Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant Program

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Producer-Led Projects

2016: $242,550
2017: $197,065
2018: $558,246
2019 APPLICATION

- Due Sept 17
- $750,000 total available
- $40,000 per group
- Cap on staff time removed
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### Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants
#### Annual Quantitative Reporting

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TRACKING PROGRESS: EXAMPLES

- Spreadsheet Tool for Estimating Pollutant Loads (STEPL)
  - Example: Horse Creek tracking cover crop implementation
    - 2016: 875 acres for estimated P load reduction of 650lbs
    - 2017: 687 acres for estimated P load reduction of 506lbs

- SnapPlus Nutrient Management Planning software
  - Example: Yahara Pride Farms Certification Program
    - Combines fields into one database to track overall changes in PI, soil loss and soil test P
    - Over 30,000 acres covered on 37 farms
    - From 2016 report: estimated over 11,000lbs of estimated P reduction from cover crops, LDMI, strip till and headline stacking manure
APPLICATION MATERIALS

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Read our latest newsletter

The May news update features a recap of the Annual Producer-Led Workshop, a summary of the Buffalo-Trempealeau Farmer Network winter event and the 2018 producer-led grant awardees with project descriptions.

Read it now.

Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants are awarded by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. The grants will go to projects that focus on ways to prevent and reduce runoff from farm fields and that work to increase farm participation in these voluntary efforts. Each application must come from a group of at least 5 farmers in the same watershed, collaborating with conservation agencies, institutions or nonprofit organizations. The maximum grant award per group will be $40,000.

Fourteen producer-led groups received funding in 2016 for a total of $242,550, eleven producer-led groups were awarded $197,065 for 2017 funding and nineteen groups were awarded 2018 funding for a total of $558,246.

Read summaries for all the projects here.

DATCP’s Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) Grants can be used in combination with producer-led funds. For more information, visit the NMFE webpage.

Additional Resources

Application Materials

Instructions

Application

Impact Reports

2016-17

Grant awardees

Annual Impact Report Form

Extension Request Instructions

Reimbursement Form

Factsheets

Program Basics

Resources for Producer-Led Groups
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Land and Water Conservation -> Producer-Led Watershed Protection
• To test and demonstrate the best conservation practices for farms who contend with shallow, fractured bedrock.

• To measure how well specific conservation practice systems reduce erosion and sedimentation, control phosphorus runoff, increase organic matter, and improve soil health in these conditions.
PARTNERS AND DEMO FARMS

Partners
- NRCS
- Peninsula Pride Farms
- DATCP
- Kewaunee and Door Counties

Demo Farms
- Augustian Farms LLC
- Brey Cycle Farm LLC
- Deer Run Dairy LLC
- Kinnard Farms
FIRST YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

Augustian Farms
- Established an eight-species cover crop blend in August after terminating an existing alfalfa field

Brey Cycle Farms
- Increased its investment in cover crops from 40 to 400 acres, while exploring new ways of managing nutrients using new manure technologies
FIRST YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

Deer Run Dairy
- Increase to over 800 acres of cover crops

Kinnard Farms
- Maintained 1,500 to 2,000 acres of cover crops and installed a tile line nitrogen recovery system
FUTURE PLANNED PRACTICES

• No-till
• Interseeding cover crops
• Collect and irrigate rain water and leachate
• Increased cover crops, particularly triticale

• Manure management
  • Surface applying manure on cover crop
  • Low-disturbance manure application
  • Side-dress manure into corn
  • Compost liquid manure

• Tile-line nutrient recovery system (bioreactor)
GET INVOLVED

Join our Field Days on the Fly!
Text DKDemoFarms to 88202

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