

# FREEBORN COUNTY SWCD 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Installing an outlet pipe with anti-seep collar on a grade stabilization structure



Earthen Embankment installation with Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA) funding



RIM Wetland Restoration Easements provide habitat for pollinators



Nutrient Pilot workshop held in Freeborn, MN



*Freeborn County SWCD is organized under provisions of MN Statute Chapter 103C and is governed by a board of five elected supervisors.*



## *From the Chairman*

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The 2015 legislative session brought two unexpected outcomes relating to SWCDs across the state. One was the passage of the MN buffer law, which requires 50 feet of perennial vegetation on public waters and 16.5 feet of perennial vegetation on public ditches. SWCDs are tasked with the responsibility of assisting landowners to implement these buffers. This has increased awareness of the states buffers and increased workloads of the SWCD and its partners. The other unexpected outcome was passage of substantial capacity funding for SWCDs. SWCDs have lobbied for additional base funding for many years to provide dependable support to meet the demand for conservation assistance to our landowners. We greatly appreciate the support of our legislators and citizens in supplying this additional funding.

County support remains a steady and an important piece of funding to carry out conservation implementation here in Freeborn County. Through the efforts of the SWCD, NRCS and Ducks Unlimited we were able to administer a large number of conservation programs and services to our constituents in the county. This past construction season we assisted with the installation of a feedlot runoff control with a vegetated treatment area and a shelterbelt.

We were able to apply for and receive two funding allocations to provide cost share to repair damage to conservation practices caused by the heavy rains in 2014. This was provided through BWSR's Disaster Recovery Assistance Program (DRAP). To date we have assisted and cost shared one Grade Stabilization project through this funding with more projects anticipated to be completed in 2016.

We also remain active with the Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance both in supervisor and technical rolls. I am tasked with presiding over the GBERBA Board and our SWCD Manager is active with the technical committee. County Commissioner Glen Mathiason also served on the Executive Board. We had one Grade Stabilization project installed in Freeborn County with GBERBA funds in 2015.

Bryse Olson of Alden, MN participated in the Conservation Corps Apprentice program in our office this past summer. The Corps places college students interested in conservation related positions throughout Minnesota and Iowa. Bryse helped out on several projects while learning about some of our programs.

On behalf of our SWCD Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank all the local agencies, organizations, other local units of government and individuals that work in cooperation with us to deliver conservation programs and "put conservation on the land" in 2015. They include the following:

- Landowners & operators
- Freeborn County Board of Commissioners
- Freeborn County Environmental Services
- Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR)
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- SE Tech Support Joint Powers Board
- Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance
- Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, MN Waterfowl Assn., MN DNR, US Fish & Wildlife, Shell Rock River Watershed District, Turtle Creek Watershed District, Cedar River Watershed District and others.

We hereby submit the following Annual Report of Soil and Water Conservation Activities for calendar year 2015.

Donald Kropp, Chairman



# Freeborn County Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor Nomination Districts



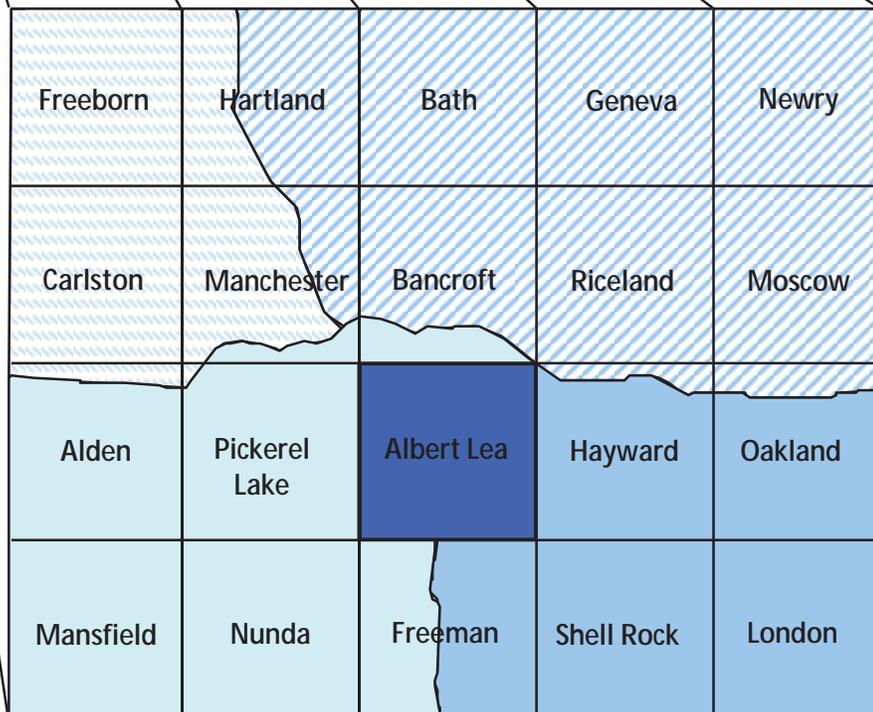
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Vice-Chairman

