We are here to work with you!

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 Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department offers technical assistance to design and implement 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 marginal land

How does conservation pay?

Marginal crop lands are not profitable. Installing conservation practices on these lands eliminates input costs that would have been lost. Some federal programs provide annual payments for land out of production. Wetlands capture and store heavy rain and snowmelt water, protecting farm fields, basements and roads from flooding. Wetlands also remove pollutants and sediments, keeping ground and surface water clean. Restored marginal land provides wildlife with food and shelter.

Marginal Land Conservation Practices

- **Wetland Restoration:** Construction of berms, or the destruction of tile line or drainage ditch functions, to create or restore conditions suitable for wetland vegetation.
- **Wetland Enhancement:** Rehabilitation of degraded wetland or modification of a wetland to favor specific wetland functions.
- **Wetland Creation:** Conversion of land into wetland that has historically not been wetland
- **Field Borders:** Strips of permanent vegetation, usually grasses, legumes, forbs, or shrubs, along at least one field edge.
- **Filter Strips:** Area of vegetation that removes sediment, organic material, and other runoff, protecting an adjacent water body.

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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.