



2009 Annual Report

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Our Mission

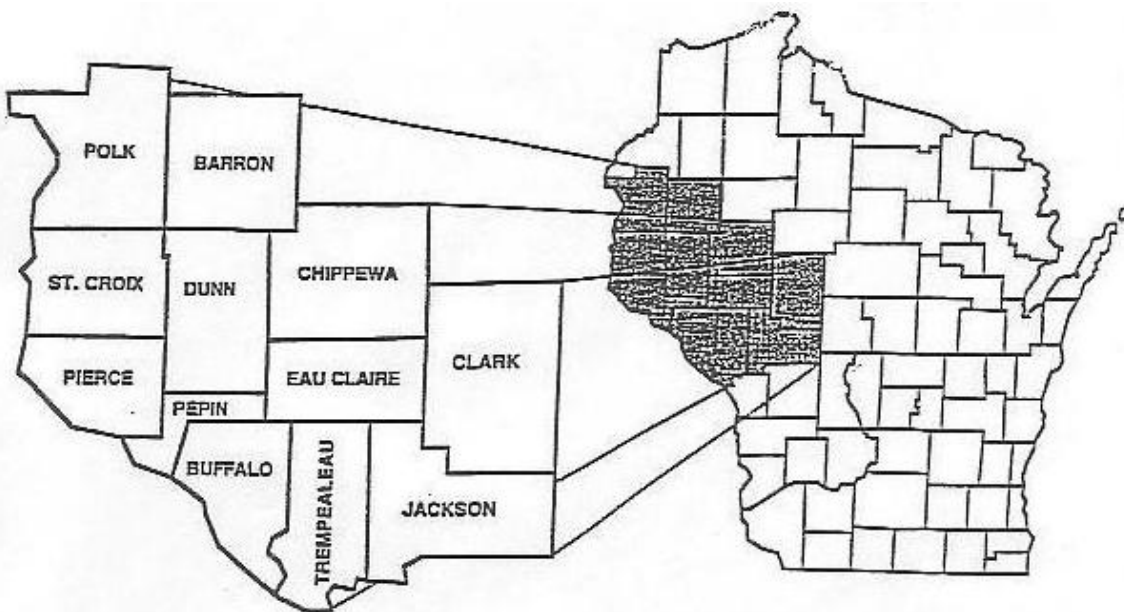
River Country Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council is a non-profit 501 (c)3 organization that initiates, facilitates and builds connections for the wise use of natural, human and economic resources.

Statement of Purpose

Bringing people and resources together to address issues and opportunities, to conserve our natural resources, promote sustainability, and improve the quality of life for people who live in the River Country Area.

Vision

River Country RC&D Council is a key player providing the best assistance needed for building strong rural and urban communities and economies.



The River Country RC&D Council prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

Letter from the President

Hello,

The River Country Resource Conservation & Development Council had a very productive year and has much to be excited about. We successfully met many challenges and took advantage of many opportunities. We are particularly proud of the work we did to move the Council forward and developed the ability to do more.

After ten years the Managed Intensive Grazing technical assistance and education programs are still in demand and the 11th Annual Midwest Value Added Agricultural Conference was held in Rochester, MN. We were actively involved with the Driftless Area Initiative providing assistance on the Elk Creek Conservation and Biomass Energy Education projects and with the Red Cedar TMDL Coordination team to address water quality in the Red Cedar River. We continued to assist the City of Independence with the Bugle Lake Restoration Project and secured funding for improvements to their City Hall. With our support the Producers & Buyers Co-op submitted Articles of Incorporation to the State of Wisconsin and the P & B Co-op became a cooperative business entity. We are proud of them and their accomplishments!

At River Country we don't just talk about sustainable environment, economy and society; we "make it happen". We couldn't have accomplished what we did without the support of our partners and sponsors! The Council helps people find resources and expertise to solve local problems and take advantage of opportunities.

