

# Citizen Resolution # 170222

(For Hearing Officer completion)



## Alley Cropping Incentives

As the state of Wisconsin undergoes the impacts of anthropogenic climate change and rapid biodiversity loss, it has become more evident than ever before in human history that now is the time to adapt and conserve vital environmental systems that our economy and society is built on. Implementation of sustainable agricultural methods including but not limited to alley cropping will greatly improve the security and sustainability of Wisconsin fisheries and agricultural land. Alley cropping greatly reduces soil erosion, increases water retention, reduces nitrogen leaching and subsequent artificial eutrophication of nearby waterways, increases carbon capture, helps improve ecosystem resilience, carrying capacity for many biota (including deer), improves ecosystem diversity, reduces pesticide usage, and promotes a local/ family-owned farm dynamic that allows for crop freedom and diversity instead of corporate consolidation on farm land. Considering the beneficial impacts alley cropping will have on many farms in this state:

**Should the Wisconsin conservation congress propose incentives including subsidies or grants to farmers that implement alley cropping, proportional to the area of land used?**

Additional Information provided by author:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/nac/practices/alley-cropping.php>

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