



# COMPASS POINTS

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER SPRING 2016

## NEW 2015 ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHY PRODUCT NOW AVAILABLE

Kenosha County is pleased to announce that 2015 spring orthophotography datasets are now available for viewing on the interactive mapping application at: <http://www.kenoshacounty.org/index.aspx?NID=673>

The 2015 countywide data includes color 3" high resolution images and represents the latest addition to the County's aerial/orthophoto inventory of imagery. Aerial photographs, images of the earth's surface shot from an elevated position (a plane mounted camera), have been collected within the County as far back as 1939.

Orthophotographs are aerial photographs geometrically corrected so that scale is uniform and measurements may be calculated from them, similar to a map. Since 1995, all aerial photo projects have been processed into true orthophotography products. Beginning in 2005, all county-sponsored orthophotography projects have been collected as color based photography products. All program years are available for viewing in the interactive mapping application.

The below table outlines the available project years and additional acquisition details:

	Program Years												
	1939	1963	1967	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
Aerial Photography Product	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Orthophotography Product									X	X	X	X	X
Black & White Imagery	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Color Imagery											X	X	X
Project Pixel Resolution	*12"	*12"	*12"	*12"	*12"	*12"	*12"	*12"	24"	12"	12"	3"	3"
Interactive Mapping Availability	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

\*Traditional aerial photography electronically scanned to a 12" resolution.

Administered by the Kenosha County Land Information Office, the county orthophotography program serves as one of the foundational elements for the County's geographic information systems (GIS) program. These datasets are widely used in the continued structured growth and development of our communities. For more information regarding this program, please contact the Land Information Office at 262-653-2622.

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### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR 2016

#### MAY

- 5 Zoning Board of Adjustments Hearing Room A, 6 pm
- 11 Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee Public Hearing Room, 6 pm
- 19 Zoning Board of Adjustments Hearing Room A, 6 pm

#### JUNE

- 2 Zoning Board of Adjustments Hearing Room A, 6 pm
- 8 Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee Public Hearing Room, 6 pm
- 16 Zoning Board of Adjustments Hearing Room A, 6 pm

#### JULY

- 7 Zoning Board of Adjustments Hearing Room A, 6 pm
- 13 Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee Public Hearing Room, 6 pm
- 21 Zoning Board of Adjustments Hearing Room A, 6 pm

Unless otherwise indicated, all events are at the Kenosha County Center (19600 75th Street, Bristol)

## HOME OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONAL HOME OFFICES

Home occupations (professional home offices) may be established in a dwelling only in those zoning districts which provide for such home occupations and professions after the review and approval of a certificate of compliance application by the Kenosha County Division of Planning & Development.

Zoning districts that allow for home occupations include the [A-1](#), [A-2](#), [A-3](#), [A-4](#), [AE-1](#), [R-1](#), [R-2](#), [R-3](#), [R-4](#), [R-5](#), [R-6](#), [R-7](#), [R-8](#) & [C-2](#) districts.

In order to be permitted, home occupations must be incidental to the residential use of dwelling and the property and cannot change the essential character of the dwelling or the property.

In order to ensure a proposed home occupation does not change the character of the dwelling and property, certain conditions must be met in order for the permit to be granted. For instance, home occupations are limited to only 25 percent of one floor of either the principal structure (residence) or a detached accessory building (garage), and outside storage related to the home occupation is prohibited along with any chemical, mechanical or electrical equipment that is not otherwise normally part of a domestic household. Any proposed use intended to generate the movement of substantial amounts of people and/or materials to and from the site are prohibited.

Reviewing home occupation proposals on a case-by-case basis ensures that home businesses are not a detriment to the character and livability of the surrounding neighborhood.

You can learn more about home occupations by visiting the following webpage or contacting the Kenosha County Department of Planning & Development at 262-857-1895.  
<http://www.kenoshacounty.org/index.aspx?nid=667>

Examples of permitted home occupations include, but are not limited to:

- Accountants, financial advisors
- Architects
- Artist Studio
- Attorneys
- Computer services including desk top publishing and word processing
- Family day care
- Offices for construction businesses (no equipment or material storage)
- Real estate sales

Examples of prohibited home occupations include, but are not limited to:

- Auto body repair or maintenance
- Auto or small engine repair or maintenance
- Catering services
- Firearms and ammunition sales
- Landscaping and lawn services
- Tattoo and body piercing
- Tree services
- Welding and machining
- Construction and contractors' services



## FAQ: MAPPING & GIS

### What is GIS?

GIS, an acronym for Geographic Information Systems, is a collection of computer hardware, software and geographic data utilized for collecting, storing, manipulating analyzing and displaying spatially referenced information.

### What kinds of hardcopy maps can I purchase?

Kenosha County offers numerous hardcopy maps for sale. For a list of these maps, please visit the Hardcopy Maps (<http://www.kenoshacounty.org/index.aspx?NID=675>) portion of the Mapping/GIS page. Also, some 11"x17" printable maps are available for no charge through our Map Gallery.

# FOX RIVER FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM

Over the last 20-years the Fox River Flood Mitigation Program has reduced flood damage and the potential for injury to affected persons by acquiring and demolishing residential structures and relocating displaced residents from the 1% annual probability (100-year) floodplain of the Fox River.

