

## LINDA ZILLMER

BIRCHWOOD - WASHBURN COUNTY

**Occupation:** Family Caregiver and Active Citizen

**Employer:** Not Applicable

For the past dozen years Linda has put her thirty-year accounting career on hold to care for aging family members and pursue her dream of restoring and working her fourth generation family farm. When her dream was thwarted by the way zoning and land use laws and policies were interpreted and administered, she was determined to understand how these governmental processes shape our landscapes and communities, how they influence what is preserved and what is lost.

This experience has intensified her commitment to raise greater appreciation for both the unique sense of place and the interdependence of rural communities.

As a concerned community member and elected official, Linda has served on a town plan commission and three terms as a village trustee. She volunteers her time to support community organizations and regularly attends local government and school meetings. She studies extensively to better understand how current policies and decisions may affect the ability of present and future generations to benefit from and enjoy the distinctive community and natural resources found in rural Wisconsin.

She has learned that the positive aspects of living in rural communities come with complex challenges. Her goals are to engage citizens and public officials in the effort to build more resilient communities and to ensure public officials exercise their authority with transparency and accountability.

Linda draws strength from her love of family, friends and nature and her dream of leaving a healthy Northwoods community and environment where future generations can thrive. Her husband Don, a retired entrepreneur, provides her with daily reality checks!



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