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Re: 2027 Outside Agency Funding Request – Goodhue SWCD

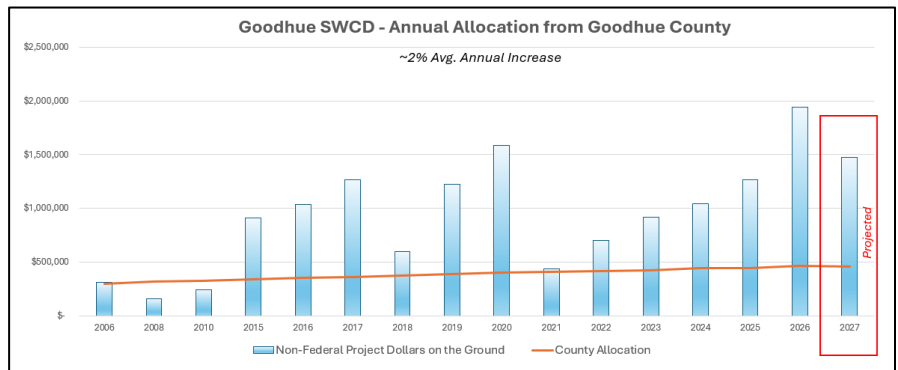
The mission of the Goodhue Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is to assist landowners and local units of government in addressing a wide range of environmental concerns, including improvements to surface and groundwater quality, soil health and stability, agricultural sustainability, and wildlife habitat.

This year’s county allocation request reflects the fiscally responsible values maintained by the Goodhue SWCD Board. The Board understands the budget constraints facing the County and has taken those challenges into consideration during the development of this request. As a result, the Goodhue SWCD is requesting a 0% increase over the 2026 allocation, with the goal of helping support the County’s budget constraints in 2027 while continuing to provide valuable conservation services and technical assistance to local landowners and communities. The accompanying bar graph highlights the relationship between fluctuations in state project funding over the past several decades and the SWCD’s relatively modest annual outside agency funding request

Leverage

Partnerships with the USDA, various state agencies, and most importantly the landowners of Goodhue County have resulted in numerous conservation practices being implemented across the county over the past 65 years.

In 2025 alone, the Goodhue SWCD leveraged \$382,100 in federal funding and more than \$1.2 million in state conservation dollars for projects that directly improve water quality while promoting a sustainable and vibrant agricultural community. This represents a 3.4-to-1 return on the County’s investment in the Goodhue SWCD and the conservation programs it supports.



2027 Draft Budget Overview

- We are losing our senior technician in July of 2026. His replacement is budgeted at an entry level wage in 2027.
- Storage solution. The SWCD will be losing our current storage facility here in Goodhue in the Spring of 2027. Since moving to Goodhue in 1997 the SWCD Boad is committed to keeping our office and storage location in this community. Being centrally located is a convenience for the landowners of the county and serves them well. For that reason, the SWCD Board has worked hard over the past decade to generate a dedicated fund balance for the purchase/building of a storage facility and, in the future, a permanent office.
- A 2.5% Cost of Living Increase for SWCD Staff
- Vehicle and two staff computers to keep pace with our District equipment replacement schedules



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This table summarizes the Goodhue County Outside Agency Request Form and the Goodhue SWCD's estimated 2027 budget. The expense for the above-mentioned storage facility is included in the table; however, the utilization of the dedicated fund balance is not shown, as it is not considered revenue. The dedicated fund balance utilization is listed toward the bottom of the attached detailed budget report.

As in most years, the budget includes a variety of state and federal funding sources, many of which are pass-through funds designated for landowners implementing conservation practices and projects on the ground. And as a result, the large majority of these funds are restricted in nature and cannot be used for general operating expenses such as staff salaries, technical assistance, equipment, software, or facility and utility costs necessary to keep the office operational and serving the public.