 District 3  
Paul Heers, Jr.  
Board Secretary

 District 4  
Colin Wittmer  
Supervisor

 District 5  
Don Kropp  
Chairman



## Services Provided by Freeborn County Soil & Water Conservation District

-  Engineering planning, layout and construction supervision of conservation practices such as waterways, water and sediment control basins, and grade stabilizing structures.
-  Administration of the State Cost-Share Program for conservation practices.
-  Administration of the ReInvest in Minnesota Easement Program.
-  Administration of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP II) Easement Program.
-  Maintenance supervision of the Minnesota River Watershed (CREP I) area of northwest Freeborn County.
-  Farmstead and field windbreak design, species selection, tree sales, on site layout and planting equipment rental.
-  Assisting with the implementation of the Ag Best Management Practices loan program. These funds are made available through the State Revolving Fund and are administered by the MN Dept. of Ag.
-  Assisting landowners with compliance issues with the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) which was passed in 1991. This may include reviewing maps, etc. to determine potential applicability of the Act or discussing alternatives in cooperation with the LGU and Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) Membership.
-  Conservation compliance planning and assistance with other aspects of the current Farm Bill.
-  Consultations for the Rural Finance Authority Young Farmer Program.
-  Assisting and working cooperatively with various conservation partners.

### **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.*

# Freeborn County Soil & Water Conservation District

## SWCD Board Members:

L to R

Colin Wittmer, Supervisor

Paul Heers, Jr., Board Secretary

Don Kropp, Chairman

Dave Ausen, Treasurer

Chris Dahl, Vice-Chairman



## SWCD Staff:

L to R

Brenda Lageson, Office Manager

Senja Melin, District Tech.

Mark Schaetzke, Manager/Tech.

Don Flatness, Seasonal Tech. (not shown)



## NRCS Staff:

L to R

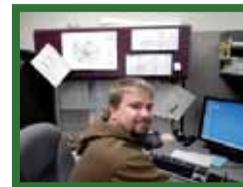
Gary Kurer, DC

Bryar Johnson, Soil Conservation Technician



## Ducks Unlimited Staff:

Chad Billat, DU Wetland Restoration Consultant



\*Technical Assistance was furnished to the district by NRCS Area Office, Rochester, MN:

Vacant, Assistant State Conservationist  
Jim Fritz, Area Resource Conservationist  
Dan Nath, Area Resource Soil Scientist  
Aaron Peter, Area Engineer  
Willis Goll, Agricultural Engineer  
Elizabeth Oolman, Agricultural Engineer  
Amy Dessner, Civil Engineer  
Chris Nelson, Civil Engineering Technician  
Charlie Blackburn, Civil Engineering Technician  
Kyle Steele, Ecological Site Inventory Specialist

Christiane Schwieder, GIS Specialist  
Joannie Kanable, Area Adm. Coordinator  
Mark Kanable, Program Specialist  
Jeff Koster, Area Biologist  
Lori Quinnell, ITS  
Alison Streiff, Accounting Technician  
John Zinn, Grazing Specialist  
Tim Weisbrod, Geologist  
Allison Streiff, Accounting Technician



## Annual Report Highlights –

### 2015 Freeborn County Outstanding Conservationists honored. . .

The Freeborn County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) recognizes a landowner every year for outstanding accomplishments with implementing conservation practices and improving Minnesota's natural resources. This year's Outstanding Conservationist is Diane Honsey from Emmons. Diane's efforts in conservation were highlighted at the MN Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's annual convention this past December. Diane owns a 49 acre RIM/WRP wetland restoration and native grass planting. When they first moved onto the property they called this area the "peat slough" and thought that it would be nice to restore it to a wetland someday. Now it has been converted from a patch of reed canary to a large wetland that is used by lots of ducks, geese, and other wildlife.



