



USDA NRCS

2023 NRCS Absentee Landowner Presentation

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History of USDA Soil Conservation Service

- Started in 1932 as part of Roosevelt's "New Deal" as the Soil Erosion Service
- In 1935, a huge Nebraska dust storm turned Washington DC black; Congress started the Soil Conservation Service (SCS)

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First SCS watershed-based project in the nation was the Coon Creek Watershed in Vernon and LaCrosse Co; Aldo Leopold worked on that project; 1995 our name was changed to the Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Agriculture and Natural Resources,
head to toe

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Conservation Compliance

Left; ephemeral gully; need a change in management such as adding hay to the rotation, cover crops, contour strips or a grassed waterway

Right; installing drain tile in an ag field; ag drainage with ditching or tiling or breaking out new ground needs to be cleared by Sauk Co LRE, FSA and NRCS

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COVER CROPS

- Producers of Lake Redstone
- Sauk/Juneau Co partnership - Pictured is Al Voss combining wheat in late July 21 that had been frost-seeded with red clover in March 21 through EQIP



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Conservation Reserve Program

Practices like:

- Buffer strips next to streams and ditches
- Duck scrapes in low spots in the field
- Tree plantings
- Putting a conservation cover across a whole highly erodible field
- Rental payments from \$62-\$185/ac

A photograph showing a field of wildflowers. In the foreground, there are several tall stalks of purple flowers with small blossoms. In the background, there are yellow flowers, possibly Black-eyed Susans, and a person wearing a yellow shirt is visible among the plants.

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Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)
blown out -2018 Storms, 2021 cost-share project;
partnership between FSA, NRCS AND LWRD



- Re-design DNR large dam to DNR small dam;
original structural height + 35'; new height 24.7'

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Wetland
Restoration
Easements



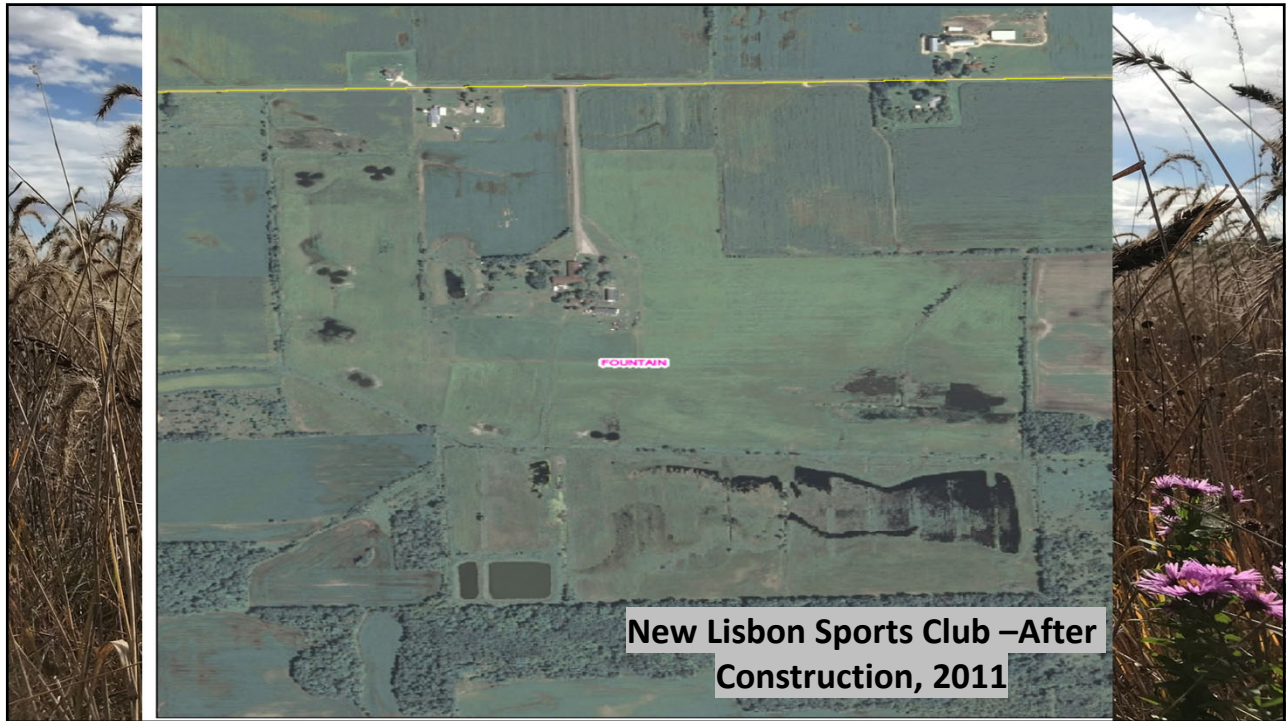
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

