

# 10th Annual Driftless Area Symposium Agenda

Monday - Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Radisson Hotel, 200 Harborview Plaza

**Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

<b>Registration - Hotel Foyer – Radisson 9:00 a.m. to noon</b>			
9:30 – 10:00	Welcome and Announcements, Hotel Ballroom – Jeff Hastings, Project Manager – Trout Unlimited Driftless Area Restoration Effort		
10:00 – 11:00	Lightning Round – 12 Driftless Organizations will have 5 minutes to tell you a little about their organization and what they are up to.		
11:00 – 11:45	<p>Mary Marczak, Director, University of Minnesota Extension - will be talking about the importance of Diversity in Watershed Management to the Watershed Mgmt track.</p> <p>Dave Vetrano, Retired DNR Fisheries Biologist, WI DNR - History of stream restoration in the Driftless Area, speaking to the Riparian Management track</p>		
12:00 – 1:00	<p><b>LUNCH – BALLROOM</b></p> <p><i>Luncheon speaker - Curt Meine -The Driftless Reader</i></p>		
Track 1	<b>ECONOMICS, SOCIAL AND HUMAN DRIVERS IN AGRICULTURE &amp; WATERSHED MANAGEMENT</b>	Track 2	<b>TROUT – RESEARCH, MANAGEMENT, PROGRAMS</b>
Time	<b>SESSION</b>	Time	<b>SESSION</b>
1:00 to 3:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Southeast Minnesota's Field to Stream Program for Agricultural Producers</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Kevin Kuehner</b> – <i>Agriculture field runoff measurements in micro watersheds of the Root River and</i></p>	1:00 to 2:50	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Driftless White Paper, Climate Change, Grazing &amp; Partnerships</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Dan Dauwalter</b> – <i>Update on progress of White Paper and Climate change.</i></p>

	<p><i>conservation practices recommendations.</i></p> <p><b>Ron Meiners</b> – <i>Ag Producer contacts and field walks to access conservation practices.</i></p> <p><b>Amber Radatz</b> – <i>UW Extension Field Walk Guidebook</i></p> <p><b>Paul Trcka</b> – <i>Crop Representative perspective of field runoff measurement and field walk to assess conservation practices.</i></p>	<p>1:00 to 2:50</p>	<p><b>Marty Melchior</b> – <i>to be determined</i></p> <p><b>Caroline Gottschalk Druschke</b> – <i>Social use of wood in projects.</i></p> <p><b>Rod Ofte</b> – <i>Managing state properties by Grazing.</i></p> <p><b>Heath Benike</b> – <i>Maximizing use of Partnership Dollars to Restore Driftless Area Streams in Western WI.</i></p>
<p>2:50 to 3:20</p>	<p><b>Afternoon Break in Hotel Foyer</b></p>		
<p>3:20 – 5:00</p>	<p><b>Southwest Wisconsin working with Agricultural Producers</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Aaron Ruesch</b> - <i>Using EVAAL for BMP planning in the Tainter Creek watershed.</i></p> <p><b>Megen Kabele</b> - <i>Expanding conservation permanence through private land conservation easements.</i></p> <p><b>Shelly Brenneman</b> – <i>Tainter Creek Farmer-led Council</i></p> <p><b>Ted Bay</b> - <i>Cover Crops - How They Solve Problems for Farmers in the Driftless Region.</i></p> <p><b>John Delaney</b> - <i>Bringing prairie strips to Wisconsin, to improve water quality and promote biodiversity.</i></p>	<p>3:20 - 5:00</p>	<p><b>Research, Programs &amp; Projects oh my...</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Wes Larson</b> - <i>South Pine Brook Trout study.</i></p> <p><b>Doug Dieterman</b> – <i>Brown Trout</i></p> <p><b>John Hoxmeier</b> – <i>Brook Trout Genetics Project</i></p> <p><b>Matt Mitro &amp; Kirk Olson</b> – <i>Spring and Timber Coulee studies.</i></p> <p><b>Brett Kelly</b>, - <i>Cold water assessment for Brook Trout</i></p> <p><b>Jeff Weiss</b>, Barr Engineering – <i>To be determined.</i></p>

5:00 to 6:30 Free Social - Freight House (107 Vine St. La Crosse) - Appetizers!!

## 10th Annual Driftless Area Symposium Agenda – day two

Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Breakfast (included in registration) 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Registration for Day Two 8 am to 10 a.m.

<b>ECONOMICS, SOCIAL AND HUMAN DRIVERS IN AGRICULTURE &amp; WATERSHED MANAGEMENT</b>		<b>TROUT – RESEARCH, MANAGEMENT, PROGRAMS</b>	
8:00 – 10:00	<p><b>Methods for Successful Implementation of Conservation Practices in SE MN</b> <b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Sheila Harmes</b>, Whitewater Watershed Project/Winona County – Farmer Led Councils in SEMN; history; how it was started.</p> <p><b>Glenn or John</b>, Farmer Led Council Chair – A Farmers Experience of the FLC.</p> <p><b>Caleb Fischer</b>, Fillmore SWCD – Implementing Conservation Practices using Root River One Watershed One Plan.</p> <p><b>Tim Ruzek</b>, Mower SWCD – Engaging the Public and Building Trust to Implement Conservation Practices.</p>	8:00 – 10:00	<p><b>Driftless Stream Restoration Projects</b> <b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Bill Kiser</b> – <i>Invited - Large-scale Evaluation of Reed Canarygrass Suppression Treatments across Four Floodplain Sites in SE Minnesota</i></p> <p><b>Paul Hayes</b> – <i>Weister Creek – Monitoring and Raising Dollars.</i></p> <p><b>Dan Kirby</b> – <i>Maquoketa River Dam Removal</i></p> <p><b>Bradd Sims</b> – <i>Brook Trout Restoration Efforts on the Steiner Branch</i></p> <p><b>Nate Anderson</b> – <i>Stream Stabilization vs. Restoration</i></p> <p><b>Theresa Shay</b> – <i>Waterloo Creek vs. Mother Nature</i></p>
10:00 to 10:20	<b>Morning Break in Hotel Foyer</b>		

<p>10:20 - 12:00</p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>NRCS Wis</b> – <i>Farm Bill, What’s the new Farm Bill looking like, what can we expect.</i></p> <p><b>Jeff Broberg</b> - <i>Engaging professional pre-retirees and recent retirees into non-profit conservation work.</i></p> <p>McKnight Foundation – Invited The Nature Conservancy – Invited Iowa 4R Plus Program</p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Vaughn Snook</b> – <i>Habitat Improvement Projects, MNDNR Lanesboro Fisheries Office, 2015 to Present.</i></p> <p><b>Curt Diehl</b> – <i>Dane County Streambank Easement and Maintenance Program.</i></p> <p><b>Johnny Micheel</b> – <i>Goat Grazing to Control Invasives.</i></p> <p><b>John Lenczewski</b> – <i>Lessard Sam Projects</i></p> <p><b>Mark Pfof</b> – <i>Clear Creek Vegetation Management Project.</i></p>
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