*Diane with her son-in-law Lane standing in a newly established grassed waterway*

Diane has installed about 10 acres of grassed waterways to help prevent concentrated flow erosion on her farm. Her son-in-law Lane helps with the day to day farm operation. She has enrolled in the Conservation Stewardship Program to enhance her operation with spring nutrient application, phosphorus placement, sprayer shutoffs, integrated pest management, nitrogen inhibitors, plant tissue testing, precision nutrient application, cover crops, and drift reducing spray nozzles. Currently the U of M is conducting a side dress nitrogen stabilizer trial on her corn acres. Diane had 40 acres of cover crops aerially applied in the end of August this past year. Future plans include transitioning a portion of her farm to organic to continue her conservation efforts.

If you know of other producers or landowners that have shown dedication to conservation and improving our natural resource, please nominate them for the 2016 Outstanding Conservationist.

### Legislative Day at the Capitol. . .



*L to R Melin, Schaetzke and Heers, Jr. shown here at the State Capitol*

The 2015 MASWCD Day at the Capitol was held on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Paul Heers, District Manager Mark Schaetzke and District Technician Senja Melin had the opportunity to meet with Representative Jeanne Poppe, Representative Peggy Bennet, and Senator Dan Sparks. SWCD supervisors and staff attended a legislative briefing the night before to hear from key legislators, state agency leaders and were informed of the MASWCD's 2015 legislative platform. At the time of our visit the legislature was working on developing and passing the State's biennial budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. Our district and many others throughout the state of Minnesota took the opportunity to communicate the need for a SWCD Funding Initiative to state law makers and show them the important work SWCD's do to conserve Minnesota's soil and water resources.

### SWCD Fair booth. . .

The Freeborn SWCD fair booth was located in the conservation building at the 2015 Freeborn County Fair. "Implementing Minnesota's New Buffer Initiative" was the main focus of the fair booth and included maps of Freeborn County's public drainage ditches and public waterways to show the surface waters that may be affected by the initiative. This was a great opportunity for the Freeborn SWCD to educate a large audience on the details of the new initiative after it was passed through legislation only a few months earlier. Soil health has been a topic of great interest within the agricultural community and this year's fair booth displayed the four keys to soil health along with a slake test demonstration that showed the stability of soil under different management practices. An assortment of informational handouts were available for the public to take home. The Freeborn SWCD continues to display topics that are current and will help to educate the public of the importance of conserving our soil and water.



*This vegetative buffer will help to filter sediment & nutrients before it reaches surface waters*

## Annual Tree Program. . .

The Freeborn County Soil & Water Conservation District's annual tree program provides local urban and rural landowners an opportunity to obtain good quality trees at an affordable price. The SWCD offers over 30+ species of trees that are suited for conservation practices such as shelterbelts and wildlife plantings. Along with trees, the SWCD offers tree mats, fertilizer, and tree tubes to help increase planting success. For large shelterbelts or windbreak plantings the SWCD has a tree planter and tree matting machine available for rent. The SWCD offers landowners planning assistance that includes site specific tree species recommendations, spacing recommendations, and maintenance advice.



*A variety of stock available at our annual tree sale*

In 2015 over 9,200 trees and shrubs were planted throughout the Freeborn County area through the SWCD's tree program. Because of its popularity in the prior year, the SWCD continued to offer selected potted deciduous trees on their order form which was once again well received. Sales of potted evergreen trees increased over last year's sale. Each of the trees sold will provide financial, aesthetic, wildlife, soil, water, and air quality benefits for years to come.

## Southeast Envirothon. . .



*Students identifying tree species at the forestry station*

Each year our SWCD along with nine (9) neighboring SWCDs sponsor a SE Area Envirothon where high school students compete in five (5) environmental stations consisting of Soils, Water Resources, Forestry, Wildlife, and a current event. The area event was held at Farmer's Park in Lewiston, MN and the 2015 current event was Urban/Community Forestry. The students also give an oral presentation on that current event. This past year teams from Goodhue High School from Goodhue County took 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places with Rushford Peterson from Fillmore County taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place earning a trip to the state competition held at the Cloquet Forestry Center, Cloquet, MN.

