

TEAMWORK WITH WISCONSIN'S SOUTHERN DRIFTLESS GRASSLANDS GROUP

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The saying goes, "Teamwork makes the dream work," and that is precisely what the Southern Driftless Grasslands (SDG) group is doing in southwestern Wisconsin! SDG is a network of state and federal agencies, and local and non-profit organizations including Pheasants Forever, that work together to promote healthy grasslands, successful working farms, clean water and diverse wildlife across the Driftless region. Britta Petersen, Farm Bill wildlife biologist with support from the Southwest Wisconsin Pheasants Forever Chapter, represents Pheasants Forever within the SDG.

Accomplishments over the last two years include working with 30 landowners to complete 11 grassland

projects on 800 acres, developing and distributing the Conservation Partners and Programs Guide which is a reference directory for farmers and landowners, providing technical assistance for habitat work on 10 properties, funding promotion of CRP and other Farm Bill and county programs, creating a Celebrate Grasslands series that will be presented in local libraries, and developing a conservation buyer-conservation seller real estate network.

When you combine hard work and expert knowledge from folks at SDG with the passion and willingness of landowners in Southwest Wisconsin and Southwest Wisconsin PF, it is a definite win for grasslands and habitat restoration!



Summer blossoms explode on a southwestern Wisconsin prairie thanks to a partnership between Southwest Wisconsin Pheasants Forever, the Southern Driftless Grasslands group and landowners.

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