

Consultants Working Together to Impact Agency Rules



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Overview



- 1987 WAPAC is organized
- 1992 NRCS Nutrient Management Standard is developed for WI
- 1993 WAPAC is at the table along with:
 - UW Extension
 - Industry representatives
 - Farm Groups
 - Agency Staff

What Happened



- Reviewed the product
- Created Solutions
- Participated in the implementation strategy

NRCS 590 Version 2.0 1996



- Federal Agency – NRCS
 - Uses document as guidance for practice
- State Agencies
 - Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
 - Wisconsin Department of Ag
 - **Incorporate document into state code to regulate nonpoint source pollution**

1997 ... Let's Have a Party!!



- UW Extension Service
- Wisconsin Land Conservation Departments
- Farm Bureau
- UW System Faculty
- Trout Unlimited
- DNR
- DATCP
- NRCS
- Midwest Environmental Advocates
- Various concerned parties
- DBA
- Attorneys

Our Role



“Eighty percent of success is showing up.”

– [Woody Allen](#)

WAPAC's Role



- Co-Chaired revisions of the 1997 standard
- Co-Chaired revisions of the 2005 standard
 - Had 2 representatives at the table – and made sure someone was always present

CAFO Regulations



- **The Good:**
 - Single Agency handles the entire process
- **The Not So Good:**
 - Single Agency handles the entire process

Recent Activities



- WAPAC engages with Ag Coalition
 - Monthly meetings to discuss regulatory matters of the agriculture community
- **WAPAC - Nutrient Management Planning Ad hoc Committee Position Statement**

Our Process



- Committee developed Position Statement
- Identified problems/concerns with the current status of Nutrient Management
- Requested meetings with Agency Administration
- Participated in correcting identified problems

Progression



- Engaging our Membership
 - New members/consultants at the table
 - Formal process can intimidate many consultants
 - Training and Development

Questions to Consultants



- Who is in a better position to address non-point pollution than the independent consultant and our farm clients?
- Do you want to lead or be lead in this process?