## Conservation Corps Apprentice. . .

Freeborn SWCD was selected as a host site for a Conservation Corps Minnesota (CCM) Apprentice in 2015. Apprentices are college aged students who are pursuing a career related to natural resources. They earn a stipend and an AmeriCorps education award to be used towards college expenses. The apprentice program benefits both the apprentice and the host site. The apprentice provided Freeborn SWCD with some needed assistance with various projects. In return our apprentice gained valuable work experience and insight into what SWCD jobs are like. Work and training included GPS, surveying, mapping, data collection, plant ID, wetland regulations, and many other things.

The 2015 apprentice, Bryse Olson, worked on various projects and helped staff complete tasks as a service to our landowners. As an interesting note, Bryse is the grandson of longtime SWCD supervisor and conservation proponent Bill Bryson.



*Conservation Corps Apprentice Bryse standing next to a print of "Bryson Marsh" by James H. Killen displayed in our office*

## Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance "GBERBA". . .

The Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA) has continued to be a valuable organization to be a part of. GBERBA has been successful at applying for and receiving various grants that the Freeborn SWCD and landowners can use for conservation work. Freeborn County SWCD was able to contract a large grade stabilization project with the cost share coming from a grant obtained by GBERBA and NRCS' EQIP program. This project likely would not have happened without this assistance from GBERBA. SWCD staff worked with several landowners in the GBERBA area to identify potential conservation issues and work towards solutions.

Some of the proposed solutions will likely use GBERBA cost share funds to help the landowners implement the BMPs. GBERBA facilitates sharing of ideas among LGU's through technical meetings, policy meetings, and guest speakers. The SWCD also participated in a Nutrient Pilot project for the Le Sueur watershed. This was a demonstration of nutrient planning program and a chance for landowners and agency staff to learn and comment.



*Installing an earthen embankment and pipe to fix a gully entering Cobb Creek. Cost share provided by GBERBA and EQIP.*

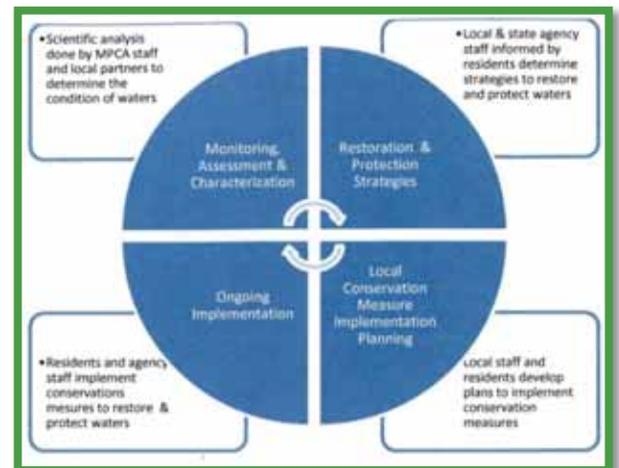
## Volunteer Rain Gauge Network. . .

