Welcome to Wood County Parks & Recreation Celebrating 90 Years



















Public Recreational Opportunities



Camping **Beach Areas/Swimming Picnic Areas Playground Areas Disc Golf Courses** Fishing Ice Fishing **Boating/Boat Launches ATV/UTV** Trails Hunting **Hiking Trails Biking Trails Snowmobile Trails** Water Skiing **Cross Country Skiing** Snowshoeing Winter Tubing Runs **Downhill Skiing**

Snowboarding Open Shelter Buildings Volleyball Nets Rifle Range Shooting Stations Historic Cultural Heritage Wildlife Viewing 37,826 Acres County Forest State Owned Wildlife Areas Year-Round Access Boat & UTV Wash-Down Stations State Water-Ski Show 225-Foot-Long Cable Pedestrian Swinging Bridge Community Events



WOOD COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT





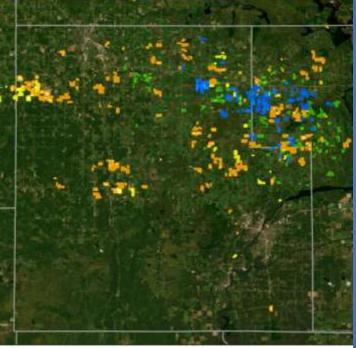
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Buffer Establishment on Waterways & Drainage Paths



Legend 9-Key Fundet FMCWC Funded LWRM SEG Funded MDV Funded

Soft Conservation Practices 2016-Present











Building: Partnerships & Collaboration Trust Friendships **Common Goals** Solutions Not Problems A Sense Of Accomplishment **Compromise & Resolution**





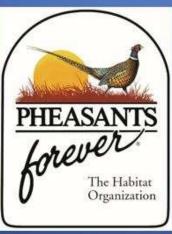






Our Mission

Protect, improve, and manage land and water resources in Wood County through technical and financial assistance, educational opportunities, enforcement of County Ordinances, and administration of State programs to permanently benefit land and water resources for it's citizens.





Integrated Conservation













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Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

WOOD COUNTY CROP PRODUCTION

- Farms
- Land in farms
- Average size farm
- Alfalfa and other forage
- Corn and grain
- Soybeans
- Corn silage
- Cranberries
- Oats for grain
- Christmas trees
- Wheat for grain
- Maple Syrup

909 units 216,635 acres 238 acres 45,800 acres 33,513 acres 26,778 acres 9,251 acres 5,178 acres 409 acres 286 acres 2,754 acres 6,894 taps

ECONOMICS + SOIL HEALTH

MID-STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CENTRAL WISCONSIN FARM PROFITABILITY EXPO



The Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo is working to encourage profitable farming by building resiliency, diversifying farming operations, reducing inputs, and increasing farmer return on investment. Attendees will explore the unique partnerships that can be created when merging agriculture and conservation.

Expo participants will learn about conservation practices farmers can use to increase profitability and self-sufficiency while being stewards of the land. Central Wisconsin farmers will discuss the specific barriers they are experiencing when adopting best management practices through panel discussion with fellow farmers who have implemented these practices.

This event is free to participants due to funding provided by the Wood County Land and Water Conservation. Registration is required.

Wednesday, April 24 • 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Wisconsin Rapids Campus Auditorium

-OR- Online Live

Questions

If you have questions about this event, please contact:

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If you have a disability and require accommodations to participate in this activity, contact the event coordinator as soon as possible, ideally 14 days in advance.

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LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT MSTC.EDU/FARM-EXPO

Event Sponsors



WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Soil & Water Resource Management Program

This grant from the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection provides funds to carry out soil and water conservation activities that include providing cost share assistance to landowners to install best management practices throughout Wood County. The goal is to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff and to improve water quality in the lakes, streams, and drinking water of Wood County. With an approved Land and Water Resource Management Plan the LWCD receives grant funds to hire staff to implement the LWRM plan. SWRM funds are available to pay for salaries, support costs, and to provide cost sharing to landowners. This is a continuing grant. This program provides funding to the equivalent of 2.25 FTE positions to support carrying out our soil and water protection. This is a state mandated program.



LWCD Cost-Share Funding Programs

- LWRM Land and Water Resource Management Program around \$150,000 annual in cost-sharing
- Mill Creek (9-Key Watershed Plan) Phase 2 \$600,000 Grant
- Mill Creek Farmer Producer Lead Grant around \$30,000 annually
- Lake Dubay MDV- Multiple dischargers Variance
- Castle Rock MDV Multiple dischargers Variance
- Black River MDV Multiple dischargers Variance Combining these 3 MDV's we have received around \$40,000 since 2019
- TRM Targeted Runoff Management Grants Specific Projects
- DNR Surface Water Grants
- DATCP Innovations Grant 2023 & 2024
- ARPA Funds Drone, Surface Water Quality Improvement Practices, Field Test Plots/Training/Field Days, Reverse Osmosis Systems, Private Well Water Testing, Nitrate Optimization Pilot Project

Wood County Dairy Farms

Dairy Farms

- 132 farms with dairy herds
- 17,100 dairy milk cows
- 23,200 pounds milk per cow average
- 396,720,000 pounds of total milk produced annually

WOOD COUNTY CRANBERRY PRODUCTION

Wood County is the top producer of cranberries in Wisconsin & Wisconsin is the top cranberry producing state in the country. 5,178 acres in cranberries



Recognition for Conservation Efforts

