



COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR KATHRYN SCHAUF HONORED WITH WCMA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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Eau Claire, WI — Eau Claire County proudly announces that County Administrator **Kathryn Schauf** has been awarded the **Lifetime Achievement Award** by the **Wisconsin City/County Management Association (WCMA)**, recognizing her extraordinary contributions to local government management and public service.

The WCMA Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated a sustained and significant impact in local government, not only through exemplary service to their communities but also through dedication to mentoring future leaders and advancing the profession statewide.

Kathryn Schauf has exemplified all of these qualities throughout her distinguished career. In 2015, she became Eau Claire County's first female administrator. Prior to that, she served as the Administrative Coordinator for Sauk County from 2005 to 2015. Her leadership has helped shape strong, resilient communities while setting high standards for professionalism, innovation, and inclusive governance.

In nominating Schauf for the award, Roy Atkinson, City of Altoona Assistant City Manager, wrote:

"Kathryn Schauf embodies the very spirit of dedicated public service, exemplary leadership, and professional excellence deserving of the Wisconsin City/County Management Association Lifetime Achievement Award. With her retirement set for July 2025, Kathryn leaves behind a distinguished legacy of meaningful contributions that have positively shaped Eau Claire County and the broader Wisconsin community."

During her tenure, Schauf is known not only for her strategic vision and steady guidance through complex challenges, but also for her commitment to mentoring rising leaders and fostering career development opportunities for those entering the field of public administration.

This prestigious recognition from WCMA underscores a career marked by innovation, compassion, and unwavering dedication to public service. As she prepares for her retirement in July 2025, Eau Claire County celebrates Kathryn Schauf's remarkable legacy and congratulates her on this well-deserved honor.

About WCMA: The Wisconsin City/County Management Association (WCMA) supports and advances professional local government management through education, advocacy, and member support. The Lifetime Achievement Award is among the highest honors it bestows.

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