

Silvopasture Resources

These are some possible places to go for information or help with silvopasture and other land use questions. However, at present Wisconsin does not have educators dedicated to silvopasture, so the assistance available will vary.

Local sources of information and assistance:

NRCS

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service maintains a service center in each county. NRCS can help with both forest management and with grazing plans. However, NRCS in Wisconsin does not provide assistance for grazing in woods.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/wi/contact/local/>

Kickapoo Woods Coop

The cooperative provides sustainable forestry education and management advice to member landowners in the Kickapoo Valley and adjacent watersheds. kickapoowoods.org

UW-Extension

University of Wisconsin Extension has both agriculture and (community/) natural resources agents in most counties. They may be able to help you with grazing and general land management questions. Some counties also have Master Naturalist volunteers who may be able to provide information. uwex.edu/ces/cty

DNR

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has foresters who may be able to help you assess your woods, manage invasive species, or refer you to consulting foresters. DNR discourages grazing in woods. dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestry.html

Consulting foresters

Looking for guidance from a professional forester? Use this by-county directory to view the names of DNR and Cooperating Foresters that are available to help.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestLandowners/locator>

My Wisconsin Woods, Woodland Advocates

This partnership of public and non-profit organizations works to help woodland owners in southwest Wisconsin. Find events, news, resources, and for those near Richland County, knowledgeable neighbors who will walk your woods with you. One event of interest to register for this week:

Using Grazing as a Land Management Tool - Viroqua, WI

Mon, March 2, 9:45am – 4:30pm

Where: Viroqua American Legion (120 N Rusk, Viroqua, WI).

Registration ends February 15th, 2015.

Event details and registration, as well as much more, at mywisconsinwoods.org

County Conservationist

Staff at the county Land Conservation Departments may be able to help with grazing and land management advice.

<http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Environment/pdf/ConservationDirectory.pdf>

Blue Mounds Area Project

A community-based organization that seeks to inspire, inform and empower private landowners in the Southwestern Wisconsin region to enjoy, protect and restore native biodiversity and ecosystem health. A site visit provides landowners one-on-one time with an ecologist, walking their property to discuss the what, how, and why of creating and improving native habitat on your property. Free for landowners near Mt Horeb, as available further away.

bluemounds.org

Southwest Badger RC&D

The Grazing Broker program can help connect landowners and livestock farmers. In addition, Southwest Badger has information resources for several land management issues. Laura Paine, Grazing Broker, e-mail: laura.paine@swbadger.org phone: 608-732-1202

Prairie Enthusiasts

The Prairie Enthusiasts are a grassroots group committed to the protection and management of native prairie and savanna of the Upper Midwest. Learn about prairie and oak savanna plant and animal communities through field trips, workshops, conferences, work parties, and a quarterly newsletter.

theprairieenthusiasts.org

Cherrie Nolden can help with questions about using goats to manage brush. E-mail: canolden@wisc.edu or wonderacres@yahoo.com , phone: 608-477-1981.

Web resources:

National Agroforestry Center website at nac.unl.edu/silvopasture.htm

Missouri Center for Agroforestry website at centerforagroforestry.org

Northeastern US Silvopasture group at silvopasture.ning.com