Winona County SWCD

Providing conservation assistance in Winona County since 1938.

Mission

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

Vision

Comprehensive use of our natural resources for all generations.

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Meet the Team!

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Soil & Water Conservation District

Conservation Connections

Our County ~ Our Soil ~ Our Water



Abbi Hoffman - Conservation Technician & Outreach Coordinator

Abbi has been one of our Conservation Technicians for almost two years now and originates from right here in Winona! When she's not out in the field, you can find her nose in a good book or doing her best to keep her houseplants thriving.

Abbi works on a wide variety of programs, including:

- Easement Monitoring Invasive Species Management Native Habitat Planting
- Tree Sales Outreach & Education Coordination

From helping landowners restore native landscapes to connecting the community with conservation opportunities, Abbi brings energy and organization to everything she does.



Amanda Gentry - Resource Conservationist

Originally from Sparta, Amanda has been with the Winona County SWCD for 14 years! Her love for conservation extends beyond the office—she enjoys tending her prairie to see what native species are blooming and maintaining her rain garden.

Amanda leads several essential programs, including:

- Ag BMP Loan Program Nutrient & Manure Management
- Soil Health & Cover Crops Feedlot Improvement Projects

With over a decade of experience, Amanda brings deep knowledge and dedication to every project that helps protect our land and water.



Jim McKay - Conservation Technician

Jim has been part of our conservation team for almost two years and hails from Chatfield! When he's not working to protect our natural resources, you'll likely find him trout fishing in one of SE Minnesota's beautiful cold-water streams.

Jim leads several important programs, including:

- Erosion Control Practices Soil Health & Cover Crops
- Buffer Program MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program

His work helps keep our land productive and our water clean—one field, buffer, and raindrop at a time!



Wanda Anderson - District Manager

Wanda has been with the SWCD for 10 years, starting as the Administrator and then taking on the role of District Manager! As our District Manager, Wanda keeps everything running smoothly at Winona County SWCD. She oversees grant management and fiscal reporting, ensuring our conservation programs have the resources to make an impact.

When Wanda isn't managing the details that keep conservation moving forward, she loves spending time on her farm in Winona County, especially watching her granddaughters play and explore the outdoors. Her leadership helps us continue our mission to protect soil, water, and natural resources across the county.

Connections are the Best Investment