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SOUTHWEST BADGER RC&D EXPANDS SERVICES FOR LANDOWNERS

Technicians specialize in invasive species, forestry, and grazing

PLATTEVILLE, WI – Landowners in SW Wisconsin can now go online to request technical and onsite assistance for invasive species, forestry, and grazing from Southwest Badger RC&D.

According to Gene Hausner, Board Chair of Southwest Badger and resident of Spring Green, “Southwest Badger has many grant programs available to assist landowners. Now, folks who don’t qualify for a specific program have a streamlined process to get help while covering our costs to provide service. We are proud of serving the community as a non-profit with low overhead costs relative to local government.”

Southwest Badger Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working in the Southwest Wisconsin region since 1992. The organization’s mission is to implement natural resource conservation and rural economic development in the area through education and implementation of best practices relating to agriculture, grassland, forests, and waters.

Landowners may be eligible to participate in grant programs or may request help on a fee-for-service basis. Several programs of interest include:

- **Acre of Oak:** lack of disturbance has created a forest landscape that lacks native hardwood tree species. Sign-up to receive a free consultation and tree marking to guide selective tree harvest on 1 acre of woods. You receive \$250 when harvest is completed. Program supported by The Aldo Leopold Foundation.
- **Roadside Monitors:** untimely roadside mowing can spread noxious weed seeds. Sign-up to report the location of roadside invasive species. Reports will be used to alert county and township mowing crews of best management practices to stop the spread. Program supported by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- **Grazing Plans:** overgrazing damages pastures. Sign-up to receive a grazing plan to prevent overgrazing. Participants will be eligible to use the plans to apply for financial assistance for grazing practices and infrastructure from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The program is supported by NRCS.

Landowners can also request help from Southwest Badger’s technicians for a fee to:

- Identify and remove invasive species.
- Assess timber value and mark trees to harvest.
- Recommend grazing practices and make pasture maps (fees may apply when not applying for NRCS cost-share and outside of the 9-county region).

More information on services available, location of service, pricing, and sign-up is available at <http://www.swbadger.org/services> or call 608-348-7110.

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