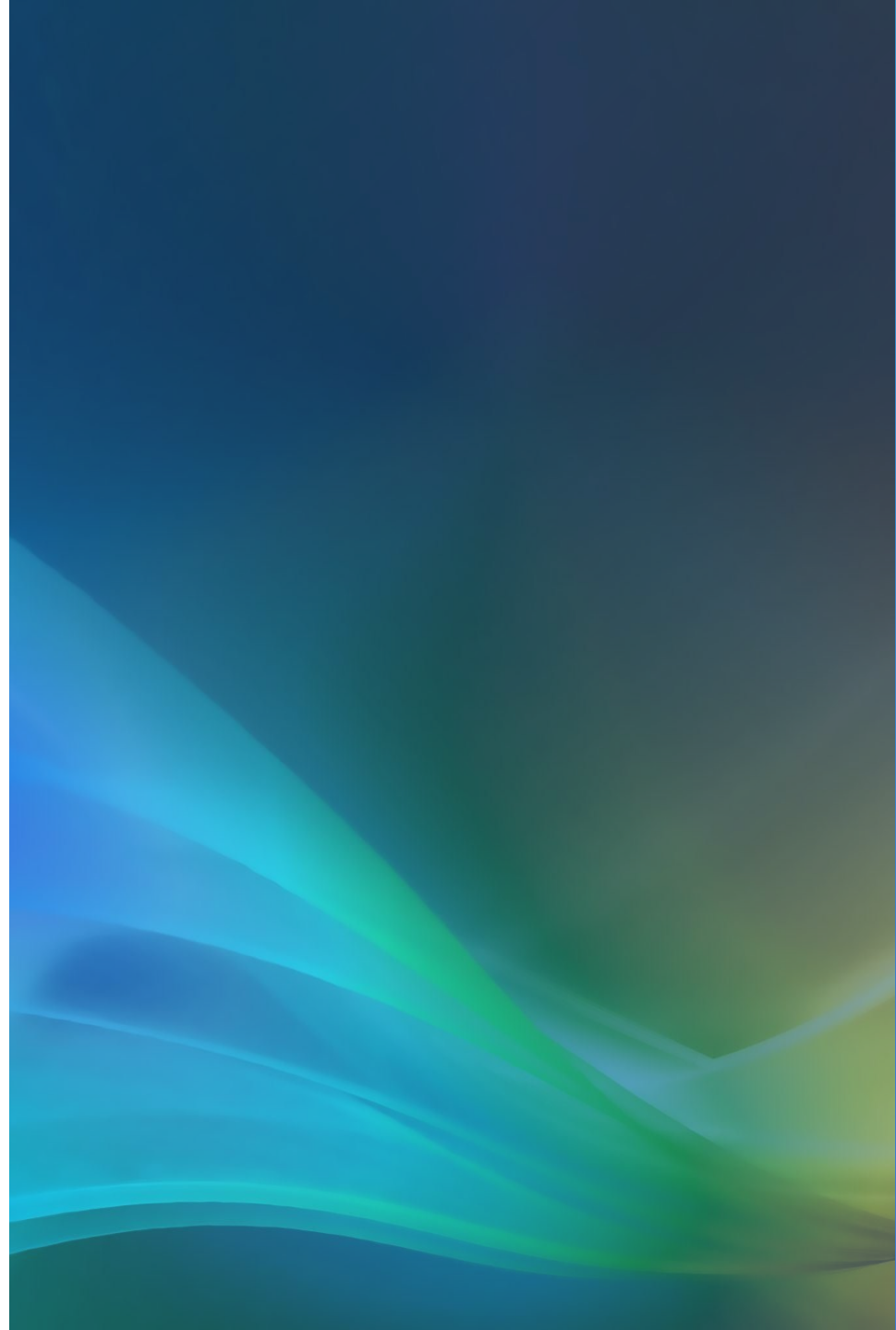


*Making Running Water
Walk*

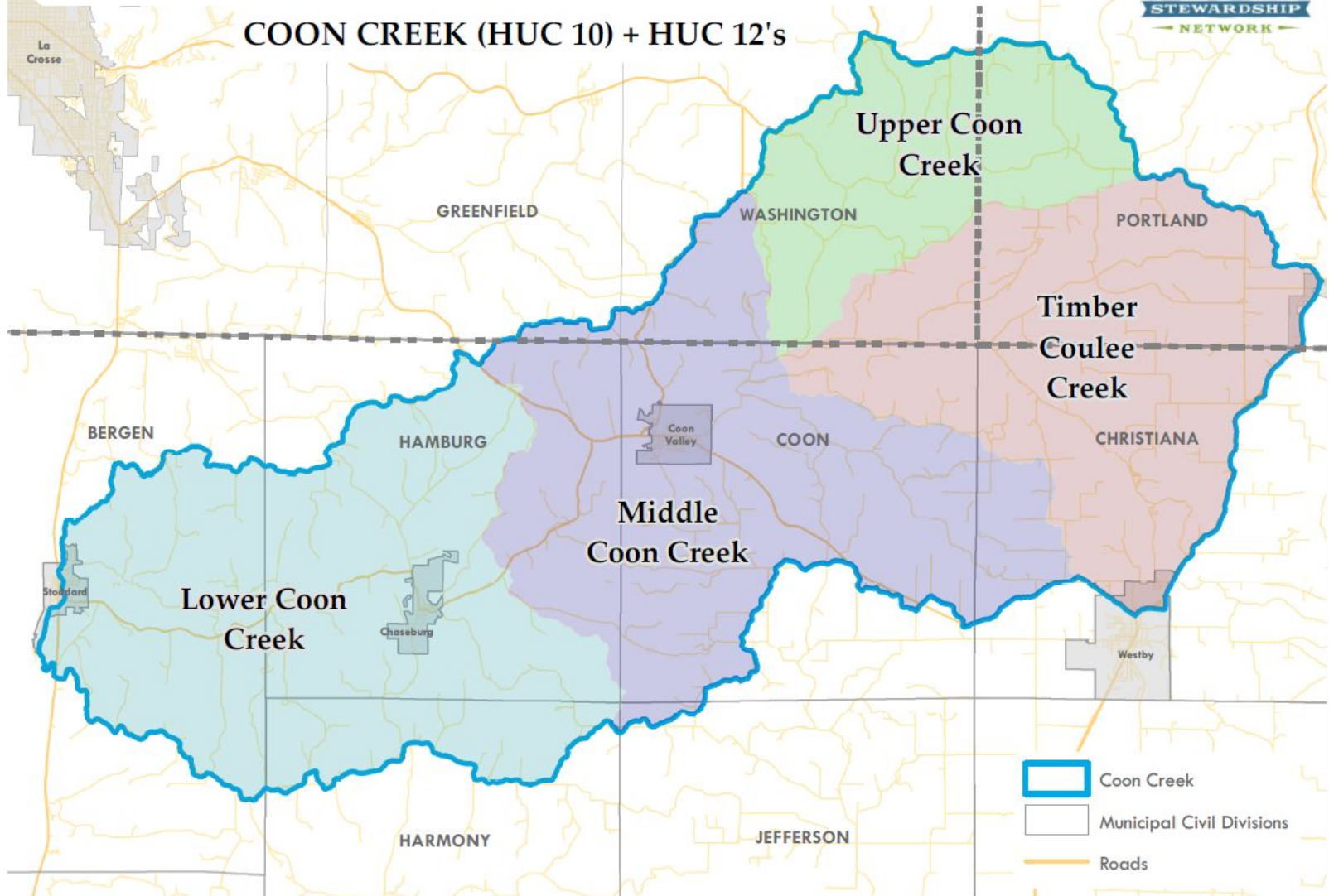
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CONNECT TO PROTECT WATERSHEDS



COON CREEK (HUC 10) + HUC 12's



The Story Begins:

