

CITY OF BELOIT LAND MANAGEMENT PROCESS

The City of Beloit provides opportunities for residents to plant native grasses and plants that will help the environment by providing food for insects, birds, bats and other wildlife. Native plants can also help minimize flooding and filter out pollutants. However, it has to be done in accordance with the city's ordinance. Tall grass and weeds can cause problems for neighborhoods, such as providing a space for disease-carrying rodents.

City ordinance (7.235) requires that all property be kept free from noxious weeds. Additionally, weeds and grass must be no longer than 8 inches unless the property has an approved land management plan permit. The steps for a land management plan are below; typically these plans include native grasses, prairie grasses, and other native/prairie plantings.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. Amount of Land Required: 1/2 acre or more.

2. Application Process:

- A. Complete the land management application. The application can be found by scanning the QR code with a smartphone or by visiting www.beloitwi.gov/communitydev and clicking Planning and Building Services to find all Planning and Building Services forms.
- B. Submit a land management plan. This plan must include the following items:
 - Written plan which explains/outlines where grasses and plants will exceed 8 inches in height. This can take the form of a landscape plan with a paragraph explaining what the applicant is planning to plant. The plan shall include a 5 foot strip of plantings on each property line that may not exceed 8 inches.
 - The purpose and intent of the plantings.
 - A general description of the plants and plant succession.
 - How the vegetation will be maintained.
- C. The City will provide a copy of the application to the owner of properties within 200 feet of the property for which an application has been submitted. If 51 percent of those owners object, the Board of Appeals shall hold a hearing and decide whether to approve the plan. If no neighbors object, the plan is eligible for staff approval.



Download the Application by scanning this QR code with your smartphone's camera.



Examples of approved sites

- Beloit College Center for the Sciences
- Kettle Foods
- Kerry Ingredients
- Beloit Memorial Hospital Cancer Care Center

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