Goodhue SWCD Budget Summary		Estimated 2027
Revenues		
Fees:(Envirothont/Misc)		\$ 2,750
Federal: (Assistance on CRP)		\$ 2,000
State Funding: BWSR		\$1,455,957
State Funding: MPCA/Feedlot/Grants/SWCD Aid		\$ 465,500
Local: Belle Crk WD/TSA Admin		\$ 25,434
Charges for Services: Wetland/Feedlots/Tree Sales/Drill Rental		\$ 53,100
	Total Revenues:	\$2,004,741
Expenses		
Salaries:		\$ 584,073
Benefits: (Employee+Supervisors-Health/PERA/PFML/etc.)		\$ 208,868
Professional Services: SWCD Annual Audit		\$ 6,500
SWCD Operations/Services:Office/VehicleExp/Education		\$ 116,599
SWCD Project Expenses (GIS Contract/Drill Expenses/etc)		\$ 36,400
Project Expenses - BWSR Grants - Pass Thru		\$1,139,041
Project Expenses - MPCA/Nitrate Grants, SWCD Aid - Pass Thru		\$ 297,500
Capital Equipment:(Shed/Vehicle Replacement/PCs)		\$ 419,000
	Total Expenses:	\$2,807,981
	County Funding Request	\$ 460,000
# of Staff		7

This is why the County's continued support of the Goodhue SWCD is so important. County funding provides the foundation that allows the SWCD to efficiently deliver the many conservation programs and technical services that assist the landowners and communities of Goodhue County.

The Goodhue SWCD would like to thank the County leadership for their years of support in keeping our County one of the State's leaders in conservation. Beau Kennedy, Goodhue SWCD District Administrator and an SWCD Elected Supervisor, plan to attend the Budget Committee meeting on June 9th. If asked, we can present our budget request and answer any questions the Committee may have.

Sincerely,

Beau Kennedy
 Goodhue SWCD

Attached:

Goodhue SWCD 2027 Draft Budget
 Zumbro Watershed Annual Report
 Cannon Watershed Annual Report

Goodhue County SWCD Yearly Budget January through December 2027

Jan - Dec 27

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Charges for Service

Drill Rental (No-Till)	8,000.00
Drill Rental (Truax)	3,000.00
Drone Services	200.00
Feedlot Registration Fees	1,500.00
Krimper - Crimper	200.00
Kubota Pendulum Spreader	500.00
Seed for John Deere Drill	11,000.00
Tree & Plant Program Sales	
Fertilizer Sales	350.00
Plant Sales	1,500.00
Tree Mat Sales	500.00
Tree Planter Rental	50.00
Tree Sales	20,000.00
Tree Shelter Sales	5,000.00
Tree Survey Flags	100.00
Total Tree & Plant Program Sales	27,500.00
Wetland Fees	1,200.00
Total Charges for Service	53,100.00

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

County Revenue

County Regular Allocation	460,000.00
Total County Revenue	460,000.00

Federal Revenue

2027 CRP Contribution Agreemen	2,000.00
Total Federal Revenue	2,000.00

Local Revenue

Belle Creek Watershed Admn	1,500.00
TSA7 Grant Admin.	20,000.00
TSA7 Rent-Goodhue SWCD	3,934.00
Total Local Revenue	25,434.00

State Revenue.

BWSR Grants

1W1P Cannon	
1W1P Cannon - Cost Share	100,000.00
1W1P Cannon - Tech/Admn	30,000.00
Total 1W1P Cannon	130,000.00
Buffer Law 2027 (P27-____)	
FY27 Buffer Law - Tech/Admn	20,000.00
Total Buffer Law 2027 (P27-____)	20,000.00