People Interacting with
the Environment

Traditional Homeland of the
Ho-Chunk and Dakota People

Clear streams

Rich soil

Abundant wildlife

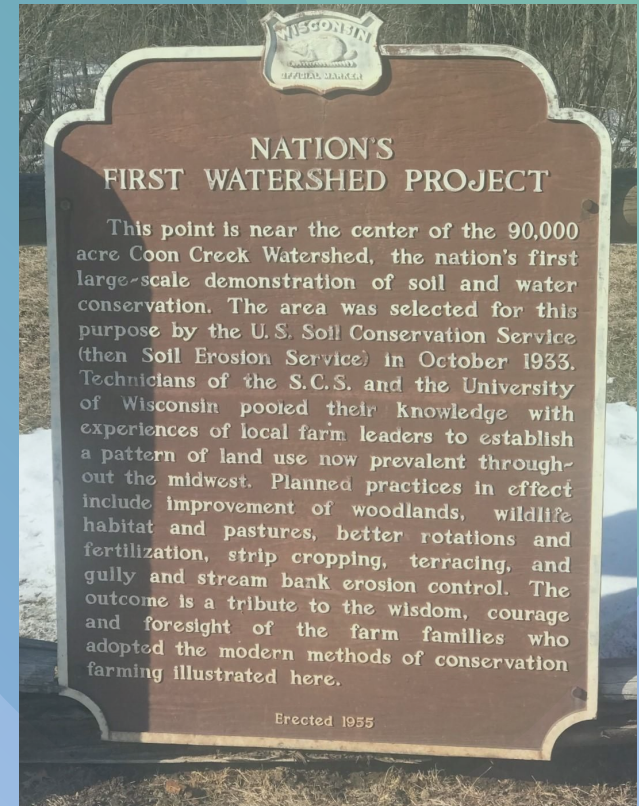
A land of bounty



<https://wisconsinfirstnations.org/map/>

The Conservation Story

- Northern European Immigrants
- Erosion and Flooding
- The Nation's First Watershed Project
- The First Coon Creek Watershed Organizations
- PL 566 Dams
- Losing Our Way



The Story
of the
Coon Creek
Community
Watershed
Council, Inc.
(CCCWC)

On the night of August of 28,
2018, the water in the
Coon Creek Watershed ran.

What can we do to help
ourselves?

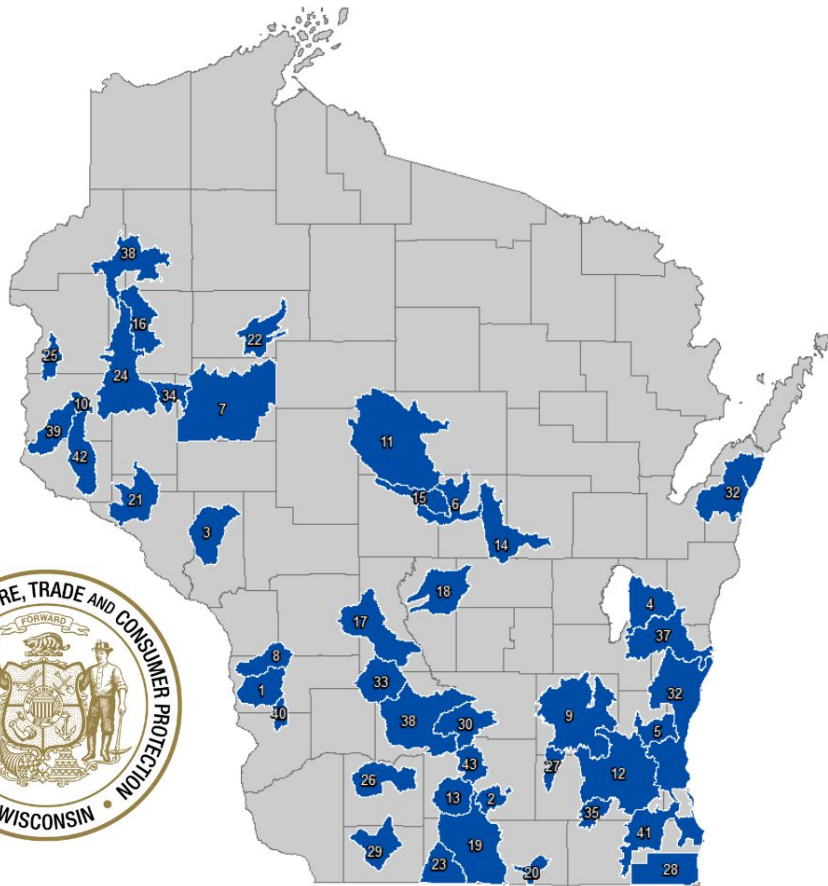
Watershed Councils

What is a Watershed Council?



