Dane County (WI) Drainage Districts

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**What does this data set describe?**

*Title:* Dane County (WI) Drainage Districts  
*Abstract:*

This data set is a polygon shapefile containing all active drainage district boundaries in Dane County. Some inactive drainage district boundaries are also included. Drainage districts are local government entities organized to drain land for agriculture or other purposes. Land is drained using ditches or tiles that cross individual property boundaries and landowners in a district who benefit from drainage are required to pay assessments to cover the cost of constructing, maintaining, and repairing the drainage system. As part of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) administrative rule (ch. 88, Wis. Stats. and ch. ATCP 48, Wis. Admin. Code), all drainage districts in the state are required to update their records. Requirements include holding a public hearing to approve the drainage district.

Drainage district boundaries were obtained from historical records from DATCP and the Dane County
1. How should this data set be cited?

Dane County Land Conservation Department, 1998, Dane County (WI) Drainage Districts: Dane County Land Information Office, Madison, WI.

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2. What geographic area does the data set cover?

West_BoundingCoordinate: -89.846253
East_BoundingCoordinate: -88.988509
North_BoundingCoordinate: 43.310493
South_BoundingCoordinate: 42.841087

3. What does it look like?

4. Does the data set describe conditions during a particular time period?

Beginning_Date: 1998
Ending_Date: present
CurrentnessReference: publication date

5. What is the general form of this data set?

Geospatial_Data_Presentation_Form: vector digital data

6. How does the data set represent geographic features?

   a. How are geographic features stored in the data set?

      Indirect_Spatial_Reference: None

      This is a Vector data set. It contains the following vector data types (SDTS terminology):
      - G-polygon (32)
      - Point (4)

   b. What coordinate system is used to represent geographic features?

      The map projection used is Lambert Conformal Conic.

      Projection parameters:
      - Standard Parallel: 42.908333
      - Standard Parallel: 43.230556
      - Longitude of Central Meridian: -89.422222
      - Latitude of Projection Origin: 41.750000
      - False Easting: 811000.000044
      - False Northing: 0.000000

      Planar coordinates are encoded using coordinate pair
      Abscissae (x-coordinates) are specified to the nearest 0.001063
      Ordinates (y-coordinates) are specified to the nearest 0.001063
Planar coordinates are specified in survey feet

The horizontal datum used is D_User_Defined.
The ellipsoid used is User_DEFINED_Spheroid.
The semi-major axis of the ellipsoid used is 6378407.621000.
The flattening of the ellipsoid used is 1/298.269877.

7. **How does the data set describe geographic features?**

**drainage**

**FID**

Internal feature number. (Source: ESRI)

*Sequential unique whole numbers that are automatically generated.*

**Shape**

Feature geometry. (Source: ESRI)

*Coordinates defining the features.*

**NAME**

Drainage district name (some are numerical). (Source: DATCP, LCD)

**STATUS**

Current legal status of drainage district. (Source: DATCP or Dane County Drainage Board)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<tr>
<td>active</td>
<td>Active indicates that the boundary is legal and that work (assessments, maintenance and public hearings) is currently being done in that district.</td>
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<tr>
<td>stop work</td>
<td>Stop work indicates that a court order has been issued to cease activity in the district.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unknown</td>
<td>Legal status is not known.</td>
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**CODE**

Drainage district DATCP filing code number. (Source: DATCP)

**BNDRY_AP**

Indicates whether or not the district has had the boundary approved at a public hearing. (Source: LCD)

**AP_DATE**

Date of public hearing to approve boundary. (Source: LCD)

*Entity_and_Attribute_Overview:*

The attribute information found in this dataset was collected by the Dane County Land Conservation Department (LCD).

*Entity_and_Attribute_Detail_Citation: Not available*

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**Who produced the data set?**

1. **Who are the originators of the data set?** (may include formal authors, digital compilers, and editors)

   - Dane County Land Conservation Department
2. **Who also contributed to the data set?**

3. **To whom should users address questions about the data?**

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### Why was the data set created?

This information is intended for cartographic use and general spatial analyses. The drainage district number and name relate to additional drainage district information stored in an Access database and an Excel spreadsheet.

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### How was the data set created?

