

Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant Program

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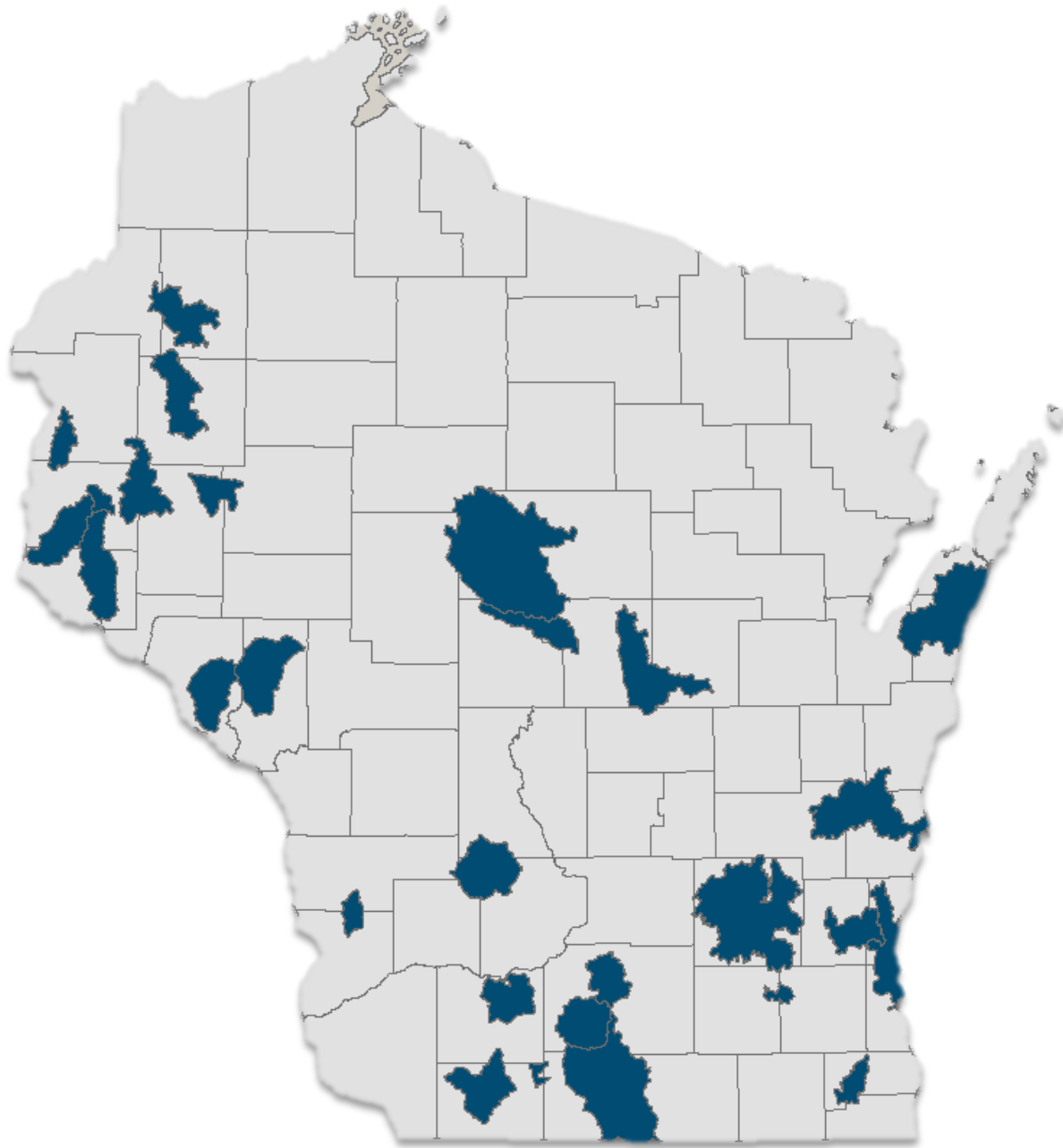
Producer-Led Groups

2016: \$242,550

2017: \$197,065

2018: \$558,246

2019: \$750,000



FUNDING OVER TIME

FY	Total Requests	Total Awarded	# of requests	# of groups awarded
2016	\$262,550	\$242,550	15	14
2017	\$197,065	\$197,065	11	11
2018	\$619,721	\$558,246	21	17
2019	\$869,815	\$750,000	27	24

INCREASED FUNDING

Program funding increased from \$250,000 to \$750,000.

