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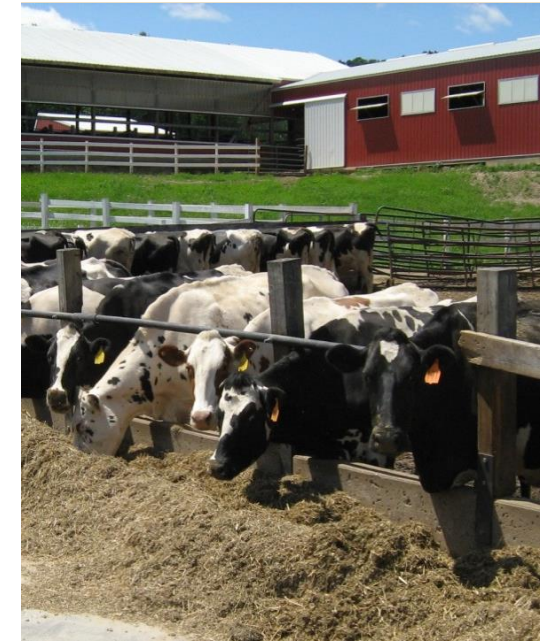
Agricultural runoff, including soil erosion, can impair the streams we use for fishing and swimming and harm the groundwater that supplies our drinking water.

These conservation practices seek to protect our ground and surface water, both in the interest of public health and the environment.



About Us

The Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department offers technical assistance to design and install conservation practices to all county landowners free of charge. Financial assistance may be available through various federal, state and other county programs. Contact us today with any questions or for more information!




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**CONSERVATION
PAYS...**

On your farmstead



How does conservation pay?

Farmstead conservation practices make barnyard cleanup easier and allow for better use of manure nutrients captured by the system.

Other benefits include safer conditions for livestock, lower veterinary bills, improved herd health, less clean-up time during milking, and increased milk value due to lower somatic cell counts.

Farmstead Conservation Practices

- **Animal Trails and Walkways:** Gravel lanes covered with hoof protection material to prevent erosion and excess damage of heavily utilized areas.
- **Barnyard Systems:** Used to provide temporary manure storage, aid in runoff management, and provide feed areas. Designed in collaboration with the farmer to accommodate herd size and storage capacity.
- **Diversions:** Earthen structures or fence lines designed to prevent dirty, contaminated water from reaching streams or manure storage areas.
- **Roof Gutter System:** Designed and built to prevent clean water from running into barnyards or manure storage areas.
- **Vegetated Treatment Areas:** Seeded areas that are placed below areas of heavy manure runoff designed to filter and catch contaminated water, preventing contaminants from reaching streams.
- **Manure Storage Facilities:** Design of manure pits or manure storage areas which are designed based on number of livestock, spreading ability and farmer preferences.
- **Process Wastewater Handling System:** Designed to prevent feed storage and milk house waste runoff. May include transfer pipes, settling tanks or filter beds.



In order to protect Sauk County's most valuable natural resources while maintaining productive agriculture, the support of rural landowners is critical. Thank you for your efforts in maintaining a productive farm and healthy environment.

