

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...**

In your streams





How does conservation pay?

Streambank erosion impairs water quality by reducing the amount of suitable habitat and foraging areas available to fish and other wildlife. Streambank erosion can also cut into farm fields, reducing land available for crop production. Stabilizing and vegetating eroded streambanks can prevent the loss of productive cropland and reduce sediment in the stream. Installing stream habitat structures can provide much needed cover and foraging areas for fish, reptiles and amphibians.

Stream Conservation Practices

- **Stream Crossing:** A stable and reliable area or structure across a stream to allow livestock, machinery, and/or people to cross while reducing erosion and other issues.
- **Streambank and Shoreline Protection:** Vegetative or structural measures, including rock rip-rap, shaping and seeding, and watering ramps that stabilize and protect banks of streams, lakes, estuaries, or excavated channels from scour or erosion.
- **Stream Habitat Improvement:** Installation of structures to improve stream habitat for wildlife including fish, reptiles, and amphibians. Structures may include lunkers, weirs, and log wads that will provide cover and improved foraging areas.



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.

