

2010 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society

Crowne Plaza, 4402 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin

Thursday March 11, 2010

Registration opens at 8:00AM: \$45 regular and \$40 Student
(Includes lunch and breaks)

Bioenergy, Conservation and the Wisconsin Landscape

The next few years will be a "watershed period" for Wisconsin as the science and application of bioenergy continues to develop. Science gives the opportunity to increase the sustainability of the Wisconsin landscape in a way that enhances the viability of agricultural systems, addresses persistent environmental problems, and provides opportunity for economic development. There is also the potential that poor choices will lead to an accelerated rate of loss of Wisconsin farms, continued degradation of our environment, and lost business opportunities. There are many paths to the future of which only a few lead to enhanced sustainability. This conference will help us be pathfinders for bioenergy, conservation and the landscape.

9:00 AM Welcome, Pete Nowak, Professor, Nelson Institute, UW-Madison
Keynote **Challenges and Opportunities in Bioenergy** - Gary Radloff, Wisconsin Bioenergy Initiative, UW-Madison.

Plenary Session 1

The Vulnerable Landscapes of Wisconsin - Steve Ventura, UW Soil Science

BREAK

Bioenergy Issues - Carol Barford, UW Nelson Institute SAGE
Perfect Storm for Soil Conservation: Assessing the Threat of Hydroclimate Change -
Bill Bland, UW Soil Science

Noon - LUNCH

AWARDS – Pat Murphy USDA-NRCS

Plenary Session 2

The future of bioenergy in Wisconsin: Promotion of bioenergy, sustainable outcomes, and major barriers.

Judy Ziewacz, Executive Director, WI Office of Energy Independence.

Plenary Session 3

A private sector perspective: Advancement of environmental and social aspects of bioenergy while still being profitable. - Jonathan Barry, Farmer/Businessman.

Implications for conservation in Wisconsin: A Panel

Richard Cates, Farmer/Faculty Soil Science, UW-Madison

Gordon Stevenson, Runoff Management, WI DNR

Jennifer Giegerich, Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters.

4:00 Adjourn

Door Prize Drawing