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Conserv Contract 2027(P26-0324)	
FY27 Conserv Contract-CostShare	25,000.00
FY27 Conserv Contract-Tech/Admn	5,000.00
Total Conserv Contract 2027(P26-0324)	30,000.00
Conserv Delivery 2027(P26-0234)	20,054.00
Local Water Plan 2027 (P27-____)	9,433.00
RIM Easement	3,550.00
Soil Health 2025 (P25-0504)	
FY25 Soil Health - Cost Share	15,000.00
Total Soil Health 2025 (P25-0504)	15,000.00
Soil Health Div 2026 (P26-____)	20,000.00
Soil Health RCPP (P26-0102)	
Soil Health RCPP - Cost Share	113,772.25
Total Soil Health RCPP (P26-0102)	113,772.25
Soil Health RCPP (P26-0803)	
Soil Health RCPP - Cost Share	35,000.00
Soil Health RCPP - Tech/Admn	14,950.00
Total Soil Health RCPP (P26-0803)	49,950.00
Soil Health RCPP (P26-0904)	
Soil Health RCPP - Cost Share	38,602.00
Soil Health RCPP - Tech/Admn	4,193.50
Total Soil Health RCPP (P26-0904)	42,795.50
Soil Health RCPP (P26-0973)	
Soil Health RCPP - Cost Share	36,666.67
Soil Health RCPP - Tech/Admn	10,000.00
Total Soil Health RCPP (P26-0973)	46,666.67
Soil Health RCPP C/S (P26-0017)	60,000.00
Soil Health TechStaff(C24-0136)	93,289.00
WAGZ 2026 (C26-0146)	
FY26 WAGZ - Cost Share	500,000.00
FY26 WAGZ - Education/Outreach	50,000.00
FY26 WAGZ - Grant Admn	35,000.00
FY26 WAGZ - Tech/Eng Asst	200,000.00
Total WAGZ 2026 (C26-0146)	785,000.00
WCA 2027 (P27-____)	16,447.00
Total BWSR Grants	1,455,957.42
Other - State Revenue	
319 Wells Creek Project - MPCA	
319 Wells Creek Prj - CostShare	40,000.00
319 Wells Creek Prj - Equipment	15,000.00
319 Wells Creek Prj - Tech/Admn	30,000.00
Total 319 Wells Creek Project - MPCA	85,000.00

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Aquatic Invasive Species	1,000.00
Clean River Ptnr-Little Cannon	
Clean River P-Little Cannon C/S	10,000.00
Clean River P-Little Cannon T/A	70,000.00
Total Clean River Ptnr-Little Cannon	80,000.00
County Feedlot Program	
Feedlot Performance Credits	8,000.00
MPCA Feedlot Base Grant	50,000.00
Total County Feedlot Program	58,000.00
County Well Inventory - MDH	
County Staffing	3,000.00
Supplies/Equip/Contracts/Mail	2,000.00
SWCD Staffing	5,000.00
Total County Well Inventory - MDH	10,000.00
Goodhue DWSMA - MWRA	
Goodhue DWSMA - MWRA C/S	95,000.00
Goodhue DWSMA - MWRA T/A	5,000.00
Total Goodhue DWSMA - MWRA	100,000.00
McNamara Tile Monitoring	7,500.00
MN Ag WQ Certification Program	500.00
Well Nitrate Monitoring	3,500.00
Total Other - State Revenue	345,500.00
SWCD Aid	
SWCD Aid C/S	40,000.00
SWCD Aid Equip/OR/Material	30,000.00
SWCD Aid T/A	50,000.00
Total SWCD Aid	120,000.00
Total State Revenue.	1,921,457.42
Total INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	2,408,891.42
Miscellaneous Revenue	
Envirothon Income	1,750.00
Misc. Revenue	1,000.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	2,750.00
Total Income	2,464,741.42
Cost of Goods Sold	
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Plant COGS	1,500.00
Tree COGS	8,100.00
Tree Fertilizer COGS	250.00
Tree Flag COGS	300.00
Tree Mat COGS	250.00
Tree Shelter COGS	4,000.00