As you will see throughout the annual report, we continue to build on the good work we have done in the past and continue to grow a strong foundation from which to help our region become more sustainable. We've come a long way in the last year; however, there's still plenty to be accomplished.

In 2010, we will continue the projects started in 2009 and provide assistance to those with new projects. We will also continue to build our capacity to enable us to increase assistance in our 12-county area.

If you want to learn more, please feel free to call our office at 715-834-9672 or toll free at 800-226-9672.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Purdy", written in a cursive style.

Rich Purdy, PhD
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Project Accomplishments

River Country Hits the Airwaves!

Nancy Bergman

River Country projects hit the TV airwaves on a regular basis thanks to a working partnership with Trempealeau County Community Television. Since 1976 the TV station has provided programming that reaches an audience of over 25,000 viewers in a five county area.

Programs are scheduled at various viewing times over a two week time span and are then archived for future replay. I have been a volunteer at the station since 1980. One of my main projects has been taping, editing and producing programs on River Country events. The Bugle Lake Restoration Project, interviews with conservation experts, the Driftless Area Initiative effort in the Elk Creek Watershed and Managed Intensive Grazing conferences and sessions have all been broadcast on TCCTV.

In 2009, I started to learn the new digital editing process. I am able to use the high quality computer software to produce programs. River Country receives a complimentary DVD of each program which in turn can be copied at a small price for farmers and other interested parties.

It has been a win/win relationship for River Country and TCCTV. The station receives regular programming for viewing and River Country is able to promote, share and publicize its diverse activities.

Bulk Prairie Seed Order

Melanie Baumgart

The ninth year of River Country's Bulk Prairie Seed Order was another success. The Bulk Prairie Seed Order assists landowners throughout Wisconsin by letting them order high quality prairie seed at a reduced cost. River Country receives seed orders from landowners, solicits bids from local nurseries, orders seed, and weighs out each individual order. This is done for a minimal cost to the landowners who receive seed purchased based on the best prices and highest quality seed available. River Country received 48 orders, adding over 380 acres of prairie habitat to Wisconsin. Not only

does this project restore and enhance the prairie ecosystems in Wisconsin, but the funds raised support the mission of River Country RC&D.

Farmers Advocating for Organics: Grazing 101 On-Farm Assistance Project for Transitioning from Traditional Pasturing to Managed Intensive Grazing

Mary C. Anderson

Despite having to change the method of implementation from group sessions to individual on-farm consults, the Grazing 101 On-Farm Assistance Project was very successful. A greater impact was achieved by having the privacy and ability to work with producers on-farm to address their individual pasturing or grazing needs.

As a result of our efforts, 25 producers were reached. Each received the Grass Works Grazing Guide, "Grass the Forgiveness of Nature" by Charles Walters and producers with higher levels of MIG knowledge were also given a copy of "Management Intensive Grazing" by Jim Gerrish.

All the producers received our three Grazing Network pasture walk schedules and post card updates. About 80% of the producers attended pasture walks and were more comfortable with the concept of managed pastures and moving temporary fences afterwards.

Three pasture walks were held on organic dairy farms. Over 70 organic and non-organic producers attended these walks in three different counties.

Summer Internship

Staff

River Country obtained funding for Adam Bourget to assist with various projects. Adam graduated in May of 2009 from UW-Stevens Point with a bachelor's degree in Soils and Waste Management. His minors consisted of Soil Science and Business Administration. Throughout his internship Adam participated in a wide array of activities and projects ranging

from dredging, hydroelectric construction, dam maintenance, finding funding sources, watershed assistance, government programs, conservation outreach, grazing follow-ups, farm calls, and pasture walks.

His primary responsibility was to assist Mary C. Anderson with the implementation of the Bugle Lake Restoration Project. He also spent a considerable amount of time assisting with the Elk Creek Watershed Project where he educated people in the watershed. Adam also worked with the grazing specialists to promote managed intensive grazing to farmers.



