

## **Modification of the Flood Plain Ordinance Process**

*The citizens of Northwest Wisconsin request:*

- **Exploring the new process to regulate the Flood Plain Ordinance so that the cost of a variance is not unreasonable. The process also includes government entities such as Counties and Towns and adds tremendous costs to road construction.**

Prior to 2006, a flood plain ordinance request was done through the local DNR water quality specialist and the issuance of the permit was also done through that office. The DNR staff did the research and investigation of that permit which also included any engineering that may have to be done to show how the water would backup in a flood situation.

In January of 2006, the flood plain ordinance process was moved from the DNR to the County Zoning office which would require a sign off on the permit from the DNR to show that all regulations were satisfied. In this process the responsibility of the engineering went from the DNR to the individual landowner. This process could cost up to \$15,000 to \$20,000 to put in a simple culvert across a small creek. This type of cost shifting is unreasonable. The DNR water quality specialist would have to sign off on the permit at this point and then the county could issue the Flood Plain Variance.

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