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Prairie Strips for Sediment & Nutrient Reduction

VIROQUA, WI July 13, 2016 – Valley Stewardship Network invites you to a workshop titled Prairie Strips for Sediment and Nutrient Reduction, at Nature Nooks Retreat, S4878 CTY Rd S, Viroqua on Saturday, July 29th from 9am to noon. Native tallgrass prairie vegetation once dominated the landscape in SW Wisconsin. Today, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the prehistoric tallgrass prairie habitat remains on the landscape in Wisconsin. By integrating tallgrass prairie plantings into our agricultural systems we can help to reduce the declines in grassland birds and pollinators and increase the resiliency of our landscape. “No other tool in our conservation tool box has greater potential for multiple ecosystem benefits than tallgrass prairie. Native tallgrass prairies are drought resistant, sequester carbon, provide water filtration, reduce water flow, can be utilized as alternative forage sources, and promote diversity in our agricultural ecosystems by providing resources and habitat for both game and non-game wildlife, including pollinators.” explains Dr. John Delaney, Agroecologist for Valley Stewardship Network.



This workshop will cover how prairie strips can stabilize streambanks, reduce sediment and nutrient run-off at the edge of farm fields, improve water quality and soil health, and provide habitat for pollinators and other wildlife. Instructors Tom Lukens, VSN Board Chair, will discuss the establishment of prairie on his property and John Delaney will discuss benefits of restoring prairie in agricultural systems for the benefit of water quality, birds, and pollinators. The workshop is FREE, but

registration is required. Contact VSN to reserve your spot(s) today! Contact us via email:
info@valleystewardshipnetwork.org, phone: (608) 637-3615, or register online:

<http://valleystewardshipnetwork.org/product/prairie-strips-for-sediment-and-nutrient-reduction/>

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Valley Stewardship Network is celebrating 17 years of land and water stewardship in the Kickapoo Valley and adjacent watersheds. Best known for its water quality monitoring programs, VSN also offers outreach and education programs to help farmers, landowners, residents and visitors understand and support our local ecology for the health of our communities. More at

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