The project area for this program is the 100-year floodplain of the Fox River within the Towns of Salem and Wheatland and the Village of Silver Lake in the west central part of Kenosha County. The program has acquired and demolished 104 dwelling and an additional 63 vacant parcels

The purpose of the program is to reduce the threat to the health and safety of area residents and rescue workers resulting from the frequent and severe flooding of the Fox River. A secondary goal of the program is the removal of blighted and hazardous dwellings.

Funding for this program came from a variety of sources and included; HUD Disaster Recovery, HUD Community Development Block Grant, FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance, FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance, FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation, and the WDNR Municipal Flood Control Program. Most of these program were only funded following a State Disaster Declaration.

## Creation of Funding Mechanism to Acquire At-Risk Floodplain Properties

County Executive Jim Kreuser proposed and the County Board supported allowing the Division of Planning & Development to use specific funds, starting in 2016, from within the Division budget to cover the cost of acquisition and incidental related expenditures of properties that are located within the 100-year recurrence interval floodplain. This resolution will enable the Division of Planning & Development to purchase floodplain residences and vacant floodplain parcels from willing sellers, real estate agents and auction/sheriff sales as they become available.

Kenosha County is also taking applications from landowners who wish to donate their vacant property, in the Fox River Flood Mitigation Program Area or the Floodplain Overlay (FPO) District which encompasses those areas that may be covered by floodwater during the regional flood as shown on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps. By donating floodprone lands you will reduce infrastructure maintenance costs, help maintain overbank storage areas along the watercourse, protect water quality, preserve wildlife habitat, provide recreational opportunities and preserve open space.

All floodplain property acquired by Kenosha County under these programs will have certain conditions and restrictions that shall apply in perpetuity to the Property and are attached to the deed and shall be binding upon all subsequent owners of such real estate. The Property shall be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity as open space for conservation of natural floodplain functions. Such uses may include: parks for outdoor recreational activities; wetlands management; nature reserves; cultivation; grazing; camping (except where adequate warning time is not available to allow evacuation); unimproved unpaved parking lots; buffer zones; and other uses consistent with FEMA guidance for open space acquisition. No new structures or improvements shall be erected on the Property.

If you think you might be interested or have any questions about these programs please contact Dan Treloar for more information at 262-857-1900.



## KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD

To view the Special Flood Hazard Maps for your property or to discuss Kenosha County floodplain regulations please contact the Division of Planning Operations or visit the Kenosha County interactive mapping website located at: <http://www.kenoshacounty.org/index.aspx?NID=673>.

FEMA has also developed the Flood Map Service Center for flood hazard information. To find your official flood map, access a range of other flood hazard products, and take advantage of tools for better understanding your flood risks go to <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>.

## COUNTY SPOTLIGHT: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT



Sponsored by Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser, the Kenosha County Household Hazardous Waste Program is a FREE opportunity for Kenosha residents to dispose of household hazardous waste, e-waste and refrigerant waste in an environmentally friendly way.

Everyone who lives in Kenosha County can dispose of their household hazardous waste, e-waste and refrigerant waste by bringing their waste items to the Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th Street, Bristol, on Saturday, May 7, from 8 AM to 1 PM. This is the only county-wide household hazardous waste collection date scheduled for this year.

Household hazardous waste items include: household cleaners, aerosol cans, bug sprays, vehicle maintenance related fluids, oil-based paints, paint removal products, fluorescent bulbs, pool chemicals and garden/outdoor related products.

Accepted e-waste items include: computers, laptops, fax machines, keyboards, mice, stereos, scanners, iPods, TVs, VCRs, DVD, CD and MP3 players, printers, phones, copiers, power tools, toner cartridges and electronic toys. All e-waste items will be accepted free of charge.

Refrigerant waste items include: refrigerators, water coolers, freezers, air conditioners, water heaters, dehumidifiers, microwaves and other household appliances.

The following items will not be accepted: lead acid batteries, which include vehicle and power tool batteries, latex paint, tires, infectious or biological waste, propane cylinders, explosives, radioactive waste, medical and pharmaceutical waste and commercial or business waste.

More than 780 residents participated in last year's collection event, safely disposing of 27,605 pounds of hazardous waste and 58,739 pounds of e-waste and refrigerant waste, as well as thousands of light bulbs and batteries.

For more information regarding the Household Hazardous Waste, E-waste and Refrigerant Waste Collection Day, visit the Kenosha County website: [www.kenoshacounty.org](http://www.kenoshacounty.org), or contact Amy Greil – Kenosha County UW-Extension Community, Natural Resource and Economic Development Educator – at 262-857-1935 or [amy.greil@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:amy.greil@ces.uwex.edu).



### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT: SATURDAY, MAY 7, 8 AM - 1 PM**  
See above.

**REBELS & RECOATS - REVOLUTIONARY WAR REENACTMENT: JUNE 11 - 12, PETRIFYING SPRINGS PARK**  
Join Kenosha County Parks and the North West Territory Alliance for Rebels and Redcoats, a Revolutionary War reenactment. The event is expected to be open to the public on Saturday from 10am to 5pm and Sunday from 10am to 4pm. A full schedule of each day's events will be available on the Parks website: [parks.kenoshacounty.org](http://parks.kenoshacounty.org).

**DAIRYAIR COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE: SATURDAY, JUNE 18**  
Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser invites bike riders of all ability levels to participate in the annual DairyAir Community Bike Ride to the Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast. The route for this year's ride is still to be determined. For more information, please visit: [parks.kenoshacounty.org](http://parks.kenoshacounty.org)



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