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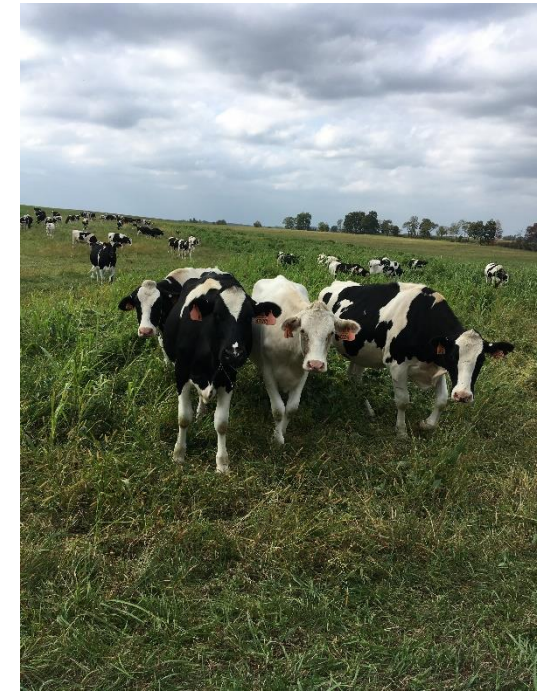
Agricultural runoff, including soil erosion, can impair the streams we use for fishing and swimming and harm the groundwater that supplies our drinking water.

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 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...**

In your pastures



How does conservation pay?

Overgrazed pastures contribute runoff to streams and are not capable of producing adequate forage for livestock. A well-managed pasture will produce high-quality forage that will increase livestock productivity and prevent runoff to streams. Allowing adequate rest on paddocks will improve the soil structure and increase water infiltration, keeping pastures productive even during the driest months. Having adequate forage will allow for a longer grazing season, reducing the costs of purchasing hay.

Pasture Conservation Practices

- **Brush Management:** Removal, reduction or manipulation of tree and shrub species that restore the natural plant community or restore vegetation to control erosion and sedimentation.
- **Fencing:** Removes livestock from critical and highly erodible areas near streambanks and within pastures, allowing for them to return to rest and revegetate.
- **Livestock Pipeline:** Provides water to points of use for livestock. Can be used to facilitate managed grazing or when livestock have been excluded from water for environmental concerns. Allows use of a trough or tank.
- **Managed Grazing:** A management plan for grazed land to help improve forage quality, livestock health and water quality. Livestock are moved frequently using portable fencing.
- **Watering facility:** Provides a clean, easily accessible, reliable water source. Can be used in conjunction with managed grazing.



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.
