

Manitowoc County Discovery Farms Project Area Receives Educational Grant

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The Manitowoc County Discovery Farms Project Area seeks to identify and reduce the sources and methods of transport of various pollutants into the surface waters of Manitowoc County. The Project Area involves two farms (Saxon Homestead and Soaring Eagle Dairy) is part of the five-county (Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Kewaunee, Calumet, and Door) Lakeshore Basin Watershed.

This summer, the Manitowoc County Discovery Farm Project Area received a \$25,000 grant from the Altria Shared Solutions Agricultural Initiative. This grant will be used to educate farmers, agricultural consultants, policy-makers, and the general public about Best Management Practices (BMPs) gleaned from Discovery Farms research.

UW-Extension, USGS, DNR, NRCS, and the Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department take an active role in Discovery Farms educational programming designed to reach farmers, agricultural consultants, conservationists, policymakers, rural residents, and the general public. Examples of 2005 and 2006 educational opportunities include:

Farmer training on nutrient management plan development

A five-part series on “Protecting the Lake Michigan Shoreline”

Community Ag Forum & Tour

International Watershed Seminar

Feed Management Training

Tile Line Drainage Field Day

MALWEG (Multi-Agency Land & Water Education Grant)

Livestock Facility Siting Seminars

High School Students Field Day

Manure Spill Response Demo

Discovery Farms Data Sharing

For questions or concerns regarding the Manitowoc County Discovery Farms Project Area, please contact Lauren Reed, Assistant Manitowoc County Executive at 920-683-4375 or laurenreed@co.manitowoc.wi.us. You may also visit <http://www.discoveryfarms.org/special/manitowoc/index.htm> for more information