

2018 SWCD Accomplishments

Mission Statement

Promote soil and water conservation through technical, educational and financial assistance.

Ag Best Management Practice (BMP) Loan Program

- Landowner assistance on loan eligibility

Projects Completed	Sites	Loan Amount From Bank
Manure Separator and Composter	1	\$200,000
Manure Pit Repair	1	\$50,000
Manure Spreader	1	\$29,900
Feed Mixer	1	\$48,000
<i>Total:</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>\$327,900</i>

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention

- Conservation Apprentice with Conservation Corps Minnesota
- Stream access monitoring sites completed (16)
 - Rush Creek watershed - 8 sites
 - Whitewater River watershed - 6 sites
 - Pine Creek watershed (of the Root River watershed) - 2 sites
- Inventory of AIS signs at boat landings on infested waters
- Install Zebra Mussel sampler in East Lake Winona
- Update the Winona County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Plan



Buffer Initiative

Applicable Buffer Parcels (5,261 reviewed)	2,276 Parcels	
Compliant	2,230	98%
Working with the SWCD Towards Compliance (16 landowners)	26	1.1%
Non-Compliant (11 landowners)	20	0.9%

- Landowners assistance with buffer law compliance
- Assist landowners to become compliant with the buffer law
- Assist the County on buffer compliance tracking and county ordinance
- Develop Monitoring Plan for Buffer Compliance Tracking



Cost-Share Assistance to Landowners for Conservation Projects

- County and State Cost-Share Projects

Projects Completed	Sites	Cost-Share
Grade Stabilization Structures (Ponds)	3	\$ 13,013
Grassed Waterways	7	\$ 37,316
Cover Crop Plantings (400+ Acres)	15	\$ 11,043
Oriental Bittersweet Control	<i>1 in process</i>	
Total:	25	\$ 61,372



- Assist USDA NRCS with numerous other Cost-Share Projects
- Assist Whitewater Watershed Project with Cover Crop Cost-Share (8 sites, 240+ acres)
- Planning and Design for Future Cost-Share Projects (cover crops, ponds, waterways, feedlots...)
- SE SWCD Tech Support JPB and NRCS on RCPP Feedlot Cost-Share Projects
- SE Water Resources Board on 319 Grant for Feedlot Low-Cost Fix Cost-Share projects

County & City Plan Reviews, Erosion Complaint Reviews and Technical Assistance

Site/Plan Reviews	Sites
EAW Review and Comments	1
Steep Slope/Bluffs/Stormwater Control	8
Stream Restoration Projects	4
Wetland Conservation Act (WCA)	13+
Total:	26+



Easement Delivery

Projects	Contracts	Acres
RIM/CREP Promotion & Contracting	<i>1 in the process</i>	
RIM/CREP Site inspections and management assistance	42	1,073



Farm Bill Assistance

Projects	Contracts	Acres
Assist landowners with CRP contract signup	17	222
Other Landowner Assistance	93	

MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP)

- Landowner Assistance in certification process
- Technical assistance to landowners
- Provide Certification Specialist for SE MN

Root River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (1W1P)

- Fiscal Agent
- Work Plan Implementation started late in the year

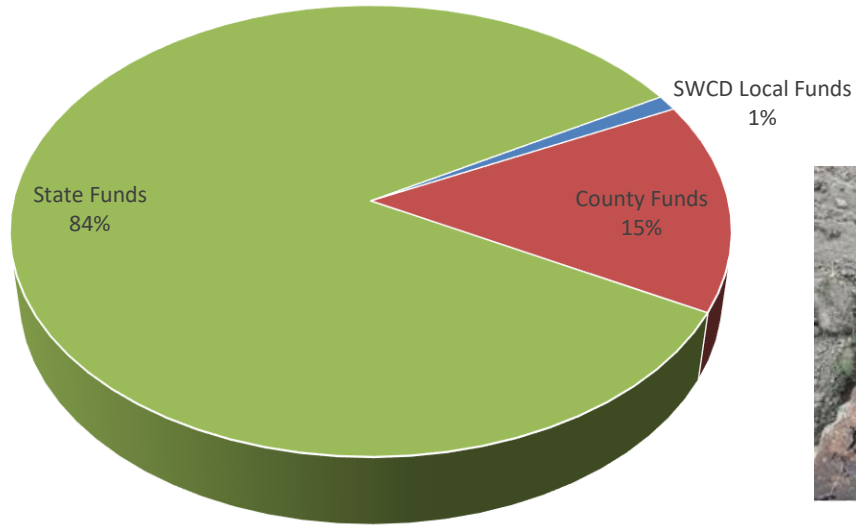
Tree Sales

Tree and Shrub Sales	55 Orders	9,127 Trees/Shrubs
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Truax Drill Rental

Prairie Plantings	12 Sites	389 Acres
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2018 Winona County SWCD Revenue Sources



SWCD Local Funds	County Funds	State Funds	Total
\$9,000	\$123,000	\$684,960	\$816,960

SWCD Local Funds

- Truax Drill Rental
- Donations for Scholarship Fund
- Tree and Shrub Sales

County Funds

- County Allocation - *cost-share, technical assistance and general SWCD expenses*
- County Match for State Local Capacity Funds - *technical assistance*

State Funds

- Aquatic Invasive Species – *inventory and education*
- Buffer Initiative - *technical assistance*
- Conservation Delivery - *technical assistance and general SWCD expenses*
- Cooperative Weed Management - *cost-share and technical assistance*
- Easements (Easement Delivery and Joint Powers Agreement) - *technical assistance*
- Farm Bill Assistance - *technical assistance*
- Feedlot Assistance
 - 319 Feedlot Low Cost Fix Funding - *cost-share and technical assistance*
 - BWSR & NRCS RCPP Funding - *cost-share and technical assistance*
- MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) - *technical assistance*
- Root River (1W1P) Comprehensive Watershed Mgmt. Plan Implementation - *cost-share and tech. assistance*
- State Cost-Share - *cost-share and technical assistance*
- SWCD Local Capacity Services - *cost-share and technical assistance*
- Wetland Conservation Act - *technical assistance*



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