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Grants Available for Wells and Wetlands

WAUKESHA, Wis. – Funds are available to assist Waukesha County landowners with the cost of abandoning a well and restoring farmed wetlands from the Soil and Water Resource Management Grant program. Old, unused wells can provide a direct channel for pollutants from the surface to groundwater. Unused wells must be properly filled to protect our groundwater resource. The well abandonment must be done by a licensed well driller or licensed pump installer. Wetland restoration usually involves breaking subsurface drain tiles, blocking drainage ditches, excavation, or a combination of these to provide seasonal wildlife habitat, flood storage and runoff pollutant removal.

A signed cost-share contract is needed **before** the well is abandoned or the wetland is restored. The grant may cover up to 70 % of the total cost. Additional funding may be available for wetland restorations.

If you are interested in participating in the Soil and Water Resource Management Grant program, please contact the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use – Land Resources Division for an application form no later that Friday, September 28th, 2012 at 4:30 pm. These funds are limited. For more information, contact Karen Doyle at 262.896.8306. Information is also available at www.waukeshacounty.gov/cleanwater .

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