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**FIELD DAY TO SHOWCASE KEY WAYS
TO PROTECT WATERWAYS NEAR FARMLAND**

Local farmers to hold event in Town of Burlington

Town of Burlington – Local farmers at an upcoming event will highlight important ways to protect waterways adjacent to farmland.

The Producer-Led Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County (WPCR) will hold a field day to demonstrate the success and benefits of protecting streambanks from erosion and installing grass buffers along rivers and streams. In the wake of recent flooding, the importance of improving water quality with conservation practices is key to keeping soil on fields and out of waterways.

The field day will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon Thursday, September 7, at a field along Hoosier Creek just south of Russell Weis' farm, 4505 Highway J, Town of Burlington. Along with local media, farmers, rural landowners and others interested in the topic are invited to attend.

The WPCR is a group of local farmers leading efforts in erosion control, water quality improvement and providing information to farmers and rural landowners on conservation practices. The committee is partnering with many agencies, including Racine County Land Conservation, UW-Extension and the Racine County Drainage Commission.

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