

Producer Led Watershed Protection Grant Program

Collaborating with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)

Resources DATCP can provide your producer-led group:

- **Nutrient management planning assistance**

Nutrient management is a way for Wisconsin farmers to ensure that their crops get the right source of nutrients at the right rate, time and place to match crop needs and minimize nutrient losses from fields. DATCP staff can help explain nutrient management plan development and provide feedback or answer questions about the process. DATCP staff are also available to speak on nutrient management and related topics at workshops or conferences.

- **Snap-Plus training**

Snap-Plus is Wisconsin's Nutrient Management Planning software. Snap-Plus training includes learning how to use this software in order to prepare a 590 compliant nutrient management plan. DATCP staff can connect you with available trainings in your county, or discuss scheduling or planning if your group would like to host a training.

- **Wisconsin Manure Management Advisory System Assistance**

Nutrient application restriction and runoff risk advisory forecast maps are available on the DATCP website. Restriction maps are essential in nutrient management planning, while daily runoff risk forecast maps are useful for timing manure and other nutrient applications. This is a great resource you can share with your producer led group. DATCP staff are available for any questions regarding the use of the advisory system.

- **Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) Grant Assistance**

DATCP provides funding for local organizations to offer training for farmers to learn how to prepare their own 590 compliant nutrient management plan. The next round of applications will be available on the DATCP website early January 2016. DATCP staff can assist with any application questions.

- **Access to other agency programs**

DATCP staff can serve as a point of contact to help you identify and secure speakers or provide information for other DATCP services and programs, including: the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Farmland Preservation Program, livestock siting and many others.

- **Conservation Engineering Assistance**

DATCP has conservation engineering field staff located around the state who can help you plan, design and install Best Management Practices (BMPs) that protect surface and ground water quality. Engineered BMPs such as barnyard and feed storage runoff control systems and grassed waterways are effective in reducing nonpoint source pollution in watersheds.

Resources available on our webpage:

- Existing producer-led models
- Project ideas
- How to choose a legal entity
- How to draft a MOU
- Frequently asked questions
- Eligibility criteria
- Timeline
- Grant opportunity information

Up to date webpage with resources and all grant information:

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ProducerLedProjects.aspx

Need assistance with financial planning, farm transition planning, etc.?

The Wisconsin Farm Center provides trained professionals and numerous resources at no cost to Wisconsin Farmers.

http://datcp.wi.gov/Farms/Wisconsin_Farm_Center

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