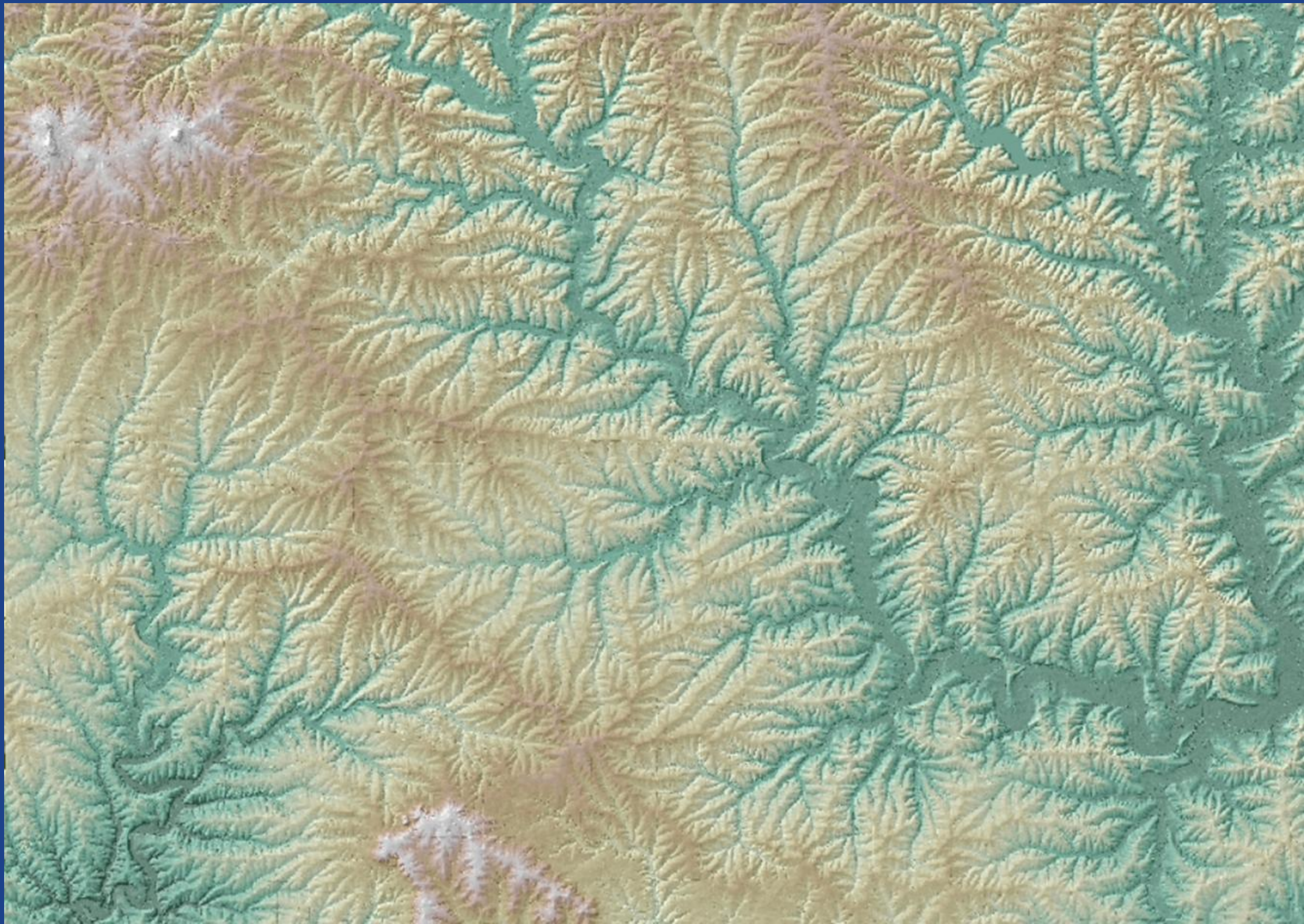




# LAND AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

## 2025 - 2036





**LAFAYETTE COUNTY...**  
**WHERE IS IT AT?**  
**WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?**



**VERY RURAL & SMALL TAX BASE**



**DIVERSE FARM SIZES**



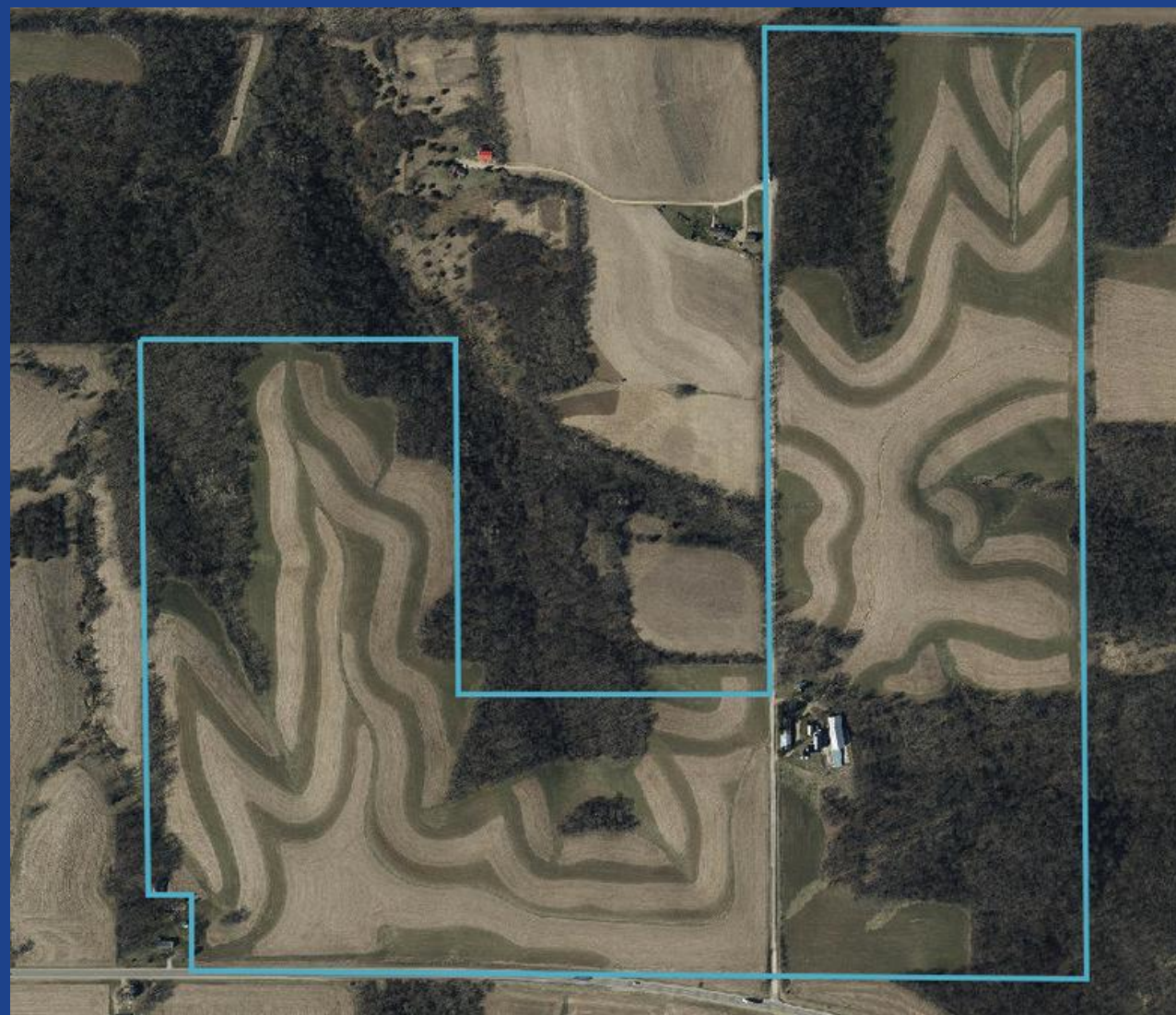
**“MORE COWS THAN PEOPLE”**



# RESOURCE CONCERNS

- SOIL EROSION
- GROUND WATER QUALITY
- SURFACE WATER QUALITY





**MOST COMMON CONSERVATION PRACTICES  
WORKED ON IN THE LAST 5 YEARS**



# KEY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

## FARMLAND PRESERVATION



**265 participants (10% decrease in last 5 years)**

**64,700 acres (6% decrease in last 5 years)**

**Working on increasing enrollment using additional incentives**

**Having issues with NMPs being completed & submitted**

## CREP



**#1 in the state for lifetime acres & payment**

**\$4.2 million in lifetime incentive & cost-share payments**

**13,389 lifetime acres with 671 agreements**

**374 acres in 23 perpetual easements**

**Future is uncertain with the federal farm bill in limbo**

**COLLABORATIVE CONSERVATION EFFORTS  
WITH OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

**Broad Incidental Take Permit/Authorization for Common Activities – Species Removal Data**  
email: max.blackbourn@lafayettecountywi.org



State of Wisconsin  
Department of Natural Resources  
Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation  
Attn: Endangered Resources Review Program  
PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921  
DNRERReview@wisconsin.gov

**REMOVER INFORMATION**  
Remover Name: Max Blackbourn  
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Darlington, WI 53530  
Phone: 608-776-3836  
Email: \*\*see above\*\*

**SITE INFORMATION**  
Project Name: Wis DOT 5671-00-77  
County: Lafayette  
Land Ownership Information  
Ownership Type: 5- ROW  
Land Owner Name: Town of Darlington  
Address: 11150 Ames Road  
Darlington, WI 53530

Date (mm dd yyyy)	Time start end	Air Temperature	Water Temperature	Wind mph	BW mph	Sky	Relative Humidity	Precipitation in past 24 hours? Y or N	Species - Common Name (Scientific Name)	# Found						
										Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9/12/22	6:15 AM - 6:30 AM	53°F	59°F	4	13-15 mph	6	90%	Y	Pickerel Frog ( <i>Lithobates palustris</i> )	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/13/22	6:15 AM - 6:46 AM	51°F	58°F	0	100%	0	100%	Y	Blanchard's Cricket Frog ( <i>Acris blanchardi</i> )	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
9/14/2022	6:00 AM - 6:36 AM	58°F	58°F	0	100%	4	100%	N		0	1	0	0	0	0	0
9/15/22	6:18 AM	58°F	58°F	0	100%	4	100%	N		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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**YOUTH EDUCATION**







- MANURE STORAGE ORDINANCE UPDATE**
- ✓ **WORKING WITH THE AMISH COMMUNITY**
- ✓ **INCREASING CLOSING OLD STORAGES**

# WHAT'S NEXT?

Keep doing the best we can with the resources that we have!

