MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

 BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

AND

PRODUCER LED GROUP X

**BACKGROUND**

To improve water quality, the Wisconsin, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will provide grants to producer led groups that implement non-point source pollution abatement activities.

**PURPOSE**

This **Memorandum of Understanding** **(MOU)** establishes a partnership between DATCP (collaborating entity) and Producer Led Group X (Group) as required under s. 93.59, Stats., and Ch. ATCP 52 Wis. Adm. Code for this Producer Led Watershed Protection Grant. This MOU identifies the roles and responsibilities of the collaborating entity and the Group related to implementation of the producer led watershed protection grant.

**MISSION**

The collaborating entity and the Group enter into this MOU to work collaboratively on a producer led water quality protection project in the Six-mile Creek watershed to achieve improved water quality.

The group and collaborating entity agree as follows:

**PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The collaborating entity and the Group will work collaboratively to improve soil and water quality within the Six-mile Creek watershed, located in south central Wisconsin. The watershed’s resource concerns involve the impaired Six-mile creek due to excess phosphorus and sediment loading. The primary objectives of grant implementation are to improve water quality and soil structure through the implementation of conservation practices and by providing outreach and education to farmers. Other goals of grant implementation are to increase awareness of conservation benefits, improve farm productivity and reduce phosphorus and other nutrient runoff from farm fields.

The collaborating entity and the group are each responsible for its own expenses related to this MOU except as otherwise provided herein.

The collaborating entity role will be to provide nutrient management training and planning assistance to farmers as well as provide information to farmers on available DATCP programs such as conservation engineering, nutrient management training and Farm Center assistance. Producer Led Group X will lead the efforts of the project by reaching out to farmers, providing incentive payments to try innovative conservation practices and involve other partners to leverage efforts.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Note: Here the responsibilities of the collaborating entity and the group should be identified with as much detail as possible.**

The official contact listed below who will coordinate the activities of each organization in carrying out this MOU will be as follows:

DATCP: Rachel Rushmann, Program Manager. (608) 224-4622.

Producer Led Group X: John Doe, Farmer. Name of Farm. (608) XXX-XXXX.

**SHARING OF GRANT FUNDS**

If there is an understanding of allocation of grant funds between the collaborating entity and the group that allocation should be identified.

**TERM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Unless terminated earlier as provided below, the term of this MOU is for a period of 3 years from the execution of the MOU and may be extended upon written mutualagreement. It shall be reviewed annuallyto ensure that itis fulfilling its purpose and to make any necessary revisions.

**TERMINATION**

Either party may request termination by giving 60 days written notice to the other party.

 Producer Led Group X DATCP

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