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Total Cost of Goods Sold	14,400.00
Total COGS	14,400.00
Gross Profit	2,450,341.42
Expense	
DISTRICT OPERATIONS	
Capital Outlay	
Capital Outlay (Building)	385,000.00
Capital Outlay (Equipment)	34,000.00
Total Capital Outlay	419,000.00
Other Services and Charges	
Adv./Pub./Subs.	900.00
CopyUse/Internet/Phone/Web Fee	4,940.00
Education/Field Day/Public Outr	3,200.00
Employee Conf/Trg/Mtg/Miles	10,100.00
Fees and Dues	18,575.00
Insurance (MCIT)	16,444.05
Office/Field Supplies/Msc	5,200.00
Postage	1,200.00
Professional Services	6,500.00
Rent (Office Building/Shed)	40,540.00
Supervisor Milage/Conven/Msc	3,700.00
Vehicle/Equipment	10,500.00
Wix Credit Card Processing Fees	1,300.00
Total Other Services and Charges	123,099.05
PERSONNEL SERVICES.	
Employee Salaries	584,072.86
Longevity Pay	1,355.00
MN-PFML	3,854.88
MNDP Employer Match	3,500.00
Supervisors Per Diem	16,700.00
SWCD Health, Disability Ins.	93,933.30
SWCD Payroll Service Fee	637.80
SWCD Share FICA	36,212.52
SWCD Share Medicare	8,469.06
SWCD Share PERA	43,805.46
SWCD Share Supervisor PERA	400.00
Total PERSONNEL SERVICES.	792,940.88
Total DISTRICT OPERATIONS	1,335,039.93
PROJECT EXPENDITURES	
County Expense	
GIS Contract with County	8,000.00
Total County Expense	8,000.00

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District Expense	
Copier Lease	2,500.00
Envirothon Expense	2,000.00
No-Till Drill Expense	700.00
No-Till Drill Seed Expense	8,000.00
Tree Msc Expense	400.00
Truax Drill Expense	400.00
Total District Expense	14,000.00
State Expense.	
BWSR Grant Expense	
1W1P - Cannon Cost Share	100,000.00
Conserv Contract 2027(P26-0324)	25,000.00
Soil Health 2025 C/S (P25-0504)	15,000.00
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FY26 WAGZ - Education/Outreach	50,000.00
FY26 WAGZ - Grant Admn	15,000.00
FY26 WAGZ - Tech/Eng Asst	150,000.00
Total WAGZ 2026 (C26-0146)	715,000.00
Total BWSR Grant Expense	1,139,040.92
Other - State Expense	
319 Wells Creek Project - MPCA	
319 Wells Creek Prj - CostShare	40,000.00
319 Wells Creek Prj - Equipment	15,000.00
Total 319 Wells Creek Project - MPCA	55,000.00
Clean River P-Little Cannon C/S	70,000.00
County Well Inventory - MDH	
County Staffing	3,000.00
Supplies/Equip/Contracts/Mail	2,000.00
Total County Well Inventory - MDH	5,000.00
Goodhue DWSMA - MRWA C/S	95,000.00
McNamara Tile Monitoring	2,500.00
SWCD Aid	
SWCD Aid C/S	40,000.00
SWCD Aid Equip/OR/Material	30,000.00
Total SWCD Aid	70,000.00
Total Other - State Expense	297,500.00

**Goodhue County SWCD
Yearly Budget
January through December 2027**

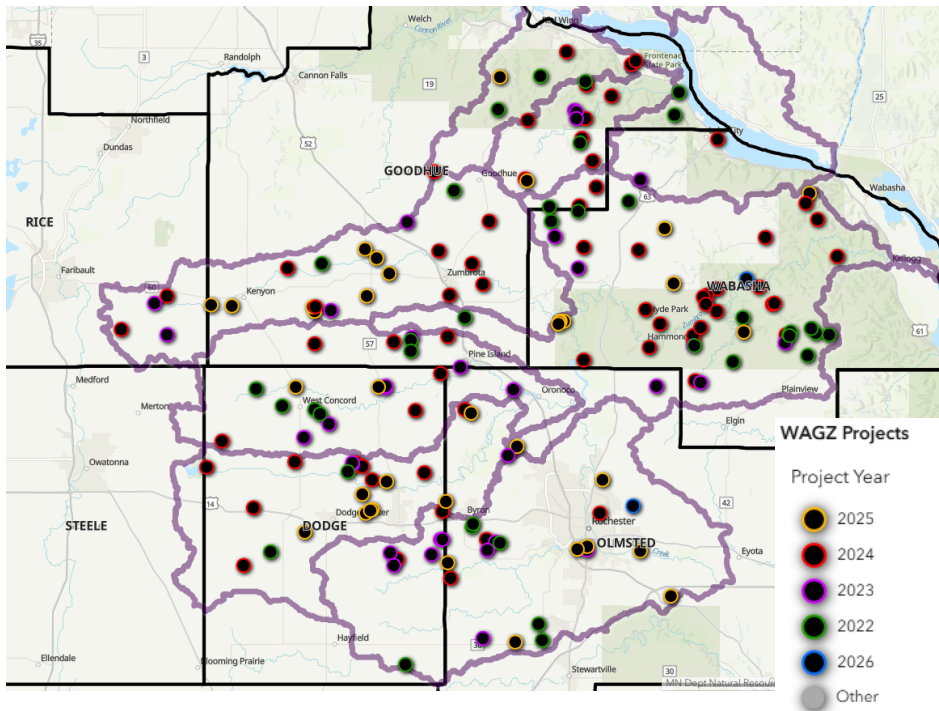
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Total State Expense.	1,436,540.92
Total PROJECT EXPENDITURES	1,458,540.92
Total Expense	2,793,580.85
Net Ordinary Income	-343,239.43
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Earnings	25,000.00
Total Other Income	25,000.00
Other Expense	
Dedicated Fund Bal(Shed/Office)	-318,239.43
District Fund Balance Budget	0.00
Total Other Expense	-318,239.43
Net Other Income	343,239.43
Net Income	0.00



Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro

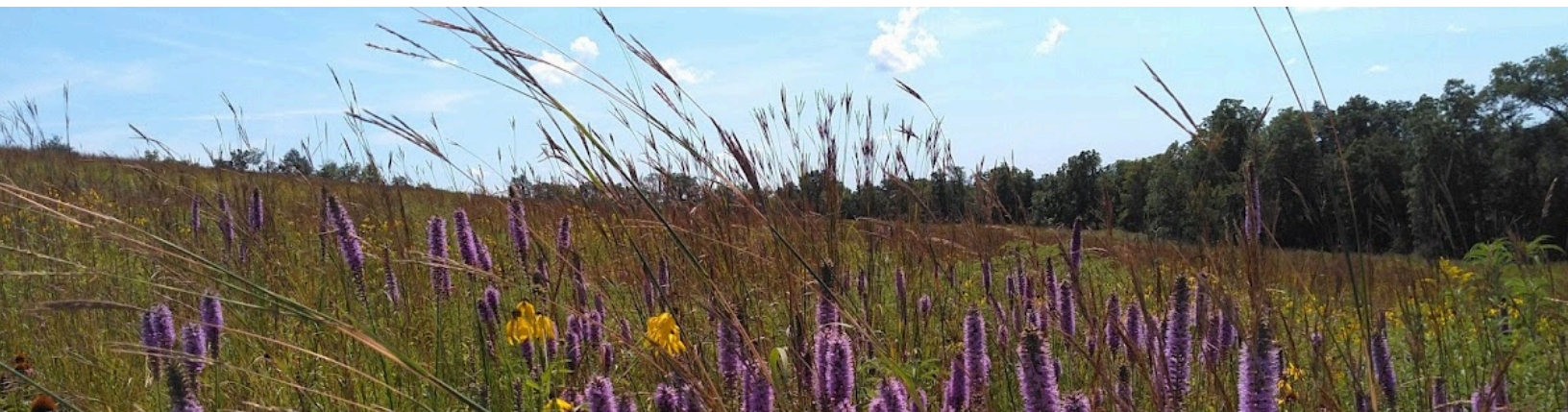
2025 was the fourth year implementing the action Plan in the Greater Zumbro River Watershed utilizing the state's Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF). The graphic on the right illustrates the core conservation practices provided funding through our WAGZ partners from 2022-2025.

