Mission Statement
“Improving our Community’s Soil and Water through Conservation Practices and Education”

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Group Structure

• 501c3 Non-Profit Organization
• 9 Board Members
• Monthly meetings discussing:
  • Upcoming events
  • Incentives Program updates
  • Grant updates
• Alliance Group to help give administrative and networking support
On Farm Trials

- 3 year studies
  - 10 Sites
  - Cover Crop Applications
    - Frost Seeding
    - Interseeding
    - Aerial Seeding
    - Fall Planting
  - Cover Crop Benefit Analysis
    - Nitrogen Fixation
    - Biomass Analysis
- Nitrogen Use Efficiency
  - 9 sites
Educational Outreach

• Five major events every year
  • 2 Day February Workshops
  • Spring Workshop
  • Summer Field Day
  • Summer Lake Group Event
  • Fall Field Day

• To date= 1,366 total participants
Dodge County Healthy Soil – Healthy Water Educational Events
Incentives Programs

Cover Crop Incentives Program (CCIP)

- Maximum of 30 acres/farmer
- Program pays $20.00/acre
- Farmer must match cost 1:1

Free Cereal Rye Program (Watershed Based)

- 30 Bags/farmers
- Free Registration
- Delivery to Farmer from group
Lake Group Support

• In response to CCIP applications, Lake groups put money towards putting cover crops on farm fields in Dodge County.

• Between 3 lake groups and four watershed areas, $14,000 extra dollars went to cover crop planting.
  • Mainly cereal rye
Challenges

• Farmer Participation
  • **Issue:** Decisions being made by only a couple members of the group
  • **Issue:** Solicitation/Promotions handled by very few members
  • **Solution:** Creation of subcommittees and implementation of action planning to help get more people involved

• Lake Group Participation
  • **Issue:** Besides funds, lake groups and farmers work relatively separately
  • **Solution:** Opening communication with meetings between chairmen from both groups
  • **Solution:** Farmer liaison to work/communicate with both the farmers group and the lake groups in the alliance

• Distribution of Cover Crops
  • **Issue:** Took a lot of time during critical time of the year for farmers
  • **Solution:** Looking at seed reps to distribute seed and custom cover croppers to plant for incentive program recipients
Thank You

Questions?