservation Committee or their designee
  2. Chair of Health Committee or their designee
  3. Chair of the Ag & Extension Education Committee or their designee
  4. An at-large County Board Supervisor appointed by the Chair

5. Chair of the Green County Towns Association or their designee
6. Four members of the Green County public

- **Non-Voting Advisory Members**

1. Director of Green County's Land & Water Conservation Department
2. Director of Green County's Health Department
3. Green County UW-Extension's Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator

The Study Group will be supported by a facilitator and a team of technical subject matter experts. The Study Group will also have access to other support resources to assist with research, education, and documentation.

## **TIMELINE**

The Study Group shall report its recommendations to the full Green County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 unless the Group requests, and the Board approves, an extension. The general project process is as follows:

- **PHASE 1: LAYING THE FOUNDATION** (August – September 2017)
- **PHASE 2: GATHERING INFORMATION** (October – December 2018)
- **PHASE 3: DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS & WRITE THE REPORT** (January – February 2018)
- **PHASE 4: REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD** (March 13, 2018)

## **ROLES**

### **FACILITATOR**

- Maintain professional neutrality
- Develop and facilitate the project process
- Enforce a civil environment during Study Group meetings
- Write the final report of the Study Group

### **VOTING MEMBERS OF THE STUDY GROUP**

- Attend Study Group meetings and be active participants
- Complete out-of-meeting pair work as needed
- Contribute to a civil environment during Study Group meetings

### **STUDY GROUP ADVISORS**

- Connect the group with subject experts
- Watch policy changes and how that may impact the process
- Speak to current departmental services, actions, and capacity
- Ask questions regarding areas where there may be gaps in information
- Contribute to a civil environment during Study Group meetings