**DODGE COUNTY HEALTHY SOILS/HEALTHY WATERS ALLIANCE
TO HOST FREE SEMINAR FOR RIVER & LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS

FEBRUARY 6, 6-8P, BAYSIDE SUPPER CLUB, BEAVER DAM**

Dodge County residents are invited to attend a free seminar for lake and river property owners, Wednesday, February 6, 6-8p. The event will be held at the Bayside Supper Club, Beaver Dam and is hosted by the **Dodge County** **Healthy Soils/Healthy Waters Alliance.** Speakers include popular national lecturer Steve Groff from the Chesapeake Bay watershed and Green Lake County’s shoreline expert Lisa Reas,

The Dodge County Healthy Soils/Healthy Waters Alliance is a group of farmers and lake associations who have banded together to create best practices in soil and water conservation and to educate the public on such practices.

“Cover cropping and lake/river shoreline practices are the best solution to improve water quality for Dodge County lakes and rivers,” Tony Peirick, co-chair of Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soils/Healthy Waters, explains. “We have invited Steve Groff, a nationally known speaker who is a cover crop farmer, to address the lake and river property owners. Steve has worked diligently to improve the water quality of the lakes located in his farm’s area, including the Chesapeake Bay.”

“Steve is going to share his experiences with the shoreline owners plus Lisa Reas will discuss what property owners can do to protect against runoff from their lake properties,” Tony adds.

The free evening will include a social hour featuring appetizers and time to visit exhibits. It will also include an update of the conservation measures many Dodge County farmers now have in place.

All who are interested in better water quality for lakes and rivers should attend the February 6 free seminar which will be held at the Bayside Supper Club, W9231 Cty Road G, Beaver Dam, 6-8p. **Please RSVP by February 1 by calling 920.356.1200 or email: info@bdlia.org**

“We are hopeful that the shoreline residents will learn how they can protect their waterway by utilizing simple practices,” Tony concludes. “Each drop of water that falls on the land within a lake’s watershed ends up in the lake. If the land is bare with no crops on the land, surface water and sediment flow into the lake. This is also true for lawns along the waterways. The February 6 presentation will assist shoreline owners to improve water quality.”

**ABOUT HEALTHY SOILS/HEALTHY WATERS**: Producer led, the Healthy Soils/Healthy Waters mission is to improve Dodge County’s community's soil and water through conservation practices & education**.** [**www.dodgecountyfarmers.com**](http://www.dodgecountyfarmers.com) ###