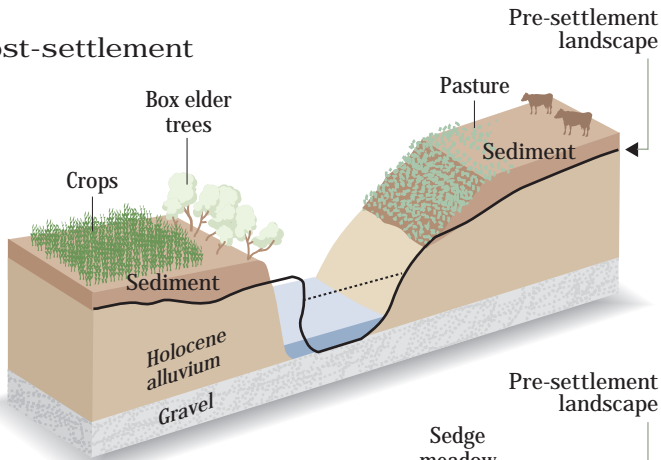


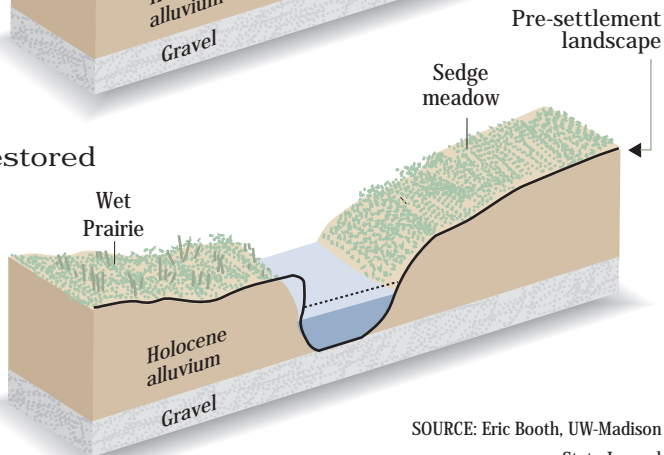
# A return to the past for part of the Pecatonica River

Two hundred years ago the area around the Pecatonica River was a flat wetland. Poor farming practices from settlers beginning in the 1830s deposited sediment in the streams that accumulated on the banks, moving the surface increasingly away from the ground water. Drier species, such as box elder trees and crops, grew on top of that. The current restoration of a quarter-mile section of the river near Barneveld is removing the top layers of sediment and plant growth, allowing the river to reconnect with the wetlands.

## Post-settlement



## Restored



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