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EQIP Forest Management Plans; partner w/ WI DNR and help write plans



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Streambank
Protection/Habitat
Improvement



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Promotion of Soil Health through sound conservation practices such as cover crop and no till

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Who's taking care of your land?

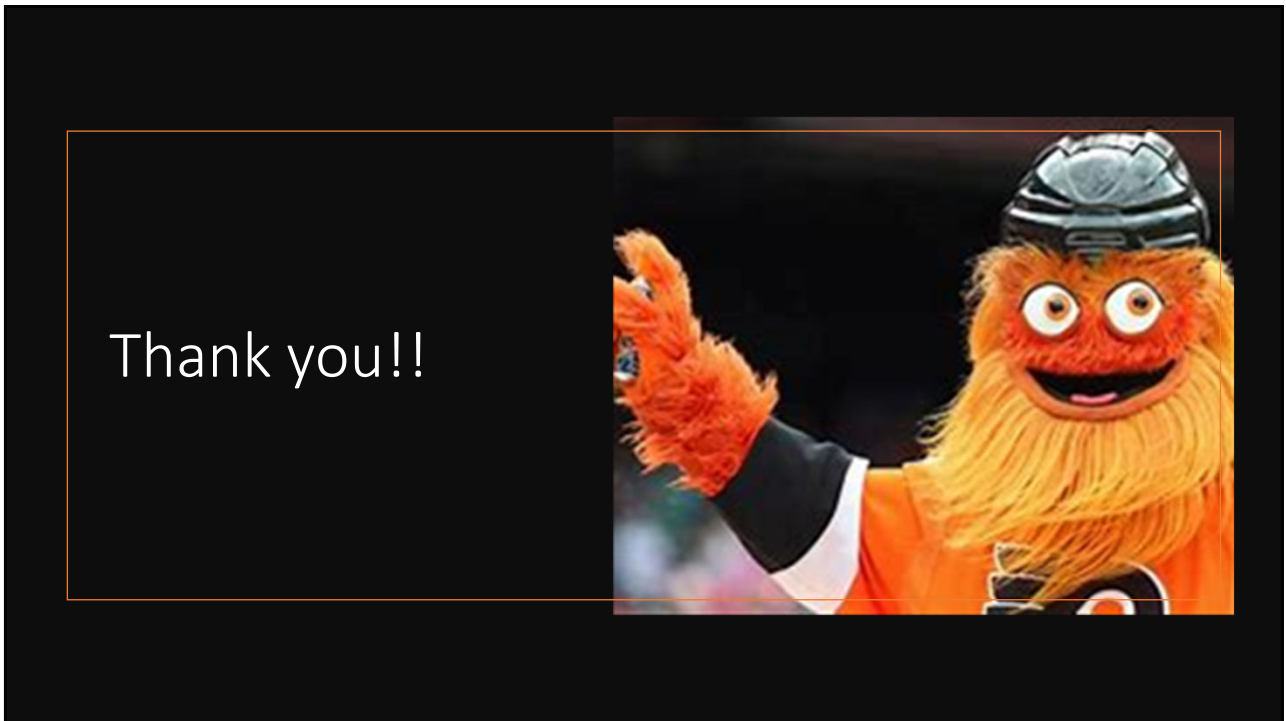


- Mining your land for the almighty \$
- Letting your soil wash away
- Are you leaving your land better than you found it?

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