Adam and Mary C. on camera duty

Bugle Lake Restoration Project

Mary C. Anderson

The Bugle Lake Restoration Project in Independence continued to move forward. Grants were applied for and a DNR Lake Planning grant was awarded in March. The DNR funding allowed the continued gathering of information needed to obtain a dredge permit. Bugle Lake has been filling in with sediment from runoff over a number of years. The project's goal is to restore Bugle Lake to its original natural state.

Using video equipment provided by Trempealeau County Community Television in Whitehall, three educational programs were produced: The Elk Rod and Gun Club Fishing Contest, the Kids' Fishing Contest, and a documentary about Elk Creek /Bugle Lake. Each of these programs was played on TCCTV and DVD copies were made. Multiple updates were also given on the Coffee Chat program on TCCTV.



Kids Fishing Contest May 2009

A Bugle Lake stakeholder group was reconvened and meetings held at the Opera House in Independence. Discussions on the implications of a dam failure were held, in addition to ideas on securing further funding. Adam assisted with many aspects of the project. Mailings and phone calls were made to local, state and federal policy makers to keep them aware of the importance of the restoration effort. A special meeting for local contractors was held in October.

The potential replacement of the steel span bridge by the WI DOT as part of a highway project could have big implications for the lake project. In summary, much work has been done but much more needs to be done.

Buy Local, Buy WI

Sherrie Beyer

Mary C. Anderson

The Buy Local, Buy WI consortium met with core group members every two weeks during 2009. With the assistance of Margaret Bau, USDA-Rural Development Cooperative Specialist, the group decided on a cooperative business structure.

The name "Producers & Buyers Co-op" was finalized with a tag line of "Linking Local Farms and Institutions."



The Co-op wrote its bylaws and elected an interim board of directors. The Co-op's Articles

of Incorporation were submitted to the State of WI and the Producers & Buyers Co-op became a cooperative business entity on March 26th.

The Co-op established a membership structure that reflects the alliance set out in the Articles of Incorporation, one which is perhaps unique but highly effective. Membership is open primarily to businesses that make up the food chain: Producers, processors, distributors, and institutional buyers.

In October, *Modern Healthcare Magazine* visited Eau Claire to do a story on how Sacred Heart Hospital has supported the local farm economy, which appeared in the November 2, 2009 issue. On November 10th the Co-op held its Inaugural Annual Meeting and elected a permanent board of directors.

River Country provided support via a Buy Local, Buy WI grant. A Local Foods Specialist was hired to coordinate the product orders and recruit new members on behalf of the Co-op.

DAI – Elk Creek Conservation Outreach

Melanie Baumgart

In 2009, the Driftless Area Initiative secured funding for River Country to continue its conservation outreach in the Elk Creek Watershed in Trempealeau County, WI. The goal of the outreach is to increase the amount of land conservation in the watershed therefore reducing the amount of sediment reaching Bugle Lake, the Trempealeau River and the Mississippi River. Conservation practices and programs such as EQIP, CSP, conservation buffers and the Farmer's Union Carbon Credit Program were promoted.



On the banks of Elk Creek

In order to increase our impact in the watershed we hired a summer intern. Adam Bourget assisted with a multitude of different outreach campaigns in the watershed, including; stopping at 180 farms and making one-on-one contact with landowners by leaving informational packets about EQIP, CRP, MFL, and the Carbon Credit Program. He answered questions the farmers had about the programs and when no one was home he left a packet on their door. Adam made follow-up calls to the landowners to answer any additional questions.

In July, we canoed down the Elk Creek and surveyed the stream for problem areas. We also shot video footage for a promotional DVD that was aired on TCCTV and mailed to partners. Additional copies of the DVD were made and distributed.



Canoeing the Elk Creek

After our experiences working in the watershed for the past two years, River Country decided to form a larger stakeholder group that looked into why people are not implementing conservation practices in the watershed. We were able to secure funding from the Department of Natural Resources to start the stakeholder process and work with the City of Independence, the Elk Rod and Gun Club, WI-DNR, NRCS, local farm groups, and individuals in the watershed.

DAI – Biomass Energy Education and Outreach

Melanie Baumgart

River Country worked with the City of Independence to increase their usage of biomass and other renewable sources of energy; as well as, reduce their overall energy consumption by applying for funding from the WI Department of Commerce and the WI Office of Energy Independence. We also worked with

Focus on Energy to conduct an energy audit of the city hall and other buildings. Focus on Energy found areas that could be improved. The city applied for, and received, a \$56,000 grant from the Department of Commerce to upgrade the heating systems in city buildings.

Horse Pasture Management Series

Mary C. Anderson

During 2009 a small group of horse enthusiasts met monthly. The goal of these Horse Pasture Management meetings was to increase awareness of soil health, pasture management and how to best manage pastures to limit resource degradation. Topics discussed on-farm included: how to use composting and other techniques to manage the nutrients in your pasture, how to prepare your pastures for spring, introduction to rotational grazing and pasture management, advanced rotational grazing and pasture management, how to use stockpiling to extend your grazing season and other ways to deal with drought, tools and techniques for preparing your pastures for out wintering, and the affect of soil fertility on all the above topics. Participants felt this was a very educational series and indicated that another series should be offered in the future.

Evaluating Bird and Bat Migration in the Upper Mississippi River Valley and Its Implications for Siting Wind Energy Facilities: A Workshop Series for Resource Agencies and Wind Developers *(Collaborative project with Natural Resources Consulting; funded by WI Focus on Energy)*

The goal of this project was to execute a workshop series to develop a collaborative approach for gathering future scientific data to guide the responsible siting of wind energy facilities within and along the Upper Mississippi River Valley.

During the workshops, stakeholders identified and prioritized information needs for understanding potential impacts to birds and bats from siting wind energy facilities along the Upper Mississippi River Valley. Lack of sufficient information prevented the stakeholders from developing a framework for standardized study designs and survey

methodologies; however, the workshops set the foundation for continued stakeholder cooperation within the Upper Mississippi River Valley. It was recommended that the stakeholder group continue to work together to assemble critical mapping information, organize subgroups of species experts to analyze species groups and behaviors, look for cooperative opportunities to partner with other wind-wildlife initiatives, and acquire funding to support the group's efforts.



Image Courtesy of Natural Resource Consulting

Managed Intensive Grazing – Chippewa Network

*Haly Schultz
Kevin Mahalko*

The Chippewa Valley Grazing Network had a very active 2009 grazing season. It was an impressive summer in terms of interest in grazing and attendance at several grass focused events. Drought was a major issue in terms of network member forage production and livestock and producer stress. The low milk and meat farm gate prices put a lot of pressure on network producers. We hosted our network events with a focus on finding positive ways of managing which will ensure future family and farm survival with grazier success.

There was a major effort to provide the best possible information and support to network graziers during this challenging year. In evaluations, network graziers cited pasture walks as the most valuable aspect of the support we provide. Network graziers enjoy seeing what is happening on other grazing

farms and the positive interaction of meeting with other graziers that the pasture walks provided. Hands-on-learning is also a major highlight, along with a high value placed on farm visits.

The technical assistance project completed 11 new grazing plans involving 707 acres and 20 updated grazing plans encompassing 1,261 acres. It also included 15 additional landowners who received in-depth managed grazing technical assistance (farm visits, proposed grazing system layout maps, etc.) but did not desire (as of yet) a formal managed grazing plan.



Managed grazing - cows at work

Managed Intensive Grazing – Coulee Network

Mary C. Anderson

Once again River Country was able to assist the Coulee Graziers Network with their educational program. The Coulee Graziers held group planning sessions to discuss and formulate the winter schedule for the grazing program. The winter session was kicked off with a presentation by Joe Schultz from Focus on Energy. Doug Gunnick discussed soil fertility and soil nutrition and Jim Gerrish addressed a large turnout of beef producers in Gilmanton.

An excellent program consisting of pasture walks and an educational meeting on the topic of Dung Beetles was presented over the summer months. The audiences at pasture walks and sessions were very diverse. The WI School for Beginning Dairy Farmers was promoted through a mailing to producers. The grazing specialist assisted with the Grazing Seminar Course at the local Western Technical College site in Independence. An increase in

one-on-one office visits, phone calls and requests for farm calls occurred during 2009.

The technical assistance project completed 16 new grazing plans involving 1,019 acres and 43 updated and follow up plans covering 3,374 acres.

Managed Intensive Grazing – St. Croix Network

Brian Brezinski

The St. Croix Valley Graziers' Network held three winter discussion groups in partnership with UW-Extension and UW-River Falls.

The Chippewa and Coulee networks partnered with the St. Croix network to present the West Central Wisconsin Grazing Conference. Keynote Speaker Jim Gerrish, was featured along with a farmer panel and tradeshow. Proceeds covered conference expenses, including locally grown 100% grass fed beef, and provided transportation and scholarships to 18 Menomonie High School FFA students to attend the conference.

The network was able to do three grazing presentations at Menomonie High School to FFA/Agriculture Science classes and one presentation at UW-EC to a Conservation Biology Class in collaboration with Pheasants Forever. An instructional presentation targeting elementary and middle school students on the importance of grazing and its benefits was conducted at the Polk County Earth Day in April.

There were six pasture walks featuring dairy heifer, beef, organic and grass finished beef. Guest speaker Andy Hager educated attendees on Holistic Management and the benefits of grass during the September walk.



Summer Pasture Walk

The technical assistance project completed 11 new grazing plans involving 886 acres, 4 revised plans covering 696 acres, and 25 follow up plans covering 2,087 acres.

Pay It Forward

Pam Herdrich

Pay It Forward is an on-going project working with children and low-income families in Barron and Rusk Counties. The project has six community gardens where children and their families raise vegetables from May through October. A portion of the vegetables are sold at local farmer's market, some are donated to area food pantries, and the rest go to the children and families who worked to grow them.

River Country supported the project again this year by including the project under their general liability insurance. They obtained riders which covered the six garden sites. Participation included over 75 kids between the ages of 7-18 years old, four college students, and ten low-income families.

This year the project introduced a Sustainable Agriculture Institute. Twenty high school and college students assisted four farmers who were transitioning to organic farming. Fifteen of these students are members of the Somali community in Barron. The students helped with farm work; learning about organic and sustainable farming practices in the process.

Prairie Research

Melanie Baumgart

Lindsay Raab, assisted by Adam, used funds provided by the Xcel Energy Foundation to survey the prairie along the North Crossing in Eau Claire. This survey was a continuation of our efforts to restore and create an outdoor classroom on the prairie remnant located near Northstar Middle School and North High School. Lindsay also researched the use of biological agents to control spotted knapweed on the site. Restoration of the prairie remnant has been handed over to The Prairie Enthusiasts. River Country has provided them with all of our plant survey information so they can make informed decisions about continued restoration.

Red Cedar/Tainter Lake

Melanie Baumgart

Each year farm field runoff of sediment and the associated nutrients significantly contribute to the aggressive algae blooms in the Red Cedar River, and Tainter and Menomin Lakes (Source: Red Cedar River Partnership). In 2009, the Coordination Team implemented a pilot project in Grant Township to reduce the amount of non-point source pollution to the Red Cedar River from agricultural sources.

Twenty-three landowners, representing 2,315 cropland acres, participated in the pilot project. Eight producers planted no-till corn on 236 acres, four producers planted no-till soybeans on 400 acres, and eleven landowners sampled soil on 1,680 acres.

A private custom operator was used to plant the no-till corn acres. Farmers using the no-till soybean drill worked with a local cooperative that provided the drill. Landowners interested in soil sampling were provided field maps, a soil probe, soil bags and labels, and instructions on how to appropriately sample their soil.

Once soil test results were received from the lab, the project coordinators met with landowners to review the reports. To evaluate the project, the project coordinators worked with participants in the project to conduct yield checks on the no-till corn and soybeans. They also met with producers and utilized the UW-Extension's "Profitability Analyzer" to compare the production costs and profits from conventional methods and no-till. On average, there was a \$93/acre profit on the acres that used no-till.



Conservation Field Day

A conservation field day to help promote the project was held on June 30th at two adjoining farms in Grant Township. The two farmers have been practicing no-till crop production for a combination of 30 years. The objective of the field day was to highlight the successes of using no-till; as well as, to provide an avenue for producers to ask questions about using no-till on their own farms. The field day showcased five different no-till crop scenarios and was attended by 30 people, including farmers, representatives from the Coordination Team, and interested citizens.

The project's success lies in the pooling of expertise from a variety of partners including local farmers and landowners, and representatives from the Dunn County Land Conservation Division, WI Department of Natural Resources, UW-Extension, the Tainter/Menominee Lake Improvement Association, Western Wisconsin Energy, Xcel Energy, and the Grant Town Board.

Value Added Agriculture Conference

Lindsay Raab

In January, River Country and Hiawatha Valley RC&D co-hosted the 11th Annual Midwest Value Added Agriculture Conference at The Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN. The conference, themed "Farm and Home Added Value; Profiting from Renewable Energy and Regional Food," attracted 220 attendees. Farmers, non-profit staff, extension agents and others were able to connect and discuss issues surrounding farm marketing, business management, value added production, and on-farm bio-energy. Keynote speaker Kate Clancy gave an educational talk on "Building Alternative Food Systems: Next Steps." The majority of the food at the conference was sourced from local farms, providing wonderful meals for everyone! We are currently working with the WI Local Food Network and Hiawatha Valley RC&D to plan the 2010 Value Added Conference in conjunction with with the 4th Annual WI Local Food Summit, which will be held at The Ramada Convention Center in Eau Claire.



Scene from the Conference Tradeshow floor

Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Trail

Melanie Baumgart

The Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Trail will connect the St. Croix Wildwood Trail, Eau Galle National Recreation area, and the two communities of Elmwood and Spring Valley. Long-term plans include connecting this trail 11 miles eastward to the Red Cedar River Trail. Ultimately the three counties of St. Croix, Dunn and Pierce will be connected by this trail.

In 2009, the trail steering committee worked on increasing the number of partners involved in the design and promotion of the trail; as well as, identifying potential locations for the trail. Since there was no obvious route, like an abandoned railroad right-of-way, coupled with complex ecological and landowner concerns, this was no easy task.

The steering committee contracted with a local consulting firm, MSA, to help identify the design and schedule for the project. MSA also worked on creating a typical cross section, construction cost estimates, and project maps that will be used to apply for funding.

The steering committee members settled on a final route and are talking with the affected landowners to get their support. They may make minor changes to accommodate the landowner's concerns.

River Country has been serving as the fiscal agent for the project and is applying for funding.

Projects by County

BARRON

- 11th Midwest Value Added Conference
- Management Intensive Grazing Network Coordination – Services available
- NW Wisconsin Local Food Network
- Pay It Forward
- Prairie Seed Bulk Order

BUFFALO

- 11th Midwest Value Added Conference
- Conservation Cooperation Program
- Driftless Area Initiative
- Management Intensive Grazing Network Coordination – Coulee Graziers
- Management Intensive Grazing Technical Assistance
- NW Wisconsin Local Food Network
- Prairie Seed Bulk Order

CHIPPEWA

- 11th Midwest Value Added Conference
- Management Intensive Grazing Network Coordination
- Management Intensive Grazing Technical Assistance
- NW Wisconsin Local Food Network
- Prairie Seed Bulk Order

CLARK

- 11th Midwest Value Added Conference
- Management Intensive Grazing Network Coordination
- Management Intensive Grazing Technical Assistance
- NW Wisconsin Local Food Network

DUNN

- 11th Midwest Value Added Conference
- Driftless Area Initiative
- Management Intensive Grazing Network Coordination
- Management Intensive Grazing Technical Assistance
- NW Wisconsin Local Food Network
- Prairie Seed Bulk Order
- Red Cedar Implementation Project

EAU CLAIRE

- 11th Midwest Value Added Conference
- Driftless Area Initiative
- Management Intensive Grazing Network Coordination
- Management Intensive Grazing Technical Assistance
- NW Wisconsin Local Food Network

- Prairie Seed Bulk Order
- Prairie Partnership with North Star Middle School and Xcel Energy

JACKSON

- 11th Midwest Value Added Conference
- Driftless Area Initiative
- Management Intensive Grazing Network Coordination
- Management Intensive Grazing Technical Assistance
- NW Wisconsin Local Food Network
- Prairie Seed Bulk Order

PEPIN

- 11th Midwest Value Added Conference
- Driftless Area Initiative
- Management Intensive Grazing Network Coordination
- NW Regional Food Network
- NW Wisconsin Local Food Network

PIERCE

- 11th Midwest Value Added Conference
- DAI Rush-Isabelle Conservation Assistance
- Driftless Area Initiative
- Management Intensive Grazing Network Coordination
- Management Intensive Grazing Technical Assistance
- NW Wisconsin Local Food Network

POLK

- 11th Midwest Value Added Conference
- Management Intensive Grazing Network Coordination
- NW Wisconsin Local Food Network
- Polk County Renewable Energy Committee

ST. CROIX

- 11th Midwest Value Added Conference
- Driftless Area Initiative
- Management Intensive Grazing Technical Assistance
- NW Wisconsin Local Food Network

TREMPEALEAU

- Bugle Lake Restoration
- Driftless Area Initiative
- Management Intensive Grazing Network Coordination
- Management Intensive Grazing Technical Assistance
- Prairie Seed Bulk Order

Project Supporters

\$25,000 or more

- WI USDA/National Resources Conservation Service
- WI Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection
- Southwest Badger RC & D Council

\$5,000 - \$24,999

- Energy Center of WI
- Independence City Council
- Northeast Iowa RC & D Council
- WI Milk Marketing Board
- Xcel Energy

\$2000 - \$4,999

- Dunn County Land Conservation Department
- WI Land and Water Conservation Association
- US Department of Energy

\$1,000 - \$1,999

- The Cooperative Foundation

\$500 - \$999

- AgStar Financial Services
- Badgerland Farm Credit Services
- CHS
- Organic Valley

- Midwest Organic & Sustainable Education Service
- Sacred Heart Hospital

\$150 – \$499

- Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative
- CROPP Cooperative
- Donald Nellessen
- Olmstead County - MN
- Ration-AI Dairy Decisions
- Sandra Meier
- Seeds & Stuff Farm Market
- WI SARE

\$50 - \$149

- Ann Kaiser
- Cutler Fence
- Matthew Dobberstein
- Nelson's Organic Dairy
- Thousand Hills Cattle Company

\$1 - \$49

- Anonymous
- Roger Hasse
- Steve Georger
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In-Kind Project Donations

