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14 Mile Watershed Friends and Supporters . . .

Reminder – Rome Annual 'State of Our Lakes' Lunch

All property owners in the Town of Rome are invited to attend a forum and lunch on Saturday, June 7th at the Rome Town Hall sponsored by the 14 Mile Watershed Alliance, the Town of Rome and the Tri-Lakes Management District to discuss and learn more about the lake and stream water quality issues in our watershed. Further major support has come from the three lake associations as well as Sand Valley and Visit Rome. There will be door prizes, raffle baskets and a silent auction with items donated by local businesses and individuals.

The June 7th forum will have exhibitors throughout the Town Hall and will feature presentations addressing water testing results, biochar technology, the new Farmers of the 14 Mile producer-led group and the Healthy Lakes grant program. These short presentations will be followed by lunch and a question-and-answer period. At the end of the event, door prize, raffle and silent auction winners will be announced. ***All details are included on our poster.***

Please add June 7th from 11:00 to 2:00 to your calendars. See you there!

Announcement: Foss' Garden Center now carries Native Plants

This exciting family-owned new business opened in Rome in 2024 at 1135 County Road D and offers a huge selection of annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs. We're excited that they have recently added Native Perennials to the mix of plants. Sarrey and Rich Foss are the owners and will welcome you to their business.

Why Plant Native Plants?

- **Clean water:** Native plants, with their deep root system, act both as a sponge and a filter. They help water soak into the soil and filter out excess nutrients and pollutants, improving water quality.
- Native plants **prevent soil erosion**, create topsoil and build soil fertility.
- Native plants are suited to our local climate and sandy soils.
- Natives **need less maintenance (once established).** This may be an ideal gardening situation for "weekenders". Natives flourish without fertilizers or synthetic pesticides and rarely need extra watering after their first year or two.
- Helps local insects and wildlife by providing food, shelter and nesting spaces.
- **Clean air:** Even small plantings help filter the air around your home.
- **Shoreline native plantings deter geese!**
- More native plants and less lawn can **drastically reduce mowing time** which means more hours to enjoy the fun activities that draw us to lakes in the first place.
- They are **beautiful**!

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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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