

Women Landowners in and around Black Hawk County Invited to free Soil Health Meeting and Demonstration

Thursday, February 12 At Hawkeye Community College

Women who own or manage farmland in Black Hawk and surrounding counties are invited to participate in a free conservation discussion focused on watersheds and soil health in Buchanan Hall, Room 106 on the Hawkeye Community College campus, 1501 East Orange Road, Waterloo, IA. The program, sponsored by Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District and Women, Food and Agriculture Network, is called Women Caring for the LandSM. This program has reached thousands of women landowners across the Midwest over the past several years.

The meeting will begin with registration, coffee and resource sharing at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided, and interactive activities and discussion will focus on soil health and its importance in YOUR watershed. The meeting will end by 3 p.m.

Maintaining healthy soil is the key to productivity and environmental health for our farmland. Women landowners who attend this meeting will learn to assess and improve the health of their soils through practices such as cover crops, no-till and strip-till, among other conservation practices.

Nearly half the farmland in Iowa is currently owned or co-owned by women. Women Caring for the

LandSM offers a peer-to-peer, informal discussion format to allow women landowners to talk about their individual farm management goals, facilitated by women conservationists.

This response from one recent attendee is typical of our landowners' experiences: "This has given me some understanding of what my husband talks about. I came to this meeting with no understanding - I am excited about the projects possible to protect the Iowa soil and feel this meeting has helped me in beginning to learn about farming."

In order for us to have the right amount of food available, please RSVP by 4 p.m. Monday, February 9th to Ashley at 319-296-3262. For more information about this program, visit www.womencaringforthe-land.org or call Carol at 641-430-2540. If you need physical accommodations, please let Carol know.

When: Thursday, February 12

Where: Buchanan Hall, Room 106 on the Hawkeye Community College campus, 1501 East Orange Road, Waterloo,

When: 8:30-3:00

Who should attend: Women landowners in Black Hawk and surrounding counties

Cost: Free

RSVP: Call Ashley Kittle at 319-296-3262