

# Outreach to Kickapoo Watershed & Beyond

CONNECTING LANDOWNERS WITH CONSERVATION RESOURCES



## Working together to improve our native and working lands

Mississippi Valley Conservancy, Valley Stewardship Network, and Kickapoo Grazing Initiative are excited to meet with landowners in the Kickapoo and adjacent watersheds to share available conservation resource services and programs.

We are available to landowners for onsite consultation, to conduct workshops and pasture walks, and to establish demonstration sites. This collaborative project will provide **free guidance** to landowners including whole farm planning, managed grazing plans, economic assessment of grazing systems, strategies for regional development of farm markets, recommendations for funding through farm bill programs, species and habitat inventory, and permanent land protection opportunities.

Demonstration sites will showcase conservation practices and the resulting soil and water quality benefits, restoration techniques, and the economic benefits of conservation practices.

The overall goal of these actions is to improve the water quality of the Kickapoo River and adjacent watersheds, benefitting the Upper Midwest watersheds and communities as well as overall Mississippi River water quality.

Landowner feedback throughout the project will guide and drive our efforts, so that we can tailor the program to be as effective, efficient, and beneficial as possible. Contact one of us today to discuss conservation options for you.



- Pasture Walks
- Workshops
- Whole Farm Planning
- Economic Assessment
- Land Protection
- Grazing Systems

## Project Partners

**Mississippi Valley Conservancy** [www.MississippiValleyConservancy.org](http://www.MississippiValleyConservancy.org)

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Mississippi Valley Conservancy (MVC), a nationally accredited land trust, works in nine counties in southwestern Wisconsin—a service area encompassing 4.3 million acres of land. The mission of MVC is to conserve native habitats and farmlands through voluntary action, for the health and well-being of current and future generations. MVC works with private landowners on voluntary conservation agreements to ensure that land remains in private ownership, and working farmland and wildlife habitat is permanently protected from threats such as residential development, land subdivision, mining, or unsustainable logging. MVC has permanently conserved over 17,450 acres and works with landowners to provide expertise on restoring native natural communities and habitats.

**Valley Stewardship Network** [www.ValleyStewardshipNetwork.org](http://www.ValleyStewardshipNetwork.org)

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By promoting balance between a healthy environment and strong communities, the Valley Stewardship Network (VSN) has built a network of volunteers, non-profit organizations, local businesses, and government agencies that foster community pride and educate visitors and residents about beneficial land stewardship. Water quality monitoring by VSN staff and volunteer groups measure the health of the Kickapoo River Valley and adjacent watersheds.

**Kickapoo Grazing Initiative** [www.KickapooGrazingInitiative.com](http://www.KickapooGrazingInitiative.com)

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The Kickapoo Grazing Initiative (KGI) is committed to promoting managed grazing and grass-based agriculture as one of the most important and economically viable land use practices to protect the water quality. We are working to provide market information to producers that demonstrate the viability of the grass fed beef market through rotational grazing methods.