- Wisconsin Department of Trade, Agriculture & Consumer Protection (DATCP)
- Provides funding to producer-led groups
- Support producer-led conservation solutions
- Increase on-the-ground practices
- 43 funded in Wisconsin this year

2023 Funded Producer-Led Watershed Groups



Map ID	PRODUCER-LED GROUP	Map ID	PRODUCER-LED GROUP	Map ID	PRODUCER-LED GROUP
1	Bad-Axe Farmer-Led Watershed Council	15	Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council	29	Lafayette Ag Stewardship Alliance
2	Biological Farming Friends	16	Farmers of the Barron County Watersheds	30	Lake Wisconsin Farmer Watershed Council
3	Buffalo Trempealeau Farmer Network	17	Farmers of the Lemonweir Valley	31	Milwaukee River Watershed Clean Farm Families
4	Calumet County Ag Stewardship Alliance	18	Farmers of the Roche-A-Cri	32	Peninsula Pride Farms
5	Cedar Creek Farmers	19	Farmers of the Sugar River	33	Producers of Lake Redstone
6	Central Wisconsin Farmers' Collaborative	20	Farmers on the Rock	34	Red Cedar Conservation Farmers
7	*Chippewa Valley Producer Led Watershed	21	FARMERS4HEALTH H/Bear Creek Chippewa River	35	Rock River Regenerative Graziers
8	Coon Creek Community Watershed Council	22	*Flambeau Valley Watershed Group	36	Sauk Soil & Water Improvement Group
9	Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soil & Healthy Water	23	*Green County Clean Waters	37	Sheboygan River Progressive Farmers
10	Dry Run Farmer-Led Watershed Council	24	Hay River Farmer-Led Watershed Council	38	Shell Lake, Yellow River Watershed Council
11	Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation	25	Horse Creek Area Farmer Led Watershed Council	39	South Kinni Farmer Led Watershed Council
12	Farmers for Lake Country	26	Iowa County Uplands Watershed Group	40	Tainter Creek Farmer-led Watershed Council
13	Farmers for the Upper Sugar River	27	Jefferson County Soil Builders	41	Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County
14	Farmers for Tomorrow River Watershed Council	28	*Kenosha County Regenerative Producers	42	Western Wisconsin Conservation Council
				43	Yahara Pride Farms, Inc.

* New Group

Producer-Led Grants Funding Summary 2016-2023

Fiscal Year	Total Requests	Total Awarded	Number of requests	Number of groups awarded
2016	\$262,550	\$242,550	15	14
2017	\$197,065	\$197,065	11	11
2018	\$619,721	\$558,246	21	17
2019	\$869,815	\$750,000	27	24
2020	\$1,051,871	\$750,000	27	24
2021	\$1,043,910	\$750,000	33	30
2022	\$1,194,543	\$1,000,000	36	36
2023	\$1,525,889	\$1,000,000	45	43