1. **From what previous works were the data drawn?**

   (source 1 of 1)

   Dane County Land Conservation Department, Dane County (WI) Drainage Districts: Dane County Land Information Office, Madison, Wisconsin.

   *Type of Source Media:* paper  
   *Source Scale Denominator:* 12,000 and 1:24,000  
   *Source Contribution:*  
   Historical drainage district records for Dane County are stored by Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the Dane County Drainage Board. Records range from 1800s to present and may include maps, legal descriptions or both. In 1998, the Dane County Land Conservation Department obtained drainage district information to create a digital record of drainage district boundaries.

2. **How were the data generated, processed, and modified?**

   Date: 1998 (process 1 of 2)  
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District boundaries were first on-screen digitized using historical maps as a guideline with backdrops of 1995 digital orthophoto and parcel linework. Those boundaries were verified using information from the last known legal description and the district's assessment role. As part of DATCP administrative rule (ch. 88, Wis. Stats. and ch. ATCP 48, Wis. Admin. Code), all drainage districts in the state are required to update their records. Requirements include holding a public hearing to approve the drainage district. Eight districts have had the public hearing approval process and, in some cases, district boundaries were adjusted. In the near future, all active districts will have approved boundaries.

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3. **What similar or related data should the user be aware of?**

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**How reliable are the data; what problems remain in the data set?**

1. **How well have the observations been checked?**

   The attributes were reviewed by the Dane County Land Conservation Department. The accuracy of the data was verified by manually comparing plots of the source information.

2. **How accurate are the geographic locations?**

   Horizontal accuracy is ± 30 feet. Horizontal accuracy was determined using the horizontal accuracy of the parcel layer used to help create drainage districts.

3. **How accurate are the heights or depths?**

4. **Where are the gaps in the data? What is missing?**

   The data set is 100% percent complete for 2003.
5. **How consistent are the relationships among the observations, including topology?**

The data set is topologically structured line data with no gaps or omissions.

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**How can someone get a copy of the data set?**

**Are there legal restrictions on access or use of the data?**

*Access Constraints:* Data is copyright and licensed for use.

*Use Constraints:*

- Refer to the License Agreement for Dane County Digital Geographic Data Sets.
  
  <URL:http://www.co.dane.wi.us/lio/gis/licenseagreement.pdf>

1. **Who distributes the data set?** (Distributor 1 of 1)

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2. **What's the catalog number I need to order this data set?**

   Downloadable Data

3. **What legal disclaimers am I supposed to read?**

   The burden for determining 'fitness for use' rests entirely upon the requester/Licensee. Dane County and its co-producers will not be liable in any way for accuracy of the data or for uses other than intended. Dane County assumes no responsibility whatsoever for direct, indirect, special, consequential, exemplary or other damages. Licensee agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend Dane County, its employees, agents, representatives and co-producers from any claims, damages, liabilities and expenses arising from Licensee's use of licensed data sets or products derived there from.

4. **How can I download or order the data?**

   - **Availability in digital form:**

     *Data format:* Shapefile ESRI Coverage Size: 0.047

     *Media you can order:* CD-ROM (Density 640 Megabytes) (format DOS copy)
Data format: Shapefile ESRI Shapefile

Data format: DXF Digital Exchange File

Cost to order the data:

A fee of $100 per civil township, for license to use and standard package of commonly requested data. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Special instructions:

Fill out the License Agreement for Dane County Digital Geographic Data Sets, providing licensing information and data requested. See Price/Product list. Mail, fax or phone in the data request. A signed license agreement must be received before data can be released. All requests will be invoiced following delivery of the data.

How long will it take to get the data?

Three to five business days.

Is there some other way to get the data?

An additional cost of $30/hour for staff time plus computer time and media charges is assessed for non-standard datasets or non-standard data file formats. Prices are subject to change without notice. Fill out the License Agreement for Dane County Digital Geographic Data Sets providing licensing information and custom data requested. See Price/Product list for more information. Mail, fax or phone in the data request. A signed license agreement must be received before data can be released. All requests will be invoiced following delivery of the data.

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Metadata standard:
FGDC Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata (FGDC-STD-001-1998)

Metadata extensions used: