

**GREEN COUNTY**  
**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

USDA Service Center  
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**Green County Water Quality Update & Roundtable**

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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**Location**                      **Albany Lions Club Building**  
402 North Cincinnati, Albany, WI 53502

**Goal**

Identify implementable solutions for action on groundwater quality, specifically regarding nitrate levels.

**Agenda**

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10:00 a.m. – **Welcome**

10:05 a.m.     *Tonya Gratz, Soil Conservationist, Green County Land and Water Conservation Department*

- 5 minutes
- Overview of agenda
  - Round the room introductions
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10:05 a.m. – **Update: Green County Groundwater Quality Trend Data**

11:05 a.m.     *Kevin Masarik, Groundwater Education Specialist, Center for Watershed Science and Education, UW-Stevens Point & UW-Extension*

- 1 hour
- Start with nitrogen overall
  - Share the groundwater quality trend data
  - Question and answer
  - Discussion - perspectives on nitrogen in Green County groundwater

*Potential - demo the nitrogen leaching calculator.*

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11:05 a.m. – **Round Table: Small Group Discussion**

11:35 a.m.     *Victoria will facilitate*

- 30 minutes
- Introduce process
    - What we're doing next and why
    - Go through worksheet
  - A couple minutes for individual brainstorming
  - Small group discussion with facilitators
    - Group identification of potential ways to address this – what farmers/landowners identify, what research shows, what people may want to try out
    - Group prioritization of efforts to try and what that would take
    - Identify what is needed to make things happen. Identify barriers; identify gaps in information and what information is needed
    - If time - identified priorities

*Potential Action: x number of people being part of nitrogen budgeting, use of nitrogen calculator.*

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**Action Planning: Large Group Discussion**

- 11:35 a.m. –      ● Share out  
11:55 a.m.      ● What would people be interested in trying out? What would people be willing to try? What additional resources would be needed to try it out?  
*20 minutes*      Sign up  
                         ● Discussion - how this may fit into an action plan and how this could fit into applying for funding to assist in applying potential action

*Note: Improvement can take 5-10 years. We needed the baseline of 4 to 5 years before being able to demonstrate changes at the landscape level are making changes on the water quality.*

*Where would you like to see things 1 year from now?*

*Would you want to see this as an annual event?*

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11:55 a.m. – **Next Steps**

12:00 p.m. | *Tonya Gratz, Soil Conservationist, Green County Land and Water Conservation Department*

*5 minutes*

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12:00 p.m. | **Adjourn**

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12:00 p.m. | **Lunch**

Eat on site or pack and go

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