

Coordination

Lots of conservation can go on the land if conservation partners don't care who gets the credit. Turf battles, agency posturing, kingdom building, and political grandstanding destroy people and natural resources. It is the goal of the Crawford County Land Conservation Department to discuss program issues and ideas with staff from all groups that care about conservation, find mutual goals and cooperate with them. The following agencies and groups are well suited to tend Crawford County's precious soil and water. The Crawford County Land Conservation Department works with them.

USDA Programs –

1. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Provides cost-sharing for conservation practices.
2. Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). Provides cost-sharing for fish and wildlife habitat improvement practices.
3. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). A set-aside land program.
4. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). A buffer creation program done by DATCP, NRCS, FSA, and Crawford County.
5. Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) A wetland restoration from cropland program.

DNR Programs

1. Targeted Resource Management Program (TRM). A program to address an area water quality problem.
2. Managed Forest Law (MFL). A forest management program
3. Trout Stamp Program. Trout habitat work.
4. Conservation Aids A program to match county dollars for wildlife habitat improvement.

US Fish and Wildlife Service Programs

1. Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program: Used to acquire unique wetland habitat with restoration. Active in the river Valleys.

DATCP Programs

1. Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM). Provides grants to counties for conservation staff, and the design and installation of conservation practices.
2. Agricultural Clean Sweep. Crawford County uses this program triennially to collect and dispose of hazardous Ag chemicals.

Crawford County Ordinances and Programs

1. Crawford County Manure Storage Ordinance: A regulatory county measure to require the environmentally sound construction and operation of earthen manure storage pits.
2. Crawford County Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance: A regulatory county measure to ensure the proper reclamation of nonmetallic mines.

3. Crawford County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance: Administered by the Zoning office with to regulating a variety of flood fringe, flood plain issues.
4. Crawford County Farmland Preservation Program: Administered by the Land Conservation Department, this program provides tax relief to participants who protect farmland and follow a conservation plan. Two townships in the county are Exclusively Ag Zoned, where the majority of the land is subject to the Farmland Preservation requirements and benefits.

Other Active Partners

1. Crawford County Northern Land Use Group
2. UW Extension
3. Prairie Rod & Gun Club, Gays Mills Big Buck Club
4. Valley Stewardship Network
5. Southwest Badger RC&D
6. Southwest Technical College
7. Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission
8. Lower Wisconsin State Riverway
9. Crawford County municipalities, 11 townships, 10 villages, one city
10. Great River Grazers
11. Trout Unlimited
12. Wild Turkey Federation
13. Pheasants Forever
14. Ruffed Grouse Society
15. Crawford County Apple Growers Association
16. School Districts of North Crawford, DeSoto, Seneca, Prairie du Chien, and Wauzeka