# NEWSLETTER

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## Leola Ditch Denitrification Project

**Friends of the 14 Mile Creek Watershed,**

The accompanying newsletter item from Wisconsin Wetlands Association speaks to us. The Leola Marsh made up much of our 14 Mile Watershed before ditching occurred in the early 1900s in an attempt to farm the land. Most failed and the land reverted to the state, much of it still owned by the DNR along Hwy D upstream. A tour last fall with friends from Wisconsin Wetlands Association, Wisconsin Wildlife, Little Plover Partnership, and some of our 14 Mile members and advisors resulted in a test project to determine if bringing water levels back up into the organic soil layer will result in denitrification of the water that flows into our lakes. This very promising, multi-year trial will begin this spring. Stay tuned.

Thank You,
Your 14 Mile Watershed Committee
Don Ystad - Chair

Wisconsin Wetlands ASSOCIATION

# Wetland News

## Fixing the water: Community-led watershed-based hydrologic restoration in Wisconsin

As part of our ongoing effort to promote hydrologic restoration, we wrote a four-part series on why it's so important to make this approach the new *status quo* in Wisconsin. Earlier pieces in the series explained how human actions have disrupted hydrology and brought widespread societal and ecological challenges.

We've just published *Fixing the water: Community-led watershed-based hydrologic restoration in Wisconsin,* the final piece in this series. In this piece, we take a look at how we can reverse (and are already reversing) the damage.

Read more on how hydrologic restoration can help us fix our waters together on our blog.

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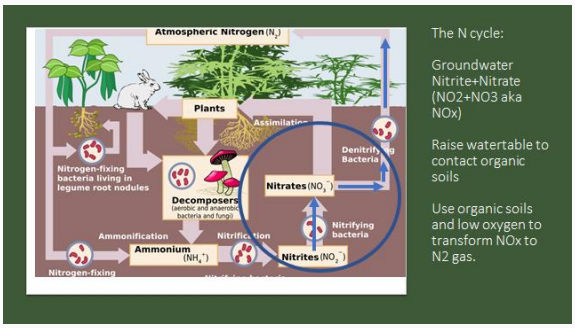


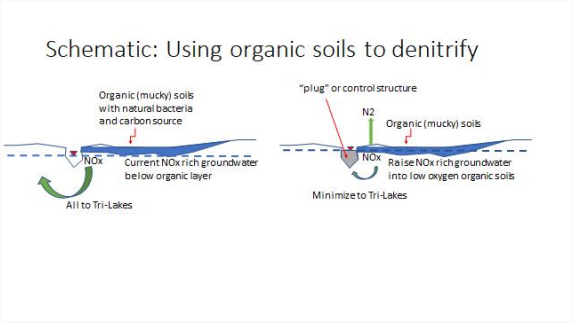

**Join the 14 Mile Watershed Alliance Meeting Monday, May 10th at 2:00 p.m.**

Our next 14-mile Watershed Alliance meeting is Monday, May 10th at 2:00 p.m. Visit our website at 14milewatershed.org in early May for meeting agenda and Zoom link.

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*The 14 Mile Watershed Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement of surface and groundwater in the 14 Mile Creek Watershed in central Wisconsin. See us at 14milewatershed.org or https://www.facebook.com/14MileWatershed*

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