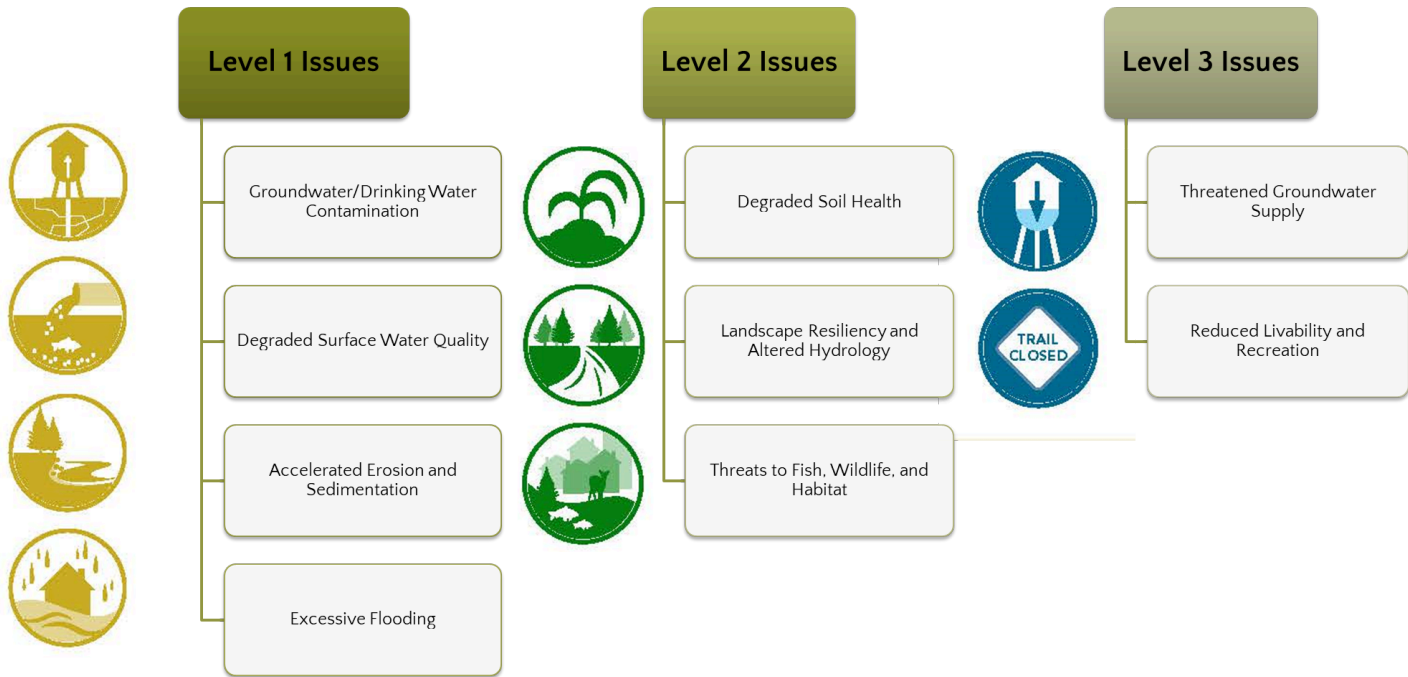
Decades of studies have given us a clear picture of the pollutants impacting our watersheds and where they come from. We know what changes will bring improvements and where to concentrate our efforts to arrive at a cleaner future for our watersheds.



2022-2025 Conservation Practices

	Cover Crops 4,967 acres Planted by 38 Producers in Dodge, Goodhue & Wabasha Counties
	Grassed Waterways 7,295 acres treated 40 projects funded
	Water & Sediment Control Treating over 223 acres of cropland 32 projects funded
	Grade Stabilization Structure Treating over 990 acres 30 Projects funded
	Waste Storage Facilities 8.7 million gallons of storage 3 Projects funded
	Well Sealing 27 Wells Sealed
	Prescribed Grazing Plans 57.7 acres of cropland converted
	Urban Stormwater & Forestry 100 rainbarrels 2 Forest Stewardship Plans - 199 acres





Funding

Funding for projects and activities within the Greater Zumbro River Watershed is sourced from the State's Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment, and other local, state, and federal funding sources.

Since the start of Plan implementation in 2022, WAGZ partners have received nearly \$3.1M of Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF).