2015 FREEBORN Monthly Precipitation Totals		Precipitation												ANN	GRO									
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24	101N	19w	35		SWCD				5.03	3.28	6.85	7.37	3.71	3.28	1.47							24.49		
24	101N	20w	6		SWCD	.82	.22	.82	5.64	5.52	8.43	6.14	4.22	4.26	1.13	2.59	4.50	37.60	39.19	44.29	28.57			
24	101N	22w	1		SWCD	.75	.80	.15	6.44	4.69	7.67	6.63	3.68	3.29	1.03	2.72	3.75				25.96			
24	101N	22w	6		SWCD				5.24	3.96	6.56	4.88	4.65								20.93			
24	101N	23w	8		SWCD				5.09	3.77	4.76	4.67	3.61	2.61	1.04	3.84	3.15	29.69	28.84	34.22	19.42			
24	102N	19w	25		SWCD				4.24	6.50	7.69	3.82	3.76								26.01			
24	102N	19w	36		SWCD				6.62	4.12	6.35	7.43	3.72	3.71							25.33			
24	102N	21w	13		SWCD				4.80	4.72	8.29	4.70	5.00	3.21	1.10	2.56					25.92			
24	102N	21w	16	ALBERT L	NWS	.40	.56	1.03	5.41	5.08	9.09	5.93	4.62	3.95	.95	2.85	3.10	38.12	38.80	42.97	28.67			
24	102N	21w	16		SWCD	.50	1.00	.20	4.84	3.73	7.16	3.49	5.89	3.01	.76	3.47		31.88	31.83		23.28			
24	102N	21w	16		SWCD	.26	.18		3.93	3.00	6.03	3.47	4.95	2.81	.80	2.33	2.04				20.56			
24	102N	21w	17		SWCD	.47	1.02	.43	4.93	4.05	7.30	4.77	6.34	3.54	.99	2.82	2.63	35.89	35.65	39.29	26.00			
24	102N	22w	1		SWCD				4.53	3.95	6.29	3.97	6.17	3.67	.64						24.05			
24	102N	22w	8		SWCD			.65	4.60	4.65	5.94	4.54	6.24	3.75	.85	3.00					25.12			
24	102N	22w	10		SWCD				5.00	4.80	5.80	4.05	6.45	4.25	1.10						25.35			
24	102N	23w	31		SWCD	.17	.96	.80	4.67	3.45	4.67	3.90	4.42	2.31	.76	3.23		29.11	27.96		18.75			
24	103N	19w	1		SWCD				4.79	4.65	5.85	5.99	4.32	3.07	1.28						23.48			
24	103N	19w	21		SWCD				3.60	3.93	7.33	8.10	4.71	3.11	1.13						27.18			
24	104N	22w	5		SWCD				3.62	3.92	5.26	6.98	4.59	4.06	.97	3.34					24.81			
24	104N	22w	9		SWCD				4.04	3.34	6.71	6.92	3.16	5.57							25.70			
24	104N	22w	35		SWCD				4.08	3.68	6.47	7.53	4.68	4.33	.96						26.69			
24	104N	23w	15		SWCD				4.31	3.40	6.40	6.70	4.66	4.90	.75	3.23					26.06			
24	104N	23w	36		SWCD				4.46	.68	.59	4.76	4.12	6.58	5.76	4.68	3.65	1.00	3.01	2.97	33.70	33.72	39.17	24.84
county averages						.46	.68	.59	4.76	4.12	6.58	5.76	4.68	3.65	1.00	3.01	2.97	33.70	33.72	39.17	24.84			
# of obs						9	9	9	23	24	24	24	24	23	20	14	8	8	8	6	23			

*A cooperation between Freeborn County Environmental Services, Freeborn County SWCD and the MN State Climatology Network help sponsor our local rain gauge reporting program. We have 20+ volunteers that take daily rain totals, tally them up and send them in to our office. Our staff then records these totals on the State Climatology web site. [http://climate.umn.edu/doc/online\\_resources.htm](http://climate.umn.edu/doc/online_resources.htm)*

## Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS). . .

This is a legislative mandate to the MPCA to address water quality. It is on a major watershed basis and has a 10 year cycle. Currently MPCA is working on completing the WRAPS for the Cedar watersheds and the Le Sueur WRAPS was approved in 2015. The WRAPS for the Winnebago watershed will be next and the Freeborn SWCD is working with MPCA and Freeborn County Drainage Authority to provide some background information for the WRAPS process. The WRAPS include a summary of the status of the water quality within the watershed and the monitoring work that has been completed. Anything that does not meet standards is identified with long term goals of meeting those standards. Stakeholders identify combinations of best management practices to achieve those goals in the long term and also identify 10 year milestone targets. Freeborn SWCD is a participant in the WRAPS process and is also identified as a source of technical and financial assistance.



*"Diagram of 10 year watershed approach which includes the WRAPS"*

## Soil Health Team. . .



*Soil Scientist Myles Elsen shows a group of attendees how deep the roots of a cover crop can grow.*

The Freeborn County Soil Health Team turned one year old in March of 2015. The team is made up of private businesses, local producers and local government organizations interested in promoting soil health practices and continued to conduct monthly meetings throughout 2015. At these meetings the group worked together to plan and organize three educational events for the year. A winter workshop, and a spring and fall field day that focused on ways landowners and producers can help improve the health of their soil were hosted by the team. Each event was well attended and the group was able to bring in a number of expert speakers from as far away as Quebec, Canada. The Freeborn County Soil Health Team's goal is to continue providing educational events for the public as well as collecting local data on soil health practices to help motivate producers to implement them.

## State Cost Share Program. . .



*Installed feedlot runoff control with a vegetated treatment area*

Landowners were paid a total of \$26,450 in state cost share dollars in calendar year 2015. Practices installed included three (3) water & sediment control basins, a grade stabilization structure, a feedlot runoff control with a vegetated treatment area and a shelterbelt. Based on the dollar amount mentioned above, landowners installed over \$33,000 worth of practices as a result of this cost share program.



