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Conservation Programs in Our Area

FALL 2017 UPDATE

Several people have asked about conservation programs. There are conservation programs that provide cost-sharing for plantings or management that improve such things as erodible lands, stream bank protection, farmland soil conservation, woodland protection and restoration/habitat improvement for certain species of plants and animals (e.g. pollinator and prairie plants, threatened species.) Some programs can provide tax advantages and some, like CRP, provide direct payments. For those interested, below are listed various agencies and some people within those agencies that you might contact. (The list is not exhaustive, but it will serve as a starting point.)

This winter the Blue Mounds Area Project (BMAP) is running a series of lectures at the Mount Horeb Bank of Cross Plains that will cover all of the conservation programs available to landowners. They will have presenters on managed forest law program, USF&W Partners program, DNR Landowner Incentive program, USDA/NRCS/FSA programs (pollinator, general CRP, SAFE-CRP, EQIP). The schedule of lectures will be available on their Website—<http://www.bluemounds.org> — sometime after mid-November.

Also if there are a number of residents interested in such programs, we could ask someone from the relevant agency to come out to talk and answer questions at the Town Hall, either at a Town Meeting or at a separate time. There are already land owners in the Township who participate in one or another conservation program, and they might be a good resource for finding out what funding is available, what works and doesn't work. So if people are interested in meeting with other residents or in having someone come out from the agency to talk to a group, please let Ruth Hansen our Clerk know (email: clerk@townofprimrose.com). She can put residents in contact with one another, and if numbers warrant, see if someone administering the program will come out and talk to a group.

Here are various links:

Farmland Preservation programs from the State of Wisconsin:

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/FarmlandPreservation.aspx

Soil health—cover crops, no till, crop diversification :

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/wi/programs/financial/eqip/>

CPR (conservation reserve programs) –such as erodible lands, fence row, pollinator, upland birds, grasslands, wetland/ floodplains, etc:

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/index>

Landowner Incentive Program for threatened and endangered species:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/endangeredresources/lip.html> contact Darcy Kind 608 267 9798

US Fish and Wildlife for woodland, wetland, prairie restoration:

<https://www.fws.gov/midwest/partners/getinvolved.html> contact Mike Engel mike_engel@fws.gov 608-221-1206

Wisconsin grasslands for southwest Wisconsin:

https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/safe_fact_sheet_southwest_wi.pdf

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Pollinators: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/plantsanimals/pollinate/>

Producer-Led Watershed Protection—West Branch of Sugar river:
<https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/ENewsUpdateJuly.pdf>

Dane County Conservation:
<https://lcd-lwr.d.countyofdane.com/Conservation-Planning/Programs> contact Pattie Haack
pattie.haack@wi.usda.gov 608-224-3750, ext. 115

DNR: <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/Grants.html>

Trash and Recycling Transport System

A flier from CanSporter is enclosed with this letter. Many of you have very long driveways, and we think that this device may help you get your trash and recycling totes down for pickup, especially in winter! The Town is not endorsing this particular company, but letting people know that these items are out there. Joe Mirena, Primrose resident, has purchased one and is very happy with it. He reports that it is a snap to put on, and can haul both cans with ease. If we get several people interested, the Town can get a reduced rate on them and/or free shipping. Please notify the Clerk if you would like to purchase one.

Also, Town & Country asks that residents keep the totes snow and ice free through the winter, and set them in an area that is well enough plowed for the truck to get to them.

Email list for Residents

What is your interest in receiving emails from the Town? Your inbox would not be flooded, as we would only send interested parties a newsletter once or twice a year. Please send an email to the Clerk at clerk@townofprimrose.com to let me know. Also, as many of you already know, we have a website for the Town at www.townofprimrose.com. There you can find a meetings calendar and updates on local issues.

Southwest Dane County Outreach

Residents of Primrose, above the age of 60, are eligible to participate in the Southwest Dane County Outreach program. Based in Mount Horeb, this program provides case management and nutrition services, in order to help seniors stay independent and living safely in their own homes or apartments. Interested residents can contact Lynn Forshaug, Director at 608-437-6902, or email her at swdaneoutreach@mounthorebwi.info.

Discounted Solar Installations

Interested in learning more about solar panels for your home or farm, or how a group solar buy program to contract, purchase, and install solar might work? If there is enough interest, a representative from the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (www.midwestrenew.org) will come to talk about how they can facilitate a group buy program.

Contact Lynn Pitman: pitman@wisc.edu, or 832-6255.

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