



Crawford County Land Conservation Department

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natural resources
for our future

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Conservation Office Staff



Back row: Travis Bunting, LCD Conservation Specialist, David Troester, LCD County Conservationist, Adam Achenbach, NRCS Conservation Technician.
Seated: Carol Wolcott, LCD Clerk, Karyl Fritsche, NRCS District Conservationist.



Land Conservation Committee Members

Wade Dull, Buzz Esser (LCC Chair), David Olson, Jerry Achenbach
And Harriet Behar

Land Conservation Dept. Activities Programs:

- Crawford County Farmland Preservation
- Crawford County PL566 Dam Maintenance
- Elementary School and Outdoor Classroom Education
- WDATCP Nonpoint Water Quality
- Animal Waste Storage Ordinance Oversight
- USDA Conservation Reserve (Enhanced)
- Crawford County Tree Planting
- DATCP/LWRM County Cost Share
- Snowmobile Trail cost-share
- Wildlife Damage Program – Deer Donation Program
- Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Program
- Ag Clean Sweep and E-Recycling Event
- Cover Crop Program
- DNR Rapid Response Grant- Japanese Hops on Copper Creek

Memberships:

- Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association
- National Association of Land Conservation Districts
- Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and
- Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission
- PL-566 Watershed Coalition

Other Activities:

- WLWCA Conservation Speaking
- WLWCA Poster Contest
- Map Making/ GIS Services
- Private Land Prairie Tour
- Youth Conservation Day
- Spring Tree Sales
- County Fair Booth
- Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring
- LiDAR Imaging

Land Conservation Committee 2015 Award Winners

Wildlife Conservation

Joe & Judy Deuster

Educator

Dennis Rooney

Farm Family of the Year

The Manning Family-Crestview
Acres

Conservation Forestry

Ken Childs

Water Quality

Swede Knutson

Conservation Legacy

Russ Hagen

Cooperating Agencies

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- University of Wisconsin Extension
- Valley Stewardship Network
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)
- Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP)
- Crawford County Planning and Zoning Department
- Crawford County Highway Department
- All Crawford County School Districts
- Southwest Badger RC&D
- US Fish and Wildlife Service



The 2015 Ag Clean Sweep and Electronics Recycling event was a major success. Over 36,000 pounds of electronics were dropped off and almost 8,000 pounds of hazardous chemicals were safely collected.



At the Crawford County Youth Conservation Day, over 250 area students learned about a wide variety of topics, including stream life.

Farmland Preservation Program

The Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative was passed as a part of the state's 2009 – 2010 budget process. Since that time, the Crawford County LCD has worked to document close to 50 farms as being in compliance with the new state conservation standards, and thus eligible to claim the FPP tax credit. The biggest component of this program is the need to have an active Nutrient Management Plan that gives manure and fertilizer recommendations based upon current soil samples.

Japanese Hops on Copper Creek

In 2015, Crawford County LCD applied for and was awarded a DNR Rapid Response Grant to control infestations of Japanese Hops along Copper Creek.

Japanese Hops is a very aggressive aquatic invasive species. This bristly vine grows along streams and ditches and easily out-competes native vegetation. Areas that are infested with Japanese Hops are almost inaccessible, which diminishes wildlife habitat and reduces fishing access to the streams. These areas are also very prone to erosion.

Crawford County LCD spent several days spraying aquatic approved herbicide on this invasive species. The DNR grant covers 4 years of control work.



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