*Restored Wetland*

## Permanent Easement Activity. . .

A summary of RIM, RIM/WRP, WRP, and EWP Easements closed to date (12/31/15) is as follows:

Perpetual Easements --		
Five (5) RIM Riparian Easements	318.0	acres
Six (6) RIM Marginal Ag Land Easements	87.1	acres
Eleven (11) Permanent Wetland Preserve (PWP) Easements	221.8	acres
Ten (10) RIM Wetland Restoration Easements	220.6	acres
Nineteen (19) CREP Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	612.0	acres
Thirteen (13) CREP II Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	557.0	acres
Forty-six (46) RIM/WRP Wetland Restoration Easements	3,691.2	acres
Forty-four (44) WRP Wetland Restoration Easements	2,853.6	acres
Five (5) EWP Emergency Watershed Protection	250.2	acres
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,811.5</b>	<b>acres</b>

## DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST 2015 REPORT

By Gary D. Kurer, District Conservationist, USDA-NRCS

### CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (CTA) AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS



*Seasonal High Tunnel for Crops*

- Environmental Quality Incentive Program: A total of nine (9) conservation plans were developed and accepted for financial assistance in 2015 for EQIP totaling \$99,697 on 523.2 EQIP acres and 119.5 CTA acres.
- Practices approved for funding included; cover crops, residue and tillage management (no-till/strip till), prescribed grazing, grassed waterways, grade stabilization structures, water & sediment control basins, forage and biomass planting, fencing, water facilities, pipeline, heavy use protection area, critical area planting, underground outlets, subsurface drain, roofs and covers, and seasonal high tunnel for crops.
- Field inspections, practice certifications, and contract payments for 2015 EQIP contracts included, cover crops, no-till/strip till, fencing, forage and biomass planting, obstruction removal, grade stabilization structures, water and sediment control basins, critical area planting, and seasonal high tunnel for crops.
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): A total of eight (8) out of 10 CSP applications were approved for a total of \$819,150 obligated for a 5 year period on 5,413.2 cropland acres and 38.8 pastureland acres.
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP): Conducted 15 CRP plan revisions for mid-contract management and re-seeding. Conducted on-site investigations for continuous CRP windbreaks, grassed waterways, filter strips, and wetland restoration. Coordinated CRP workload of nearly 135 CRP re-enrollments with FSA and SWCD staff.
- Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE): There were two (2) RIM/WRE easements that closed consisting of approximately 60 acres with approximately \$407,200.00 in payments. There were also three (3) RIM/WRE restoration seedings completed on approximately 225 acres. There was approximately 165 acres of wetland restoration completed on two (2) RIM/WRE easements and one (1) straight WRE easement. There was also approximately 555 acres of pest management completed on seven (7) RIM/WRE easements.
- Coordinated the outreach and preparation of a local work group meeting for Freeborn County on August 13, 2015, inviting a diverse group of community citizens. The Shell Rock Watershed was selected as the priority area for targeting funds for 2016. Gully erosion and sheet and rill erosion were selected as the top two resource concerns to target for 2016.

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# Estimated Level of Conservation Assistance for Calendar Year 2015

