

## **ALISON DUFF**

**BARABOO - SAUK COUNTY**

**Occupation:** Ecologist

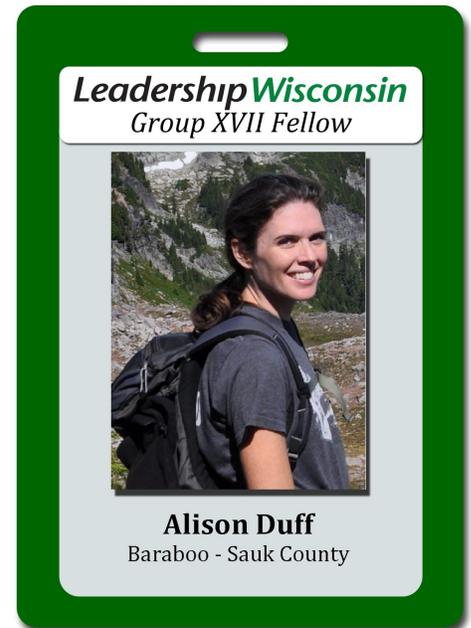
**Employer:** USDA-Agricultural Research Service, Dairy Forage Research Center (Prairie du Sac, WI)

Alison is an ecologist with the US Dairy Forage Research Center. Her primary research and land management interests include development of a science-based agroecosystem trade-offs model for improving economic and environmental outcomes on dairy farms. Alison is also interested in metrics for assessment of ecosystem health and biological diversity on agricultural lands in the United States, and investigation of the role of peer networks in promoting and sustaining stewardship behavior on working farms.

Prior to her role at the Dairy Forage Research Center, Alison was a lecturer and research associate in the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies (UW), with teaching responsibilities including undergraduate and graduate courses on topics related to conservation biology and ecology. She completed her doctoral degree in Environment and Resources at the UW-Madison in 2014.

Alison grew up in a farming family in north-central North Dakota, and she is passionate about her work at the intersection of conservation and agriculture. Since 2004, she has also been actively involved in community discussions concerning the reuse of the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant. She has served in various roles with the Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance, a nonprofit working on Badger reuse issues, and had worked as a restoration ecologist at the International Crane Foundation from 2006-2010.. In her professional and volunteer roles, Alison works to promote science literacy and collaboration, and believes that effective conservation policy results from a long-term, inclusive dialogue with community members.

Alison lives in Baraboo with her family, and they love exploring the outdoors together. Her husband, Andy Gossens, is the Sandhill Crane Project Manager at the International Crane Foundation. They have two children, Will (6) and Eloise (3).



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