CCCWC

Who We
Are

Farmers and Producers

Stewardship Partners/Landowners

Business Owners

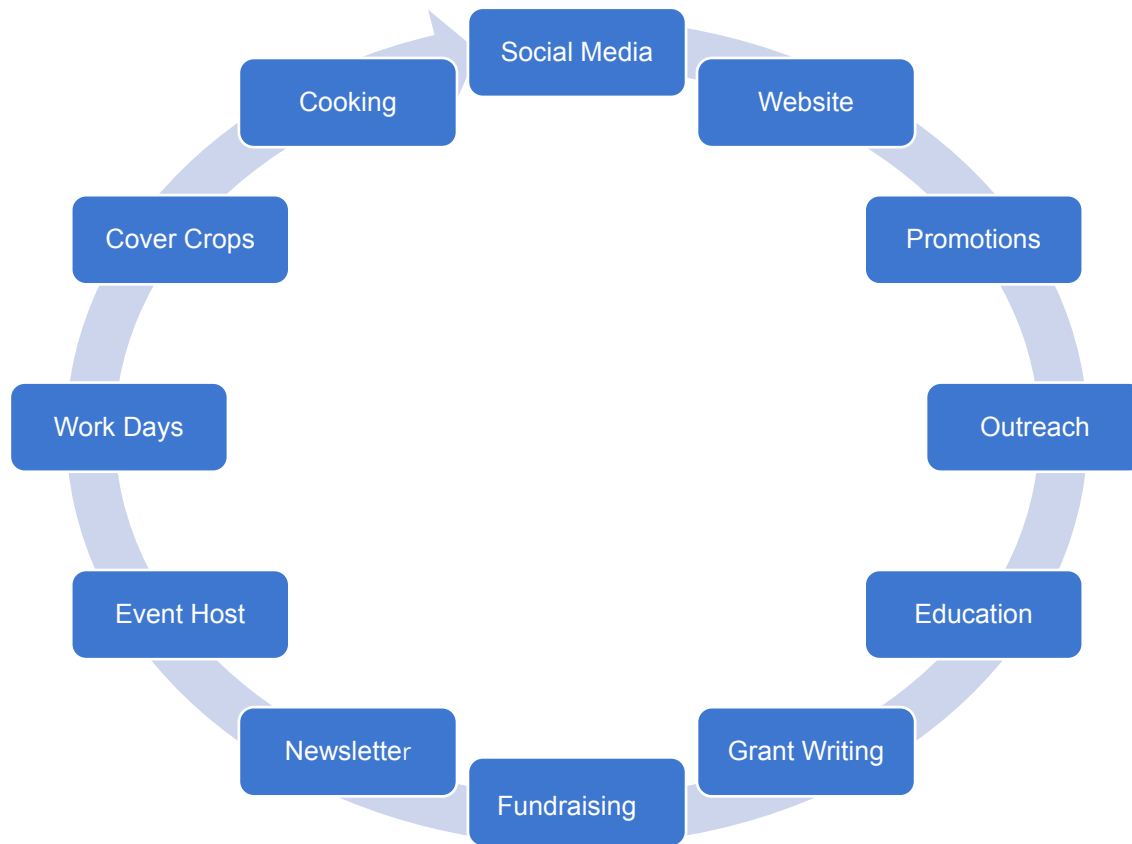
People who live and work in the
area

Anyone with a vested interest in
the Coon Creek Watershed



First Coon Creek Community Watershed Council Gathering
Coon Valley Park | July 2021

Self-Identified Skill-Sets



CCCWC

Vision &
Mission

Our Vision

A watershed nurtured,
cherished and flourishing

Our Mission

To continue the historic legacy of conservation leadership through improving and restoring our soil, water and air as stewards of the Coon Creek Watershed.

CCCWC

What We Do

“We make running water walk.”



Making Running Water Walk



PLANNING



EDUCATION



OUTREACH



REGENERATIVE
PRACTICES



**CCCWC Field Day (Night) touring
a series of flood control structures on a farm
built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1936**

July 2022



Regenerative Practices

No Till

Cover
Crops

Strip
Cropping

Contour
Strips

Crop
Rotation

Grass
Waterways

Prairie
Plantings

Buffer
Strips

Terraces

Managed
Grazing

Grade
Stabilization
Structures



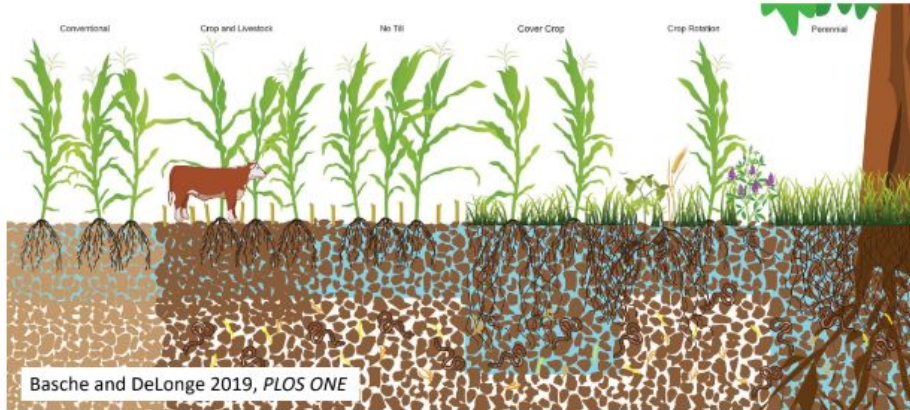
CCCWC Monthly Meeting ~ Managed Grazing & Pasture Health Field Day (Night)
August 2022