reported by Gary Kurer, NRCS District Conservationist

ITEM	PLANNED NO. IN 2015	APPLIED NO. IN 2015	EQIP 2015 EXPENDED \$
Producers/Customers Assisted (phone, office, field)	1,190 ea.	N/A	N/A
Conservation Plans Written (EQIP, CSP, CRP, HEL-CTA)	8,394.7 ac.	N/A	N/A
Grassed Waterways	4 ea.	4 ea.	\$3,200
Residue Management-No-Till/Strip Till	294.5 ac.	294.5	\$6,000
Seasonal High Tunnel for Crops	2 ea.	1 ea.	\$6,750
Cover Crops	415.4 ac.	414.4 ac.	\$26,373
Grade Stabilization Structures	4 ea.	1 ea.	\$5,528
Prescribed Grazing	51 ac.	0	0
Heavy Use Area Protection	6 ea.	4 ea.	\$1,440
Livestock Pipeline	6,270 ft.	5,083 ft.	\$14,713
Fence (perimeter and/or interior)	5,140 ft.	0	0
Watering Facilities	6/4 ea.	4 ea.	\$2,362
CNMP-CAP's	1 ea.	0	0
Water & Sediment Control Basins	10 ea.	7 ea.	\$4,194
Underground Outlets	10 ea.	7 ea.	\$4,369
Diversions	3 ea.	0	0
Critical Area Planting	6 ac.	3.3 ac.	\$345
Mulching	2.5 ac.	2.5 ac.	\$1,296
Water Wells	1 ea.	1 ea.	\$4,499
Pumping Plants	1 ea.	1 ea.	\$2,046
Animal Mortality Facility	1 ea.	1 ea.	\$21,006
Roofs and Covers	1 ea.	1 ea.	\$5,005
Obstruction Removal	0.3 ac.	0	0
Filter Strips Assessed for re-enrolled CRP	21 ea.	N/A	N/A
Farmstead Windbreaks/Shelterbelts Assessed-CRP	7 ea.	N/A	N/A
Grassed Waterways Assessed for re-enrolled CRP	7 ea.	N/A	N/A
Conservation Cover-WRP	225 ac.	225 ac.	N/A
Wetland Restoration-WRP	165 ac.	165 ac.	N/A
Water Control Structures-WRP	12 ea.	12 ea.	N/A
Pest Management (Tree Removal)-WRP	555 ac.	555 ac.	N/A
Prescribed Burn-WRP	0	0	N/A
Annual Enhancements for CSP	5,452 ac.	5,452 ac.	**\$160,265
Engineering Requests Submitted	22 ea.	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL 2015 EXPENDITURES FOR EQIP:</b>			<b>\$109,126</b>
<b>**TOTAL 2015 EXPENDITURES FOR CSP:</b>			<b>\$160,265</b>

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015			
	General		Statement of
	Fund	Adjustments	Net Position
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Investments	\$ 580,723	\$ -	\$ 580,723
Capital Assets:			\$ -
Equipment (net of accumulated depreciation)	\$ -	\$ 5,927	\$ 5,927
Total Assets	\$ 580,723	\$ 5,927	\$ 586,650
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Defined Benefit Pension Plan	\$ -	\$ 16,588	\$ 16,588
<b>Combined Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$ 580,723</b>	<b>\$ 22,515</b>	<b>\$ 603,238</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current Liabilities:			
Unearned Revenue	\$ 135,700	\$ -	\$ 135,700
Long-term Liabilities:			
Net Pension Liability	\$ -	\$ 119,198	\$ 119,198
Due after one year	\$ -	\$ 11,004	\$ 11,004
Total Liabilities	\$ 135,700	\$ 130,202	\$ 265,902
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Defined Benefit Pension Plan	\$ -	\$ 13,056	\$ 13,056
<b>Combined Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$ 135,700</b>	<b>\$ 143,258</b>	<b>\$ 278,958</b>
<b>Fund Balance/Net Position</b>			
Fund Balance			
Assigned - Compensated Absences	\$ 11,004	\$ (11,004)	\$ -
Unassigned	\$ 434,019	\$ (434,019)	\$ -
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 445,023</b>	<b>\$ (445,023)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Net Position			
Investments in Capital Assets		\$ 5,927	\$ 5,927
Unrestricted		\$ 318,353	\$ 318,353
<b>Total Net Position</b>		<b>\$ 324,280</b>	<b>\$ 324,280</b>
<b>STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE</b>			
<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015</b>			
	General		Statement of
	Fund	Adjustments	Activities
<b>Revenues</b>			
Intergovernmental - County	\$ 154,000	\$ -	\$ 154,000
Intergovernmental - Federal	\$ 33,600		\$ 33,600
Intergovernmental - State	\$ 76,743		\$ 76,743
Charges for Services	\$ 27,319	\$ -	\$ 27,319
Investment Earnings	\$ 1,403	\$ -	\$ 1,403
Miscellaneous	\$ 24	\$ -	\$ 24
Total Revenues	\$ 293,089	\$ -	\$ 293,089
<b>Expenditures/Expenses</b>			
Current	\$ 274,090	\$ 9,338	\$ 283,428
Total Expenditures/Expenses	\$ 274,090	\$ 9,338	\$ 283,428
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)	\$ 18,999	\$ (9,338)	\$ 9,661
Fund Balance/Net Position January 1	\$ 426,024	\$ 1,095	\$ 427,119
Change in Accounting Principle		\$ (112,500)	\$ (112,500)
<b>Fund Balance/Net Position December 31</b>	<b>\$ 445,023</b>	<b>\$ (120,743)</b>	<b>\$ 324,280</b>