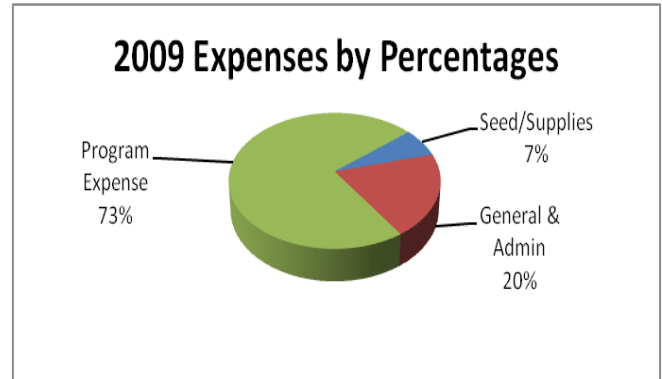
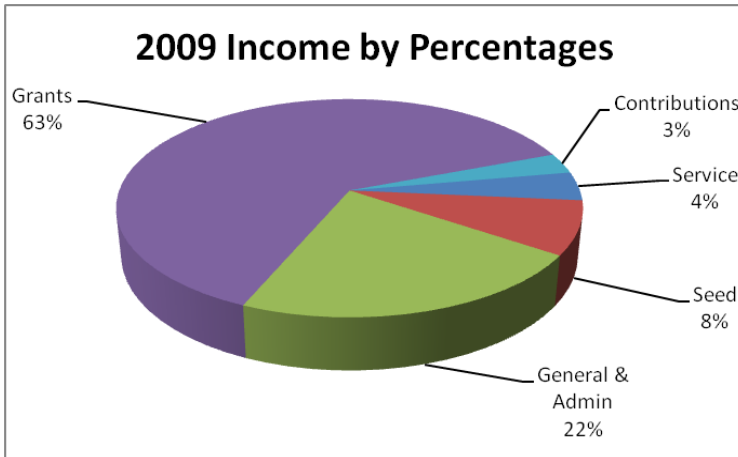
- Bullfrog's Eat My Fish Farm
- Deutsch Family Farms
- Fairview Farm
- Gaylin and Linda Raab
- Great Harvest Bread Company
- Just Local Food Cooperative
- Lambalot Acres
- Lori Feyen
- Merrill's
- Organic Valley Family of Farms
- Organic Prairie Family of Farms
- Pasture Land Cooperative
- Peace Coffee
- Promise Farms
- SE MN Food Network
- Thousand Hills Cattle Company
- Whitewater Gardens
- Whole Farm Cooperative
- Wisconsin Farmers Union
- Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board
- Weld, Riley, Prenz & Ricci S.C.
 - William Thedinga, Attorney
 - Ryan Schuetz, Attorney

Financial Reports

| <u>Income</u> | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Contributions | \$ 16,830.00 |
| Service | 23,536.99 |
| Seed | 44,207.51 |
| General/Admin | 122,161.35 |
| Grants | <u>348,573.70</u> |
| Total Income | \$555,309.55 |

| <u>Expenses</u> | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Seed/Supplies | \$ 38,150.94 |
| General/Admin | 110,150.55 |
| Program Expense | <u>406,745.47</u> |
| Total Expense | \$555,046.96 |

Net Income **\$ 262.59**



Balance Sheet Comparison

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| Checking | 1,761.89 | 13,386.07 |
| Savings | 14,157.25 | 509.87 |
| Accounts Receivable | 41,725.10 | 46,966.54 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 2,449.63 | 1,208.64 |
| Fixed Assets | 10,199.72 | 5,845.78 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | <u>-6,276.78</u> | <u>-5,845.78</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>64,016.81</u> | <u>62,071.12</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u> | | |
| Accounts Payable | 1,515.21 | 1,017.05 |
| Unearned Revenue | 6,487.16 | 11,703.24 |
| Payroll Liabilities | 10,640.00 | 1,643.98 |
| Retained Earnings | 45,111.85 | 48,059.96 |
| Net Income | <u>262.59</u> | <u>-353.11</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u>64,016.81</u> | <u>62,071.12</u> |

Please make an investment in our community by making a gift to the River Country RC&D Giving Circle!

_____ River and Country Society (\$5000 or more)

_____ Silver Circle (\$500-\$999)

_____ Diamond Circle (\$2500 - \$4999)

_____ Bronze Circle (\$150-\$499)

_____ Platinum Circle (\$1500-\$2499)

_____ Associate Circle (\$35-\$149)

_____ Gold Circle (\$1000-\$1499)

_____ For three years, I pledge the above amount. Total Gift: _____

My gift will be paid by:

_____ Payment Enclosed

_____ Direct Billing (once or quarterly)

_____ Credit Card via PayPal (email address required) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ I/We wish to remain anonymous.

