### Why Consider Conservation Classroom Programs?

Conservation education helps people of all ages understand and appreciate our County's natural resources.

These hands-on educational experiences and activities are specifically designed for varying ages and populations. Conservation education enables people to understand how natural resources and ecosystems are connected and how resources can be used wisely.

Programs can be tailored to meet the specific needs of a class, organization, or group. If there are specific topics or curriculum that is being covered, these lessons can often be created or adjusted to include those concepts. You can then build upon the

conservation education programs back in the classroom.





## Who We Are

### Eron's Farm and Event Barn, LLC

John and Melissa Eron

own and operate Eron's Event Barn, LLC as a wedding and event center. In addition, the Eron's crop



farm and custom harvest alfalfa and corn silage for other farms in the area. They are excited to share their passion for agriculture through education utilizing their native plants and a pollinator garden along with on-going conservation practices.

### Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council

The Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council is a group of farmers who focus on adopting more environmentally friendly farming practices that will ensure clean water and healthy soils for future generations while maintaining or improving profitability. They strive to share this information with others.

#### For more information visit:

https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/far mers-of-mill-creek-watershed-council

Melissa Eron-Eron's Event Barn EronsEventBarn@gmail.com

Tracy Arnold-Portage County LWCD arnold@co.portage.wi.us



# CONSERVATION CLASSROOM PROGRAMS

Farmers of Mill Creek Watershed Council & Eron's Event Barn

## Conservation Classroom Programs

Conservation Classroom Programs aim to provide quality hands-on educational opportunities about conservation practices used in agriculture to benefit the entire watershed. Educational sessions are available to grades Pre-K through high school level.

Programs can be adapted to cover a variety of conservation and agricultural related topics including:

- Pollinators/Prairies
- Healthy Productive Soils
- Cover Crops Demonstrations
- Native Plant Benefits
- Groundwater/Watersheds
- Habitats/Ecosystems
- Best Management Practices





Students from grades PreK-12 along with adults are welcome for educational sessions! Various group sizes can be accommodated. Funds may be available to cover the costs of attending the program.

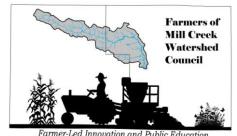
### When

Education sessions are available year-round on weekdays, however, fall and late spring sessions work the best as most educational sessions are held outdoors to facilitate hands on learning. Each season offers unique opportunities for learning and different types of lessons!

### Where

Conservation Classrooms Programs can be offered in a variety of settings. Whether classes wish to travel to Eron's Event Barn and Farm or if they wish to stay in their classroom, Conservation Classroom Programs can be tailored to the setting and provide unique learning opportunities.

The Eron's Event Barn and farm offers a variety of handicap accessible learning settings, including agricultural fields, drainage ditches with water, native prairie plots, soils, and even an indoor space within the barn that includes bathrooms and a temperaturecontrolled environment.







### Partners

Conservation Education Programs are presented by a variety of conservation experts from local organizations





