



LAND & WATER NEWSLETTER

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Back to School!

Poster Contest:

FDL County participates in the annual NACD Poster Contest, giving students an opportunity to express their conservation message through original artwork. This year's theme is:



Scan to register & learn more!



Posters are judged by age category from K-12th grade. Winning posters earn a prize and advance to Area, State, and National competitions.

Poster submissions are due to LWCD on 12/11/26.

Speaking Contest:

FDL County participates in the annual Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation & Environmental Awareness Speaking Contest, giving students the opportunity to prepare a speech on a conservation topic of choice.

Speeches are judged by age category from 5-12th grade. Winning speeches earn a prize and advance to Area and State competitions.

Video speech submissions are due to LWCD on 01/08/27.

Visit our website or contact Amber Jarosch to learn more! 920-979-0164 amber.jarosch@fdlco.wi.gov



Healthy Lakes & Rivers Program Coming to FDL County

with Amber Jarosch, Conservation Engineering Technician

FDL County has a new opportunity to help protect our lakes & rivers!

The Land & Water Conservation Department is excited to begin offering the **Healthy Lakes & Rivers Program** to eligible shoreland property owners. This statewide program provides cost-share funding to help landowners install conservation practices that improve water quality, reduce runoff & erosion, and enhance wildlife & aquatic habitat. Landowners can receive up to \$1,000 in cost-share funding per practice installed.

Shoreline buffers use native plants along the water's edge to help filter runoff, reduce erosion, & provide habitat for wildlife & pollinators.

Rain gardens capture & filter stormwater runoff before it reaches a nearby lake or stream, helping keep nutrients & sediment out of our waterways.



Low-growing plant example. PC: Healthy Lakes

Help us get the Healthy Lakes & Rivers Program started in Fond du Lac County and be part of protecting our local waterways for years to come!

Interested in participating?

Schedule a site visit with our staff to discuss your property, potential practices, & program requirements.

Contact Amber Jarosch to find out if the Healthy Lakes & Rivers Program is a good fit for your property! 920-979-0164 or amber.jarosch@fdlco.wi.gov



Staff Spotlight

Farmland Preservation Program

with Rebecca Gray, Conservation Specialist

Meet Becca, our friendly conservation specialist who manages our Farmland Preservation Program (FPP). FPP is a voluntary statewide tax-credit program administered at a local level by county conservation departments.



The program is designed to keep farmers farming while also protecting Wisconsin's soil & water resources. Each year, Becca completes evaluations to certify that farms are eligible for tax credits by ensuring that participants meet the state environmental standards of NR.151. Evaluations review each farm's feed & manure management, field erosion, and runoff, offering recommendations as needed.



Becca's favorite part of her job is connecting with landowners and learning the story of their farms. She is proud to know that she is making an impact for the farms and natural resources of FDL County!



Did you know?

FDL County has the most townships with farmland preservation zoning & over 900 eligible landowners... the highest in the state of Wisconsin!

Lake Winnebago Area Association Tour

In September, LWCD hosted a tour for area conservation staff and Land Conservation Committee members at three FDL County parks. Attendees toured streambank protection at **Shaginappi County Park**, prairie restoration at **Laudolff Ledge Conservation Area**, and shoreline buffers at **Columbia County Park**. You can visit these recreation areas, too! Check out recent conservation practices and enjoy a hike, wildlife, or even a view from the top of a tower!



Laudolff Ledge Conservation Area



Columbia County Park

Tree Sale is Live!

Place your order **NOW** for the Land & Water Department's 2027 Spring Tree Sale!



Tree & shrub saplings are sold in quantities of 50 and are available for pre-order until all stock is sold. Tree tubes & root gel are also available for purchase, and tree planters & spades may be rented upon reservation. See the 2027 tree & shrub varieties below:

Conifers

- White Pine
- Norway Spruce
- White Spruce
- Colorado Blue Spruce
- Fraser Fir
- Cook's Balsam Fir
- White Cedar

Hardwoods

- Swamp White Oak
- Bur Oak
- Red Maple
- River Birch
- Quaking Aspen
- American Plum
- Hazelnut
- Black Elderberry

Order forms are found on our website or at our office: 400 University Dr, Suite D1, FDL. Forms can either be dropped off or mailed; please note that payments must be made in cash or check. You will be notified when trees are ready for pick-up in the spring.

Please contact Mary Doering with questions: mary.doering@fdlco.wi.gov



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