

Press Release

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Madison SWCD invites public input on 5-year plan

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The Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is holding a virtual Local Working Group meeting on Monday, September 14th at 7:00pm on Zoom and invites the public to participate.

Madison County SWCD is developing its long-term Soil and Water Resource Conservation Plan for Madison County, which will guide our focus and actions for the next five years. In an effort to truly reflect the resources and the conservation issues and objectives our of county, the commissioners are striving for a “locally led” process and seeking input from the public.

The Local Working Group will meet in a facilitated meeting to discuss and prioritize the conservation issues and goals for the district. Focus will be on the following areas: soil resources, water resources, recreation and wildlife resources, and land management.

This "locally-led" process ensures that the conservation needs identified by Madison County citizens will be heard by elected officials, and planning will be guided by local needs and priorities.

In addition to identifying priorities for the SWCD, the Soil and Water Resource Conservation Plan will be able to provide information for updates to the Madison County Comprehensive Plan. Our conservation activities may originate with an interest in protecting our soil, water, and other natural resources, but conservation practices and programs may also provide benefits for roads, streams, and other infrastructure.

The Madison County SWCD and its partners, including the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, work together to support farmers and landowners in conservation of our natural resources, but input from the local community will be key for prioritizing our goals and objectives for the next five years.

To participate in this meeting, please register by 4:30pm on Friday, September 11 by calling the Madison County SWCD at 515-462-2961 x3 or sending an email to Megan.Sutton@ia.nacdnet.net. Registrants will be provided participation information (link to Zoom meeting, or phone number to call in). For more information about Madison County SWCD, visit www.madison-swcd.org.

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