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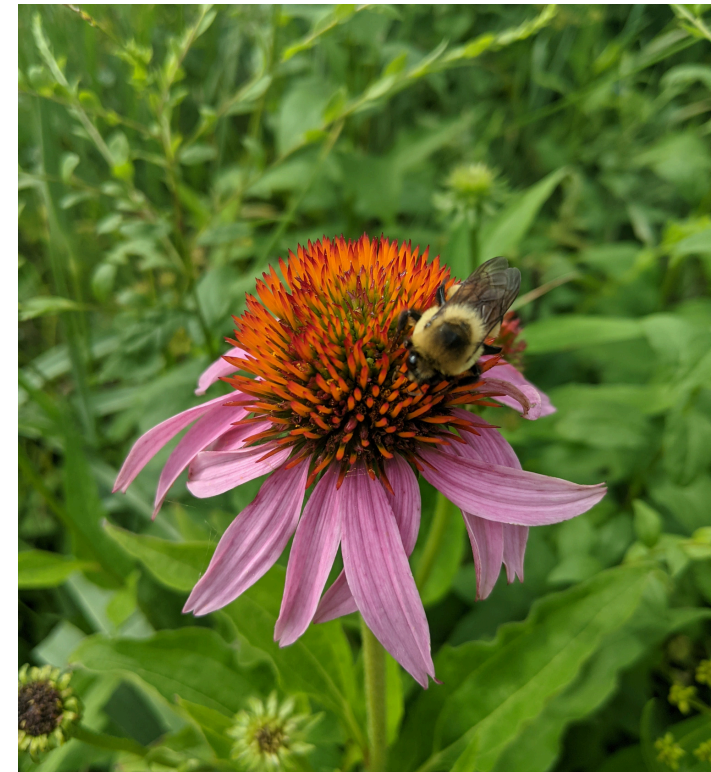


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ABOUT US

The Sauk County Land Resources and Environment 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.





MARGINAL LAND CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Conservation Cover: The establishment and maintenance of permanent vegetative cover in an agricultural setting to reduce erosion, improve water quality, and soil health.

Filter Strips: Area of vegetation that removes sediment, organic material, and other runoff, protecting an adjacent water body.

Field Border: A strip of permanent vegetation established at the edge or around the perimeter of a field that provides food and cover for wildlife and pollinators.

Harvestable Buffers: Establishment of grass based filter strips that can be harvested for livestock forage and are intended to reduce agricultural runoff from entering an adjacent water body

Wetland Restoration & Enhancement: Construction of berms or destruction of tile line/drainage ditch functions to create/restore conditions suitable for wetland vegetation.

Wildlife Habitat Planting: The establishment and maintenance of native vegetative cover in agricultural settings to provide habitat for wildlife and pollinator species.

HOW DOES CONSERVATION PAY?

Marginal croplands are not profitable. Installing conservation practices on these lands eliminates input costs that would have been lost. Some federal programs will provide annual payments for land taken out of production.

Wetlands capture and store heavy rain and snowmelt water, protecting farm fields, basements and roads from flooding. Wetlands remove pollutants and sediments, keeping ground and surface water clean. Restored marginal land provides wildlife with food and shelter.

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Conservation will ultimately boil down to rewarding the private landowner who conserves the public interest.

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-Aldo Leopold

