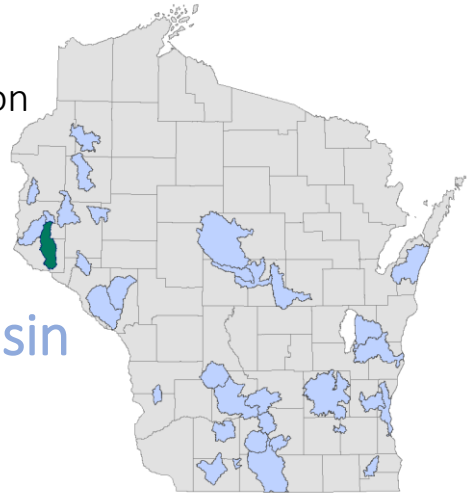
Producer- Led Watershed Protection Grants Program

2020 Conservation Outcomes:

Western Wisconsin Conservation Council



Phosphorus Savings
75,200 lbs*

An estimated **75,200 lbs of P** may have been prevented from leaving farm fields due to WWCC farmers planting **10,800 acres of cover crops,** using **strip till planting on 10,493 acres** and **no-till planting on 9,780 acres.**

For reference, one pound of phosphorus that reaches a waterbody can feed 500 pounds of algae; ***excessive algae impairs water quality!***

Sediment Savings
20,400 tons*

These same acres of **cover crops and reduced tillage** practices may have **reduced an estimated 20,400 tons of soil erosion** on WWCC fields.

A soil loss of 100 tons is about 10 standard dump truck loads of soil; the ***nutrients in topsoil are most valuable when kept in farm fields and out of waterways!***

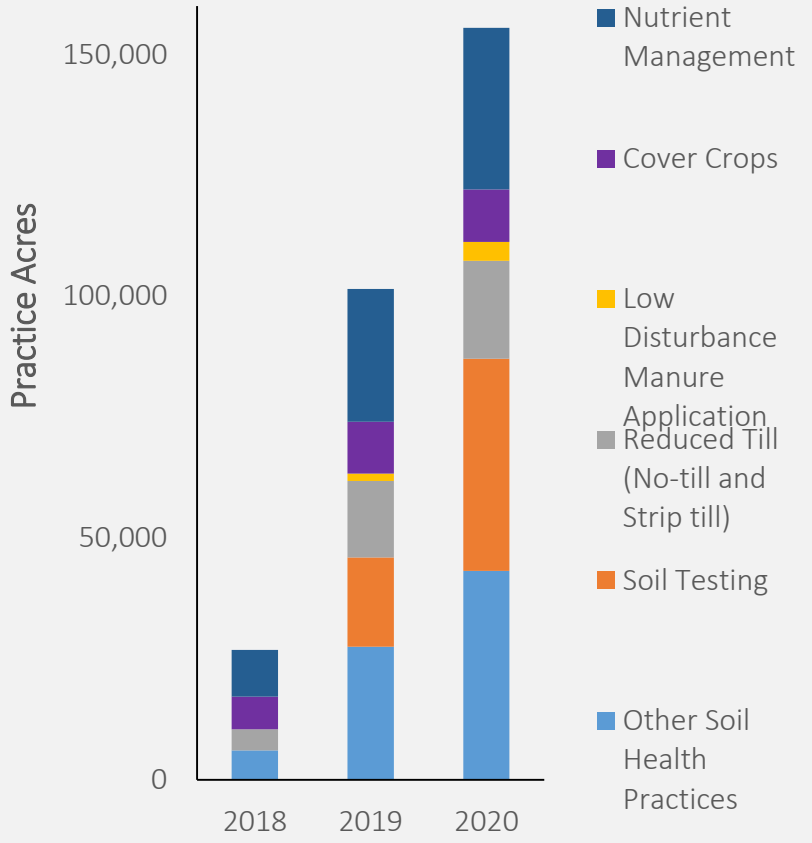
Conservation Practices
+ 53%

There was a **53% increase** in reported conservation practices implemented by farmers in the WWCC in 2020 compared to 2019.

2018: 26,841 ac
2019: 101,514 ac
2020: 155,518 ac

Many farmers integrate multiple conservation practices into their systems, ***which can result in even greater soil and water quality outcomes!***

WWCC Conservation Practices Over Time



*Soil erosion and phosphorus reductions are estimated using models. They are not measured reductions. Actual reductions may be higher or lower than estimated.

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