



***Blue Earth County***

***Soil & Water Conservation District***

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## **2016 Accomplishments**

### **Grants Active**

State Cost Share Funds open and active for erosion projects - \$69,236

MNDOT Grant for erosion projects, partnered with Nicollet & LeSueur SWCD - \$385,800

LCCMR grant to repair erosion problems in Bray Park - \$46,000

2013 CWF Partnered with GBERBA for a grant to target Ravine and Gully erosion - \$425,000

2013 CWF Partnered with GBERBA for a Conservation Drainage Pilot Grant - \$170,000

2014 CWF South Central Technical Service Area Grant for Staffing and Equipment - \$250,000

2014 Southern Minnesota Flood Relief Grants - \$295,469

2014 CWF Partnered with GBERBA for LeSueur River Watershed Tech hosted at BEC SWCD - \$134,000

2014 CWF Partnered with GBERBA for targeted Ravine & Gullies grant - \$378,673

2014 Ag Water Quality Cert Grant Partnered with GBERBA for implementation funding - \$80,000

2016 Partnered with GBERBA on a Linking Water Storage implementation grant - \$50,000

2016 Farm Bill Assistance grant position funded by BWSR and Pheasants Forever - \$58,500

South Central Technical Service Area Shared Services Grant Part 1 & Part 2 - \$240,000

2016 Crystal Lake Watershed Phosphorus Reduction Grant - \$374,500

2016 SWCD Local Capacity Services Grant - \$120,337

2016 Buffer Law Implementation Grant - \$30,000

Total - \$3,107,515

### **2017 CWF and other Grants Submitted**

Farm Bill Assistance grant position funded by BWSR and Pheasants Forever - \$58,500

Disaster Assistance Recover Program grant for 2016 Flood Damage Phase 3 - \$83,425

SWCD Local Capacity Services Grant - \$122,750

Targeted Implementation within the LeSueur River Watershed - \$60,000

Buffer Law Implementation Grant - \$30,000

South Central Technical Service Area Shared Services Grant Part 1 & Part 2 - \$240,000

Partnered with GBERBA for Cover Crops, Conservation Drainage and Staffing Grant - \$792,600

Partnered with GBERBA for a grant to target Ravine and Gully erosion - \$375,000

Total - \$1,762,275

### **Water Quality Projects**

6 Grade Stabilization Structures

4 Water and Sediment Control Basins

3 Waterways

1 Structure for Water Control

1 Sediment Basin

655 acres of Cover Crops established

9 MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program applications submitted, 4 Certifications Issued

### **Habitat Programs**

7 RIM Easements closed totaling 82.8 acres

87 RIM spot checks and habitat management recommendations made covering 2,152.4 acres

10 RIM easement sites completed conservation plan implementation or vegetation enhancement work

2 RIM/WRP Easements closed totaling 44.6 acres

18 Native Grass/Pollinator seed mix kits sold

10,015 Trees sold through the SWCD Tree Program

Seeding services provided for 19 sites totaling 84 acres

### **Education & Outreach**

Completed a County wide tillage and erosion research project with U of M

Worked with the County Drainage Authority to complete a targeted assessment on CD56, CD86, CD5, & JD116

Had a booth at the Mankato Area High School Career Expo

Radio updates about SWCD programs on KTOE 1420

Active participant in the LeSueur River Watershed project

Active participant in the Middle Minnesota River at Mankato Watershed project

Working with the Crystal Waters Project on water quality improvement projects