



WATER WAYS

Dunn County Land And Water Conservation Division

“A RAINBOW OF SOIL IS UNDER OUR FEET; RED AS A BARN AND BLACK AS A PEAT. IT’S YELLOW AS LEMON AND WHITE AS THE SNOW; BLUISH GRAY. SO MANY COLORS BELOW. HIDDEN IN DARKNESS AS THICK AS THE NIGHT; THE ONLY RAINBOW THAT CAN FORM WITHOUT LIGHT. DIG YOU A PIT, OR BORE YOU A HOLE, YOU’LL FIND ENOUGH COLORS TO WELL REST YOUR SOIL.” - *A Rainbow of Soil Words* (BY F.D. HOLE, 1985)

Here is our mystery photo! Can you guess where this is? It is in Dunn County, and I used public access to get to this site. Take your best shot! The answer can be found on Page 2!

In the Depths of Groundwater...

Dunn County has joined Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties in a five year study about groundwater, the Tri-County Groundwater Level Monitoring Project. Besides the Counties, other agencies involved include UW Extension Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey and the U.S. Geological Survey Wisconsin Water Science Center.

Hello there! My name is Amanda Hanson and I am a Conservation Planner with Dunn County Land And Water Conservation Division.

In time we can utilize data from the study to gain additional knowledge of our groundwater. This will generate improved decisions to preserve & protect our natural resource.

Welcome to the 3rd edition of Water Ways! This is a tool to share what is going on with land and water in your watershed. Be sure to send me your ideas and suggestions at ahanson@co.dunn.wi.us.

Devices have been installed on 5 private wells in Dunn County. The device records the depth of the water in a well, and sends electronic information through the well owner’s computer and internet service to a database for the study. Thank you to those whom volunteered the use of their own well, a crucial cornerstone of this study!



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Monitor Equipment (white) installed on a private well.

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Field Day + Rain = Fun With Soil And Water!

Even the rain didn't keep people from venturing out to the Red Cedar Demonstration Farm Field Day events on September 2. Some even wore their finest suits, rain suits that is! The photos and captions are just a snap shot of what was covered in the sessions throughout the day. Thanks to everyone who attended the event, it wouldn't have been the same without you! Thank you to the presenters from Chippewa Valley Technical College, Dunn County Land and Water Conservation, Elk Mound Seeds, Reabe Spraying Service, USDA-NRCS Altoona Area Office, USDA-NRCS Menomonie Service Center, UW-Extension of Dunn County and UW-Soil Science Extension.

We appreciate the work of the Dunn County Soil and Water Health Partnership who coordinated this great event!

Thanks to The Neighbors of Dunn County, The City of Menomonie, Dunn County Highway Department, Menomonie Municipal Airport -Score Field for sharing your land for all of us to learn!



Getting a closer look at Damon Reabe's plane equipped for aerial seeding of cover crops.



Everyone gathers to learn about the Red Cedar Demonstration Farm.



Near the cover crops people learned about characteristics of soil and water, and plants from the top of the canopy to the roots.



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Answer: Hay River at Peninsula Park, located in Tainter Township.

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