

WASECA SOIL AND WATER

CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2014

ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK

(AUGUST – DECEMBER)

Introduction

Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District's 2014 Annual Plan of Work is developed from the District's Long Range Plan. The Waseca SWCD, through a resolution, has adopted the Waseca County's Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (CLWMP) as our Long Range Plan. Specific action items that relate to goals of the SWCD are taken from the CLWMP. There are other action items that address the goals of the SWCD but are not specifically outlined in the CLWMP.

The SWCD is the local unit of government that provides assistance to citizens who are interested in preserving, restoring and protecting soil and water resources in Waseca County.

The mission of the Waseca SWCD – “The District cooperates with all governmental units to determine, to educate, to assist the implementation of District, State and Federal conservation practices, and to promote soil, water and environmental stewardship of the Waseca County natural resources.”

The purpose of the plan is to guide us in effectively providing maximum conservation to all the land in the District, placing priorities on high priority areas as identified. This plan includes guidelines for employees and supervisors for the achievement of the District objectives.

Our 2014 Annual Plan of Work is developed from the annual needs, and the Waseca County's Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan, which the District adopted on June 11, 2014, as our five year comprehensive plan. The District will implement conservation programs as necessary to achieve our goals.

PRIORITY CONCERNS

GOAL 1:

**Protect And Improve The Quality Of Water Resources
Throughout The County.**

OBJECTIVE

Reduce erosion and sediment loading of surface water resources.

Actions

Promote NRCS programs and practices that control soil erosion and reduce sedimentation to downstream waters.

Adopt and implement an SWCD conservation practice State Cost-Share program targeting high priority erosion areas with adequate upland treatment.

Pursue GBERBA funding for conservation practice implementation.

Goal 2:

**Maintain And Enhance The County's Drainage System
And Wetland Resources.**

Objective

Properly manage the County's drainage system.

Preserve and restore wetlands.

Actions

Submit a Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) Grant application for tree removal and controlled burns on 25 old RIM Reserve easements.

Promote implementation of controlled drainage systems and bioreactors in the Bull Run Creek, and County Ditch #36 watersheds.

Goal 3:

Protect And Enhance The County's Shoreland And Natural Corridors

Objective

Develop And Implement Reasonable Strategies to protect and enhance natural corridors.

Actions

Contact landowners on Bull Run creek, and County Ditch #36 regarding availability of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) filter strip program.

Implement the approved LCCMR shoreland projects.

Goal 4:

Increase Awareness On Key Water Planning Issues.

Objective

Expand the public's knowledge and understanding of important issues and concerns.

Actions

Recognize an Outstanding Conservation Farmer and publish a news article on their accomplishments.

Conduct a conservation tour featuring current conservation programs and projects.

Update and promote the SWCD website.

Distribute an NRCS soil health brochure to all landowners contacts.

Participate in the MASWCD State Convention.

Other Waseca SWCD Operational Actions

Submit a Clean Water Fund – Accelerated Implementation Grant application for a Technician position.

Meet with the County Commissioners to discuss the Districts 2015 Budget and County Operational Allocation.

Meet with the Steele County SWCD Board to discuss continuation of the Services Agreement.

Develop a 2015 Plan of Work

All programs and services of the District are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age marital status or handicap.