

THREE SISTERS: NETWORKING INDIGENOUS FARMING WITH LATINO BUSINESSES. Sacred Water Sacred Land Institute worked to create producer-retailer networks and collaborate with Latino-owned local shops and restaurants in Richland and Vernon Counties.

MADISON AREA FOOD PANTRY GARDENS is expanding the composting operation at Forward Garden.

REAP FOOD GROUP AND ROOTS FOR CHANGE provided additional Resilience Boxes to Latino families in Dane County.

MCINTOSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, VIROQUA developed a seed bank, seating, and a Story Walk at their educational and equitable donation garden.

CRAWFORD STEWARDSHIP PROJECT with North Crawford Schools established a rotational grazing project for sheep behind the school.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH provided garden space for two 4-H Clubs to grow food for families, the local food pantry, and a weekly feeding program for the community.

ANDERSON PARK FRIENDS of Oregon, WI purchased specialized seeding tools to increase the productivity of their food pantry garden.

For more detailed information on these projects and our Seed Money grants visit our website, foodfaithandfarmingnetwork.org.

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Food, Faith and Farming Network gives voice to the sacred connections between land and people. We foster rural and urban relationships and promote earth stewardship, community, spirituality and economic justice through healthy food and sustainable farming practices. We collaborate with individuals, organizations and faith communities that share our vision.



Food, Faith and Farming Network has funded the following Seed Money Projects in Southwestern Wisconsin since 2019. Our goal is to help build vibrant rural communities in SW Wisconsin with a focus on local foods, sustainable farming, and food security.

SOUTHWEST DRIFTLESS GRASSLANDS LANDOWNER(S) MATTERS CAMPAIGN; CONSERVATION ROAD SHOWS. These initiatives explored conservation practices and connected property owners with specialists.

CRAWFORD COUNTY MARKETS GROW sought to connect and transport elderly and low-income residents to the Gays Mills and Prairie du Chien Farmers Markets.

BOSCOBEL FARMERS MARKET created a voucher system to be provided to local low-income residents to be used for items sold at the Boscobel Farmers Market.

WORMFARM INSTITUTE brought rural and urban partners together at Farm Aid Music Festival at Alpine Valley Music Theater in East Troy with an interactive music project and a mural weaving project.

HILL AND VALLEY EXPLORATION TOUR continues to showcase local farm and artisan products in Sauk County while promoting rural/urban relationships.

DODGEVILLE FARMERS MARKETS provided vouchers to help those in financial need shop the farmers market.

FOOD ARTISAN IMMERSION PROGRAM expanded the garden at Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center in Spring Green, serving the Center café and food pantries, and providing educational experiences.

GRANT COUNTY RURAL STEWARDSHIP offered two educational programs for farmers, one on Regenerative Farming and a second on Soil Health.

PRAIRIE STREET FARMERS MARKET worked to grow their farmers market by expanding promotional efforts through social media and print/radio spots.

RESIDENCY ON THE FARM, WINTER RESIDENCES sought to offer a winter session comparable to their successful summer program which brings artists to Lafayette County for a 4-day immersion into rural life.

SAUK COUNTY CONSERVATION NETWORK developed their website to include a searchable directory of their member organizations to nurture networking among conservation groups.

SOUTHERN DRIFTLESS GRASSLANDS in partnership with the Driftless Area Land Conservancy developed video presentations and supplemental materials to educate people on the important intersection of grass-based agriculture, resilient practices, and wildlife across the region.

STRONGER TOGETHER FARMER SUICIDE PREVENTION PROJECT brought the Southwest Wisconsin Community Action Program and the UW-Madison Division of Extension Richland County together to address the number of farmer suicides and current farm stress in Richland County.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN LOCALLY SOURCED MEALS & GROCERIES produced healthy meals from locally sourced ingredients, offered to all income levels with a “chip up” program to subsidize low-income shares.

FARMER ANGEL NETWORK, in response to a local farmer losing his life due to suicide, brought the community together for a movie night to help farm families de-stress, learn about Farmer Angel Network, and gain access to farm mental wellness resources.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN THURSDAY NIGHT FARMERS MARKET. Driftless Development Inc and Prairie du Chien Main Street Program expanded opportunities for residents, including low-income, and tourists to purchase local produce/foods by offering a Thursday night market.

IOWA COUNTY COMMUNITY TEACHING GARDEN KITS. Plymouth UCC and Grace Lutheran Church in Dodgeville addressed food insecurity in the county through gardening on site and distribution of garden kits to families to garden at home.

PECOTONICA PRIDE WATER ACTION VOLUNTEER STREAM MONITORING started 15 Water Action Volunteer teams trained to assess water quality changes through monthly monitoring of 20 streams.

RAISED GARDEN GREENHOUSE AT MAA WAKACAK through a partnership of Little Eagle Arts Foundation and Wild Bearies planned a raised garden bed with a greenhouse environment on the land known as Maa Wakacak (Sacred Land), formerly the Badger Ordnance Ammunition Plant to engage the indigenous community in their cultural traditions.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN MEAT COOPERATIVE launched a new farmer- and butcher-owned cooperative to address the great need for small farmers to have access to local meat processing facilities.

PROMOTING RYE REVIVAL IN SOUTHWESTERN WISCONSIN seeks to increase ecological production of rye and expansion of the rye market.

HEARTLAND THREADS FIBERSHED educates the community on the effects of synthetic fibers on the environment and creates awareness of the local alternatives provided by regenerative fiber farmers.