Grade Stabilization Structures Presentation by La Crosse & Vernon County Conservation Specialists
January 2022

Infiltration

- the effects of management upon the separating of rainfall between rapid surface and slower subsurface flow

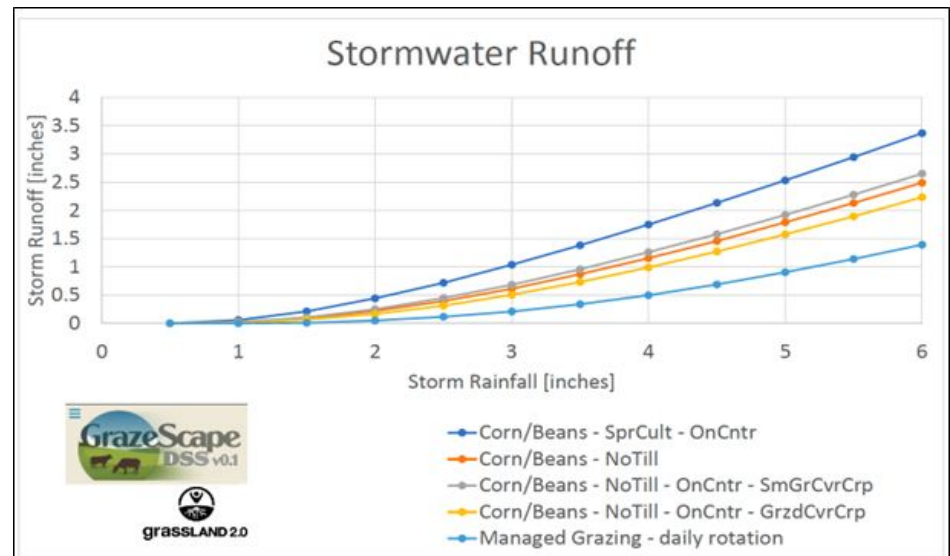


UW-Madison Flood Modeling Project Presentation

Dr. Eric Booth | June 2021

Managed Grazing Handout

Dr. Eric Booth | August 2022



CCCWC Collaborations

La Crosse
County

Monroe
County

Vernon
County

Bad Axe
Farmer-Led
Watershed
Council

Tainter
Creek
Farmer-Led
Watershed
Council

Rush Creek
Conservation
Watershed
Council

Valley
Stewardship
Network

Norskedalen
Nature &
Heritage
Center

Coon Valley
Conservation
Club

Coon Valley
Business
Association

University of
Wisconsin-
Madison

University
of
Wisconsin-
La Crosse



First Joint Watershed Council Meeting (Vernon County) June 9, 2022

Watershed Council members gather for joint meeting

Tainter Creek, Bad Axe River and Coon Creek Community



ABOUT 40 producers and other interested citizens attended the first Joint Watershed Council meeting. Attendees came from the Tainter Creek, Bad Axe River, and Coon Creek Community watersheds.

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VIROQUA - About 40 members of the Tainter Creek, Bad Axe River and Coon Creek watershed councils gathered for a joint meeting at the Eagles Club in Viroqua on Thursday, June 9. After the meeting, the group was treated to a delicious burger bar, prepared by Julie Ruef.