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YOUR Clean Water Fund AT WORK



CRWJPO 2025 Annual Report

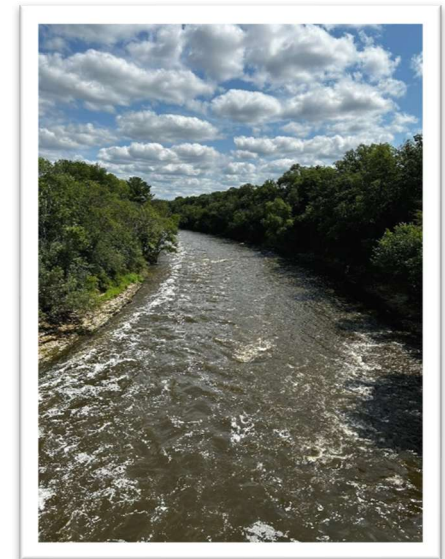
Partners across the watershed, including the Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Organization, are working together to address priorities within the Cannon River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Member are working on 19 activities related to Resource Concerns, 20 different Landscape Concerns, and 11 Socioeconomic Concerns. Within this Annual Report there are high level summaries of Projects, events, studies, monitoring, and funding.

Watershed Plan Priority Area Goals

Protection Lake	10-yr Reduction Goal	Progress
Beaver	6 lbs/yr phosphorus	Increase Efforts
Dudley (and Kelly)	87 lbs/yr phosphorus	Increase Efforts
Fish	7 lbs/yr phosphorus	Increase Efforts
Roemhildts	84 lbs/yr phosphorus	Increase Efforts

Impaired Lake	10-yr Reduction Goal	Progress
Cedar	340 lbs/yr phosphorus	Increase Efforts
Fox	534 lbs/yr phosphorus	Making Progress
Hunt	606 lbs/yr phosphorus	Making Progress

Impaired Stream	10-yr Reduction Goal	Progress
Lower Vermillion	505 tons/yr TSS	Increase Efforts
Belle Creek	2145 tons/yr TSS	Making Progress
Little Cannon	2713 tons/yr TSS	Making Progress
Trout Brook	1238 tons/yr TSS	Making Progress
Prairie Creek	631 tons/yr TSS	Making Progress
Rush Creek	240 tons/yr TSS	Increase Efforts
Medford Creek	203 tons/yr TSS	Making Progress



Cannon River at Cannon Falls.

Projects & Progress

Cumulative since plan adoption in 2020:

- 89 agricultural structures including basins and grade stabilization structures
- 11,958 acres of agricultural management practices, primarily cover crops
- Prevented 4,186 tons of sediment (TSS) from reaching streams and lakes each year
- Prevented 565 pounds of phosphorus from reaching streams and lakes each year
- Sealed 12 wells preventing groundwater contamination
- Assisted with design and installation of 8 Native Shoreline Plantings
- 2 Grazing Projects in Tier One Streams

Mission Statement

Work collaboratively to improve and protect the natural resources within the Cannon River Watershed to ensure prosperity of our urban and agricultural communities.



Native shoreland restoration on Lake Tentonka.

Plans and Policies

- Six Lake Management Plans in progress, which will help prioritize watershed work and in-lake treatments.
- Prioritize Target Measure Application (PTMapp) used for calculating pollutant reductions and project prioritization.
- Supported the Upper Cannon River Flood Study, which received funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Created Lake Sampling strategy for all the lakes in the watershed.

Grants & Funding

The CRWJPO has received three rounds of Watershed Based Implementation funding for a total of \$3,894,306. 80% of the second round (FY23) has been spent and 6% of the third round (FY25). CRWJPO also has received \$100,000 to incentive Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) enrollment, a Regional Development and Sustainability Partnership grant with the U of MN

Extension for Upper Cannon Flooding outreach material, and \$16,000 for algal bloom sampling with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Education & Outreach

- Hosted 6 webinars about the watershed with an average of 34 attendees each
- Mailed program information to landowners in priority drainage areas.
- Attended 8 Lake Association meetings to discuss CRWJPO activities and program opportunities.
- Hosted Native Plant Workshop for Native Shoreland Program with 40 attendees.
- Worked with a media company to create 2 video ads promoting the Native Shoreland Program and septic system maintenance.



Native Plant Workshop in Faribault.

Learn More

An interactive map of the watershed with priority areas and completed projects is available online. Scan the QR code or visit cannonriverwatershedmn.gov.



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