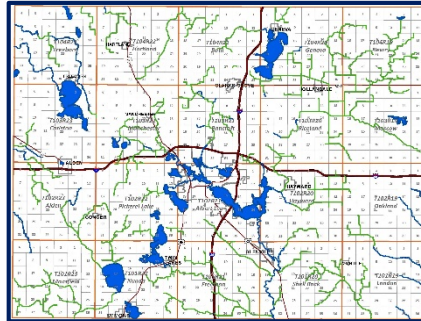


ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE FREEBORN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND PARTNERS 2017.



**Water & Sediment Control Basin
funded with SWCD cost share funds**



**Providing education on and
assistance complying with
MN Buffer Law**

**Freeborn County Soil &
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**Landowners with marginal cropland can
apply for the MN Conservation Reserve
Enhancement Program (CREP)**



**Soil Health Field Day – learning how
soil, water, worms, and plants interact**

Summary of \$'s paid to local landowners and/or operators Oct. 1, 2016- Sept. 31, 2017

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Annual rental payments and implementation funds (1,095 active contracts totaling over 10,552 acres)	\$ 2,293,194
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) 19 new contracts – General Contracts and Implementation funds	\$ 192,319
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) 13 new contracts – Ag land with enhancements	\$ 341,289
Wetland Reserve Program and/or ReInvest in MN 3 Easements closed and cost share payments	\$ 1,615,770
State Cost Share Program and/or Flood Disaster Relief Program Cost-share practice payments to landowners 2 Water & Sediment Control Basins and 1 Grade Stabilization Structure	\$ 8,177
No-till Drill Rental (new program) 110+ acres planted to native seed in spring of 2017	\$ 1,077
SWCD Tree Program - 10,000 conservation trees sold	\$ 7,153
Total Local Economic Impact	\$ 4,458,979



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Our Mission Statement: To serve the residents of Freeborn County by creating an awareness of soil and water resource concerns, by offering practical alternatives to manage these concerns, and by providing technical assistance (as local resources allow) to apply and maintain best management practices (BMPs) that impact water quality while sustaining soil productivity and land-user profits.