PACRS 2020 Accomplishments

- PACRS donated $1,000 to the River Alliance of Wisconsin. PACRS receives guidance and support from the River Alliance all year long. River Alliance has developed the Wisconsin Water Agenda which lays out the 12 elements needed to achieve clean water in Wisconsin. You can sign up for updates on this program by following this link: https://wisconsinrivers.org/wisconsin-water-agenda/

- PACRS donated $1,000 to support UW Extension Cover Crop conference held February 20th 2020 in Stevens Point, WI. 400 area farmers attend this conference and shared their experiences with no-till and cover crops. This is important to PACRS as these practices keep soil where it belongs, on the farm. Phosphorous attaches to soil. When there is soil runoff these particles enter our waters and cause algae blooms.

- PACRS took a lead role in sponsoring the 2020 Wisconsin Land and Water State Conference held in Green Bay, WI in March 2020. This organization is a non-partisan 501(c) 3 focused on supporting the efforts of best practices in the Land and Water Conservation Departments in all Wisconsin counties.

- PACRS donated $1500 to Consolidated Musky Club for stocking of muskies in Lake Petenwell. PACRS also donated $1500 to Muskies Matters for stocking of muskies and perch in Castle Rock Lake.

- PACRS supports the 14 Mile Creek Watershed Committee in Adams County. Their 9 Key Element Plan approved by the EPA and WI DNR in July. This watershed is extremely important to our lakes as the creek drains into Lake Petenwell. The plan has a 65% reduction in phosphorous to meet the WI River TMDL. The 14 Mile Creek Watershed is 55,000 acres of which 50% is cropland.

- The WDNR reported the monitoring station at Biron Dam has a decrease in phosphorous over the past several years. The Biron Dam is downstream from Mill Creek where the Farmers of the Mill Creek Watershed have been implementing best practices of cover crop and no till. PACRS recognizes their efforts have improved the health of soils over the past 5 years.

- PACRS awards Roth’s Golden Acres in Wood County with our Conservation Award. The Roth’s are very conscience about their farm management and soil loss. They have been practicing no till for over 10 years.

- PACRS sponsored the Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo. The virtual sessions started in December. Over 4 months, the series will have speakers that address farming practices that our conservation minded and profitable.