ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE FREEBORN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND PARTNERS 2015. . .

Concentrated flow of water can cause substantial erosion

Concentrated flow erosion has been stabilized with a grassed waterway

Sharing information about conservation best management practices with local producers

Retirement of marginal cropland creates multiple benefits, including nice scenery with Purple Lupine

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
Dollars paid to landowners in 2015. . . . . $ 1,457,611
Annual rental payments and implementation funds
(1,090 active contracts totaling over 9,571 acres)

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
Dollars paid to landowners in 2015. . . . . $ 117,356
12 new contracts for Preventive Plant (emergency),
Cover Crop Initiative, General Contracts and Implementation funds

Wetland Reserve Program and ReInvest in MN
Dollars paid to landowners in 2015. . . . . $ 709,593
6 Easements closed and cost share payments

State Cost Share Program
Cost-share practice payments to landowners. . . . . $ 12,749
3 Water & Sediment Control Basins, 1 Windbreak

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA)
2 Rock Chute-Grade Stabilization Structures. . . . . $ 19,561

SWCD Tree Program. . . . . $ 8,650
9,250 conservation trees sold

Total Economic Impact. . . . . $ 2,325,520

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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.*