

Soil and Water in Dodge County

The Healthy Soil-Healthy Water Groups strive to be a results driven organization. After all, agriculture, lakes and rivers within Dodge County are crucial to many:

- \$761 million is contributed to the county income due to agriculture.
- 72% of the land within the county is used for farming.
- Over 8,000 county residents live on lake or river front property.
- 20% of jobs within Dodge County are attributed to agriculture.
- Lakes and rivers contribute to the \$125 million in tourism dollars each year.

With agriculture so predominant in Dodge County, the Healthy Soil-Healthy Water Groups are recognizing that farmers educating farmers, and involved lake associations, working together is essential.

In their combined efforts, they continue their goals of educating about the importance of soil health and water quality in Dodge County.



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Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soil-Healthy Water

Mission Statement: *Improving our Community's Soil and Water through Conservation Practices and Education.*

Composed of farmers from Dodge County who work together to educate other producers on conservation methods.

Dodge County Healthy Soil-Healthy Water Alliance Group

Mission Statement: *To Build a Community dedicated to Soil and Water Health.*

Composed of producers, lake group representatives, UW-Extension, as well as state and local governments who are dedicated to provide better information to the public about soil and water health.

The two groups work together to reach producers and communities within Dodge County to educate on soil health, water quality and sustainable agriculture.

• Educate • Research • Inform •



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Cover Crop Incentives

The Farmers for Healthy Soil-Healthy Water offers a Cover Crop Incentive Program for assistance in planting cover crops on farmland within Dodge County.

In 2018 alone, there are 29 producers in the Incentive Program with over 700 acres of established cover crops.

The lake associations within the Dodge County Alliance Group have given away over \$14,000 of free cover crop seed to producers within their respective water sheds.

More information at www.dodgecountyfarmers.com.



On-Farm Research Trials

UW-Extension has conducted over 10 on-farm research trials looking at cover crop species and various planting methods.

These trials will continue to be performed by UW-Extension to further understand the benefits of conservation practices in Dodge County.

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Educational Events

The Healthy Soil-Healthy Water Groups has hosted and assisted with a variety of educational events.

- Monthly farmer and Alliance meetings
- Annual February winter workshop
- Cover crop field days
- Field tours around the county
- Educational lake programs

Since 2017, the groups have hosted 12 events with over 1300 participants.



Above: Aug. 3, 2018 Climate and Covers Field Day.
Below: Aug. 25, 2018 Lake Sinissippi educational pontoon boat rides.



Check out the events page at dodgecountyfarmers.com to see future events!