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Lafayette County AEA Project Information

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Lafayette County Agricultural Enterprise Area Water Quality Project



*Working in partnership to support
farm conservation efforts that protect
soil and water resources.*

Project Activities

If you farm or own land in the Pecatonica and Southwest Lead Mine Region Agricultural Enterprise Areas, you may be eligible for financial cost-sharing and technical assistance to install conservation on your land.

These new dollars are now available thanks to the Lafayette County Agricultural Enterprise Areas Water Quality Project. Project partners, consisting of 13 local, regional and statewide public and private agencies, secured \$600,000 over five years from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program. This funding is in addition to conservation funding already available in Lafayette County. The project will help build a network of landowners and farmers working to reduce the loss of soil and nutrients from farmland.

During the project, partners will host field days, workshops and demonstrations that are open to everyone. These events will showcase conservation practices to help you find the best practices for your farm.

The Partners

Through this collaborative project, the 13 partners will share their expertise and provide technical, financial and administrative assistance on varied topics including; erosion control, nutrient management, grazing, farm transition, farmland preservation, conservation easements and citizen water quality monitoring. The partners are:

- Lafayette County Land Conservation/ Planning and Zoning
- USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
- Blanchardville Womens Club
- Dairy Business Association
- Driftless Area Land Conservancy
- Lafayette County Farm Bureau
- Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development Council
- Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- The Nature Conservancy
- University of Wisconsin-Extension
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Wisconsin Farmers Union
- Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association

The Project Area

The Pecatonica River flows through the project area located in the beautiful Driftless Region of Wisconsin. The river eventually makes its way to the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. The river and its tributaries are critical water resources that are affected by sediment and high levels of phosphorus. The unglaciated nature of the area, the high potential for soil loss, the value of the land for agriculture, and the importance of the Pecatonica River make land in the project area a place where conservation can make a difference.

Top-priority practices include:

- Planning for and implementing nutrient management
- Planting cover crops
- Prescribed grazing
- Installing grassed waterways
- Using conservation crop rotations

Project leaders will also consider a long list of other practices.

To find out what financial assistance is available to you, contact:

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