

WHO WE ARE

The Muddy Bottom Farmers are a Producer-Led group focusing on soil health and farmer profitability. The group is, as the name suggests, led by farmers, for farmers. The group collaborates to decide what programs to implement, what events to hold, and where to point our efforts. This gives our group the ability to focus on what the producers in the group want to.



Contact us for more information or to join!

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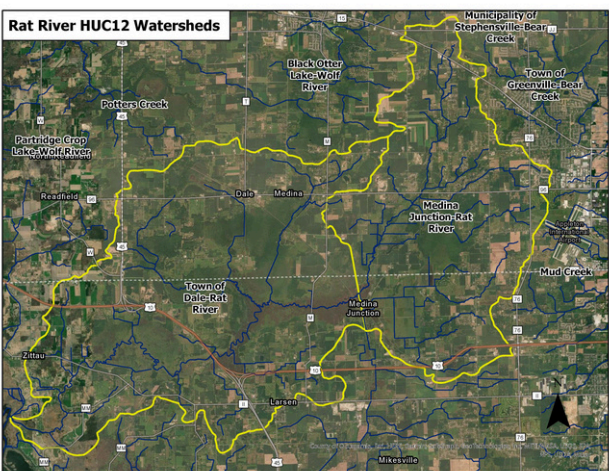
OUR TEAM

Jim Luedtke, who is a founding member and President of the Muddy Bottom Farmers, lives and farms in the Rat River watershed. He is a member of the Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farm Network and involved in NOPP trials, buffer programs and more.

Dan Rieckmann, another founding member and Vice-President, also farms in the Rat River Watershed. He is a farmer champion for the watershed and he also participates in the NOPP research.

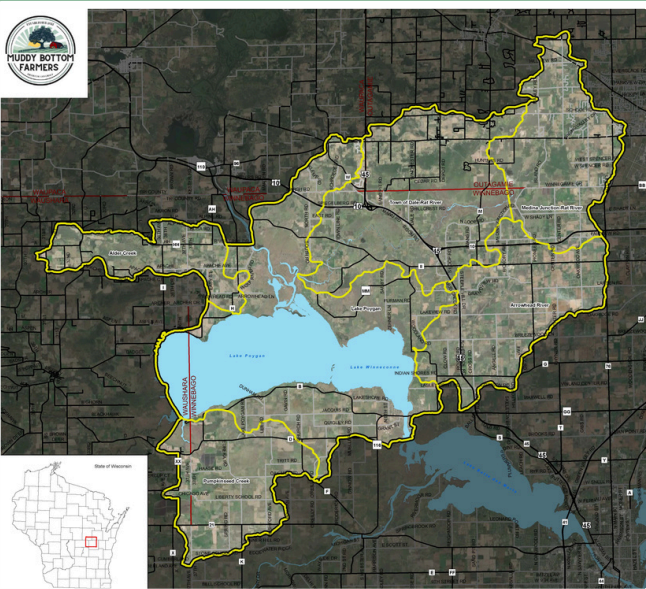


Rat River HUC12 Watersheds



WHERE WE WORK

The Muddy Bottom Farmers area encompasses the entirety of the Lake Poygan HUC 10 watershed. This includes the Town of Dale- Rat River Watershed, Medina Junction- Rat River, Arrowhead River Watershed, Alder Creek Watershed, and the Pumpkinseed Creek Watershed. The Town of Dale- Rat River HUC 12 is the most impaired watershed in Winnebago County and therefore has had extra focus by the group so far.



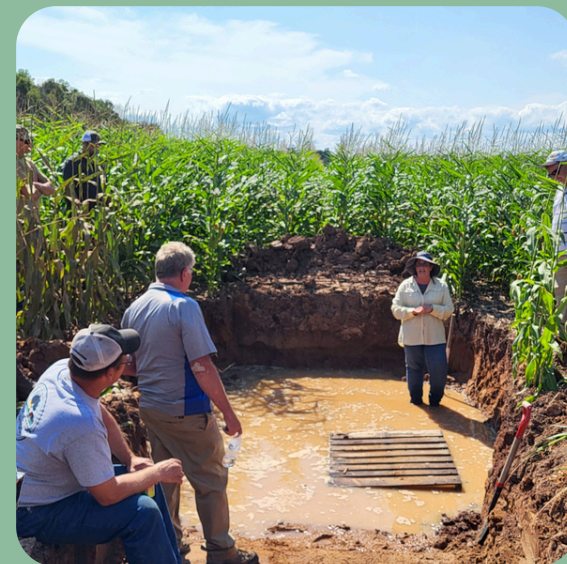
OUR VISION

The Muddy Bottom Farmers vision is to create a community between the public and the producers focusing on the importance of water quality while still maintaining sustainable and profitable agricultural operations.



WHAT WE DO

The Muddy Bottom Farmers host a variety of events and programs throughout the year. From field days focusing on soil health to post planting debrief or winter workshops, we hold many events through the year and focus on highlighting topics that impact growers on a regular basis.



- Many members are involved in different soil health and return on investment(ROI) initiatives.
- There are three growers involved in a Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program(NOPP) to help research optimal nitrogen use.
- The group is implementing a ROI program comparing conventional vs soil health farming strategies.
- Another program being implemented is a field edge buffer program, meant to improve nutrient runoff and profitability on included fields.