

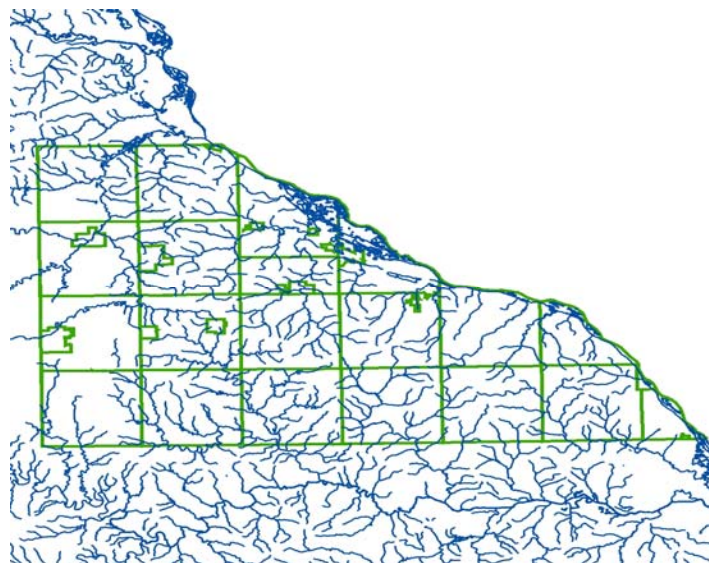
# Winona Soil & Water Conservation District

Project Title: Ag BMP Assistance Program

**Water of Concern**  
Streams of Winona County

**Impairment**  
Fecal Coliform

CWL Funding by Category	
Technical Assistance Funds	
SSTS Funds	
Professional Development	
Hired Positions	
Total TA Funds	\$2,000
Implementation Funds	
AgBMP Loans	
CWAG Funds	
Leveraged Dollars	
Total Imp. Funding	
<b>Total CWL Funding</b>	<b>\$2000</b>



## Overall Project Description (abstract)

The Winona SWCD is responsible for administrating the Ag BMP Loan Program, and providing some technical assistance to landowners seeking alternative financing options for water quality repairs. Due to the Winona County's plan to make all landowners compliant to ISTS systems, we have an increase in the number of landowners seeking funding to help bring their systems into compliance. The flood of 2007 has also increased the needs of residents to upgrade, repair, or rebuild their ISTS systems. The Winona SWCD will use existing loan funds available, new money designated to flood areas, and also new money that becomes available as approved by the USDA. It is our hope to provide technical and administrative assistance to landowners and provide them with a low interest loan.

The Winona SWCD will administer 10 Ag BMP loan applications. Priority 1 will be to utilize the grant for ISTS systems. Priority 2 will be to utilize the grant for fecal coliform reduction projects.

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## Conservation Practices Implemented

Name of Conservation Practice(s) Installed	Number or Linear Feet Installed	Estimated Pollutant Load Reduction (include units)	Total Cost

## Conservation Planning Activities

Name of Plan(s) Written	Number of Landowners Contacted	Number of loans Written	Total Cost	Types of Practices Identified	Number of Practices Identified	Number of Practices Implemented
ISTS plans	9	9	\$92,796.69	Septic systems	9	9
Ag Waste management plans	8	8	\$297,461.78	Ag waste systems	8	8

## Contributing Partners: (List or copy from restoration implementation plan)

Partner	Description	Project Contribution	Leveraged Funds

## Project Informational/Educational Activities

Type of Activity	Newsletters, Brochures, Posters, Etc.	Work with Kid Groups	Tours, Demos, Etc.	Presentations Given	Presentations by guest speakers	Other
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If this project included an education component, please include brief education narrative here:

### Project Outcomes:

The Septic System plans that were written and installed reduced the amount of pollution significantly. This was due to the fact that installing or upgrading a septic system that was functional, rather than working with an existing failing system or a straight pipe dumping into the stream, reduced the unfiltered waste product.

When an Ag Waste Storage Facility was built, it reduced the amount of manure running into the stream by 99 percent. All plans that were written were designed to reduce pollution at the 100% level. The storage system allowed the waste to be captured and stored in an area, and allowed the tainted water released from the feedlot and become infiltrated and filtered by a grass buffer strip.

## Clean Water Legacy Ag BMP Loan Program Showcase



Here is an Animal Waste Storage Facility that utilized the AG BMP Loan Program to capture and filter the waste that was running off the feedlot and into a tributary. The Ag BMP Loan helped to pay the landowners cost which was more than quarter of a million dollar s.