

Managing for Stewardship: Workshops **for Soil Building on Rental Property**

Resources for landowners and farmers who rent.

LANDOWNERS: Do you rent out farmland? A farm's wealth is its soil, and how we treat soil determines its fertility and value as an asset. About 50% of MN land is rented out. Land Stewardship Project offers workshops and resources to learn how building soil increases your land's value and resilience. Come and hear about conservation leases, talk with farmers and landowners, and get pointers on how to start conversations with your renter about conservation practices.

FARMERS: Do you want to build soil on land you rent? Farmers know how to build soil with reduced tillage, grazing, cover crops, and fewer inputs. It works on their farms, but it's hard to invest resources into rental land without commitment and incentives. Bring your landowner or come alone to learn how others are writing conservation leases that benefit everyone and hear from farmers/landowners who make it work.

Land Stewardship Project has been on the leading edge of soil health and conservation farming since 1982, serving MN and the upper Midwest. We are a member organization focused on education-to-action to support care of the land and thriving, healthy farms and communities. To learn more, visit www.landstewardshipproject.org.



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Intro to Land Management & Stewardship Communication

In this workshop, landowners will orient to the basics of soil building in partnership with their renters. We will talk about soil health, review resources for landowners, have a panel of farmers and landowners to answer your questions, and learn how to start some of the difficult conversations around increasing conservation practices on your land. All workshops are from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with lunch and coffee included. We are requesting a \$20 suggested donation from attendees to help cover costs.

- **Jan. 10:** Vinje Church, 1101 Willmar Ave SW, Willmar, MN 56201
- **Jan 16:** Roseville Lutheran Church, 1215 W. Roselawn Ave, Roseville, MN 55113
- **Jan 17:** Wedgewood Cove 2200 W 9th St, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Agenda:

9-9:30 - Sign in and coffee

9:30 - Lunch: Presentation from Assistant State Soil Scientist Kristin Brennan (Roseville and Albert Lea), panel with soil specialist, local SWCD staff, soil building farmers, and landowners who have worked with renters for better soil.

Lunch- Talk with someone new or bend a panelist's ear a little longer.

1-3 pm- Learn about what resources are there for you, practice starting hard conversations, decide what is next for you.

Can't join us in January? See the other side for Feb. workshops, or fill out and return the included postcard or sign up at www.landstewardshipproject.org/managingforstewardship2019 for more information.

Can't come in January?

Join us in February, or come to both!

Digging Deeper into Conservation

Women Landowners - 9 am to Noon

The morning session is for women landowners only, recognizing that many farmland owners are women who come into land ownership who need information about farmland management. Many women have been left out of farm management in the past or face a hard conversation with a renter for which they do not feel confident or prepared. In this workshop, we will go over some basics, acknowledge specific challenges, offer each other support, and talk about what this group needs most to be able to make changes on the land that they manage. We will break for lunch at which point anybody can join us. Suggested donation of \$20 to help cover costs.

Noon—1 pm Lunch: **open to everyone!**

Digging Deeper into Conservation in the afternoon—1 pm to 3 pm

Anybody can join us for the afternoon where we will bring in legal, financial and agency experts, as well as farmers, to answer your more in-depth questions about what you can ask/do on your land, what to include in your lease, and how to approach those conversations and changes. Suggested donation of \$20 to help cover costs.

- **Feb. 7:** Vinje Church, 1101 Willmar Ave SW, Willmar, MN 56201.
- **Feb 13:** Roseville Lutheran Church , 1215 W. Roselawn Ave., Roseville, MN 55113
- **Feb 14:** Wedgewood Cove, 2200 W 9th St, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Register online or call:

Sign up online here: www.landstewardshipproject.org/managingforstewardship2019 or reach Robin Moore at 320-269-2105/rmoore@landstewardshipproject.org with questions or to register.



Can't make the workshops and want to stay on our list of opportunities for non-operating landowners and renters?

Return the enclosed postcard or sign up online (see address above) to keep receiving information about soil health, conservation leases, and conservation farm practices.