All three groups were funded in 2022 through the DATCP Producer Led Watershed Council grant program. The meeting was called to facilitate cross-fertilization of ideas



**Coon Valley
Conservation Club
Presentation | Partnership
April 2022**

**Norskedalen
Nature & Heritage Center
Presentation | Partnership
June 2022**



Watershed-Focused Research & Studies

Plan-EIS

- USDA-NRCS
- Develop potential solutions for flooding

NSF-CNH2

- UW-Madison
- Development of new flood models

Grassland 2.0

- UW-Madison
- Develop pathways to grassland-based agriculture

Nuzum Stream Restoration

- UW-Madison
- Monitor and learning how flood impacts are managed

Stories From the Flood

- UW-Madison
- Support community healing and future flood planning

WRM Project

- UW-Madison
- Improve flood resilience in the Coon Creek Watershed

Precip Modeling

- UW-Madison
- Create IDF values incorporating recent extreme rainfall events

Greener Pastures

- UW-Madison
- Support CCCWC through collection of oral narratives to inform work

CCCWC Funding



DATCP
PRODUCER-LED
WATERSHED
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GRANT



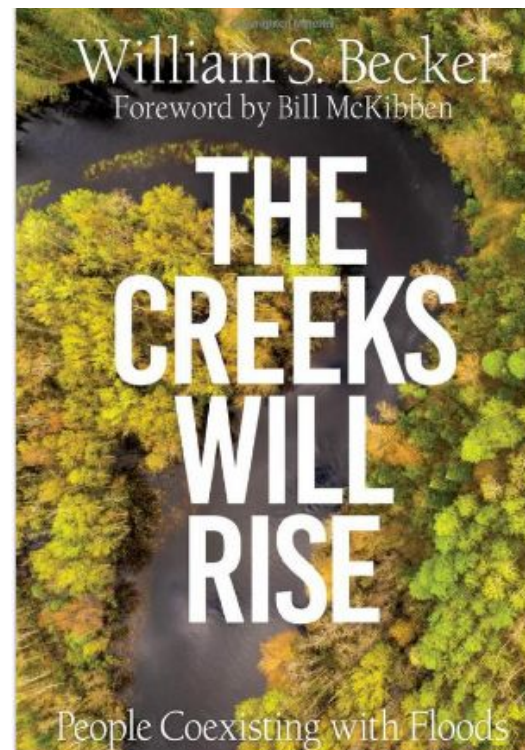
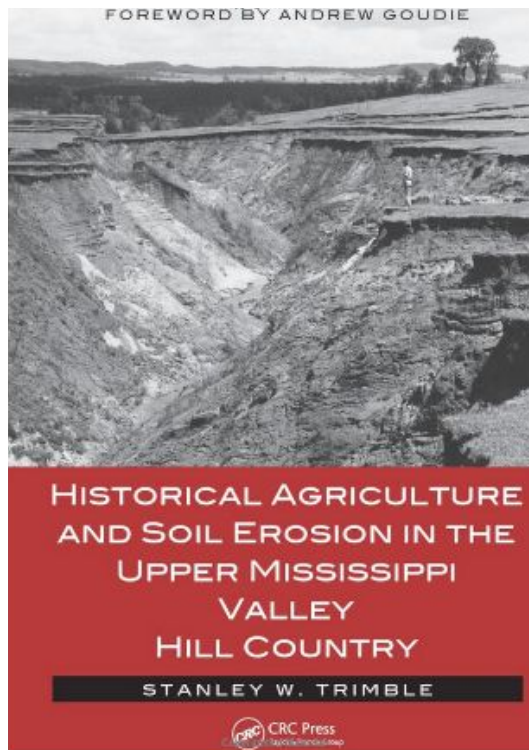
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FUNDING
THROUGH
VERNON COUNTY



UW-MADISON
GREENER
PASTURES ORAL
NARRATIVES
PROJECT GRANT

Why Are We Doing This?

“The village of Coon Valley was literally saved by soil conservation!” (Trimble, p. 131)



Where Are We Going?



Continue interviews for the Oral Narratives Project

Collaborate with Norskedalen: Conservation Education project

Continue to apply for funding to develop a watershed plan

Further engage in strategic planning

Grow membership, continue outreach, strengthen collaborations, and increase funding

Increase regenerative practices in the Coon Creek Watershed

Plan for the centennial celebration of the Coon Creek Watershed Project

Thank You!

CCCWC

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Our Social Hour begins with a meal at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting and presentations begin at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us!

Questions



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