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Prairie STRIPS & Conservation Easements Field Day

VIROQUA, WI July 18, 2018 – Join us for a field day, Friday, August 17th, 10am-Noon at S5385 Hanson Ln, Viroqua, WI, to learn about a new conservation practice called Prairie STRIPS. Planting strips of tallgrass prairie as a buffer at the edge of crop fields can provide multiple services from improving water quality and soil health to providing resources for pollinators, birds, and other wildlife. Research from Iowa State University’s prairie STRIPS research project has demonstrated that prairie buffers can significantly reduce sediment and nutrient export as well as improving water infiltration.

We will tour a recently installed prairie strip on a property that is being enrolled in a conservation easement program with Mississippi Valley Conservancy. Conservation easements help to protect and conserve your land in perpetuity, as well as ensuring long-term maintenance of conservation practices like prairie STRIPS. Don’t miss this opportunity to witness a cutting edge conservation practice and learn about ways to protect our rural landscape.

The event will feature two area experts. Megen D. Kabele is an outdoor enthusiast and experienced natural resource professional, with over 20 years of experience in federal land use administration, conservation easement development, and natural resource management. She holds a degree in Forest Management from Iowa State University, and is a Conservation Specialist with Mississippi Valley Conservancy.

John Delaney is an Agroecologist with Valley Stewardship Network with extensive experience in prairie establishment and restoration in agricultural settings for erosion control, pollinators, and livestock forage.

The event is free and lunch will be provided. Please contact John Delaney with any questions or to register 608-637-3615, john@valleystewardshipnetwork.org. You can also register online at <http://valleystewardshipnetwork.org/product/prairie-strips-and-conservation-easements/> Registration deadline: August 10th.

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Valley Stewardship Network is celebrating 18 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 www.valleystewardshipnetwork.org