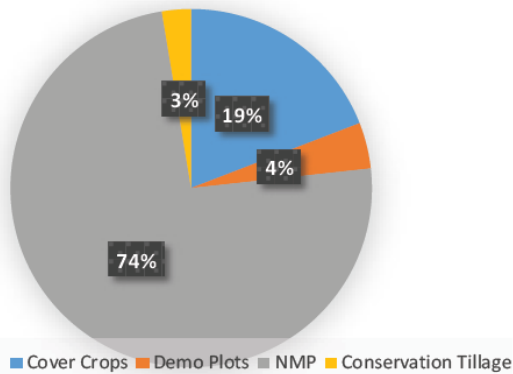
Went from \$20,000 to \$40,000 per group

28 total groups have been funded since program was established in 2016.

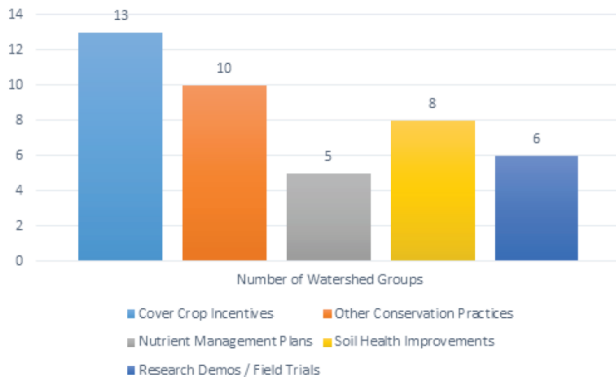


IMPACT REPORT 16-17

% of Acres Covered by Producer-Led Group Practices



Producer-Led Group Activities



In 2016 and 2017:

15 producer-led groups
 \$242,550 awarded in 2016
 \$197,065 awarded in 2017
 1,843,162 acres of watershed coverage
 129,893 acres of practices
 16,795 linear feet of grassed waterways installed
 4,691 acres of cover crop demo plots
 15 field days held
 10,276 hours of county staff time
 1,400+ attendees at field days

BY THE NUMBERS

Producer-led groups have increased participation in several county conservation programs. As a result of their involvement in producer-led groups, more farmers are taking advantage of money available for conservation practices through county cost-share funds.

Many collaborators have noted that the groups have helped increase partnerships in the watershed and increased conservation efforts overall. Cover crops, nutrient management, no-till and soil health improvement are among the most promoted practices.

Note: all of the numbers included are based on reported information only.



TRACKING PROGRESS

Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants Annual Quantitative Reporting			
Administrative	Number of farmers directly involved in group	Number on mailing list	Number of farmers participating in incentive program
Outreach and education events	Number attended		
Conferences/workshops			
Field Days			
Farm Tours			
Nutrient management	Total acres covered	Number of existing plans updated	Number of new plans developed
Practices	Acres	Linear Feet	Number of participating farms
Cover crops			
Low disturbance manure injection			
No-till			
Strip tillage			
Buffer strips			
Grassed waterways			
Soil testing			
Spreader calibration			
Other:			
Total			
Nutrient reduction tracking (if available)	Total pounds of P reduced	Total pounds of N reduced	Total pounds of TSS reduced
Demonstration plots	Total acres in demo plots	Total number of plots	Practices included
Collaboration	Hours spent by collaborator	Number of partnerships created	

TRACKING PROGRESS EXAMPLES

Phosphorus reductions through Spreadsheet Tool for Estimating Pollutant Loads (STEPL) and SnapPlus

- **Example: Horse Creek tracking cover crop implementation**
 - **2016:** 875 acres
 - Estimated P load reduction of 650lbs
 - **2017:** 687 acres
 - Estimated P load reduction of 506lbs
- **Example: Tracking acres of conservation through SnapPlus NM software**
 - 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: over 11,000lbs of estimated P reduction from cover crops, LDMI, strip till and headline stacking manure

TRACKING

Showing how to reduce PI and T levels through a conservation system change

Integer or % PI reduction for acres of practices completed specific to each watershed

