



Todd SWCD Plan of Action

2022 Objective: Improving & Protecting Water Quality Through Partnerships

Scope of Duties

Targeted Initiative:

– Strengthen Partnerships in Water Quality Protection for Surface/Groundwater (Goal 1-4)

Through what means will the initiative be achieved throughout 2022?

(Assigned to.....)

- Work with our partners: volunteer farmers and the Red Eye 1W1P implementation team to install conservation practices within the Wing River/Red Eye Watershed for the Todd County portion of the watershed (*SWCD Technical Staff, Board of Supervisors, Program Coordinator, Water Planner, Red Eye Policy & Technical Committees, NRCS, WCTSA*)
- Engage Ag partners who farm sensitive soils within the RCPP Irrigation Grant boundary through two dedicated in-kind outreach events and on-site landowner assistance (*SWCD Technical Staff*)
- Reach successful completion and positive public reception of the Long Prairie Collaborative partners' 1W1P Planning Grant and Implementation Work Plan by year end, 2022. (*Long Prairie Citizens, Policy, and Technical Committees*)
- Complete shoreline, upland erosion projects, and livestock related conservation measures in Sauk Lake, Guernsey, Jergens, Little Sauk and Sauk River watersheds matching the priorities of the Sauk River 1W1P Implementation Team. (*SWCD Riparian Technician, Sauk River IWIP Implementation Team & Policy Committee, WCTSA, and SWCD Board of Supervisors*)
- Create annual public engagement and partnering opportunities with landowners in the Mississippi River-Brainerd 1W1P and Sauk River 1W1P planning boundaries while developing the SWCD Riparian Program and Hand Guide for shoreland owners. (*Mississippi-Brainerd Steering Committee, SWCD Riparian & Wetland Techs*)

Protect Surface Waters Through Cost-shared Practices (Goal 2-6)

- Work with our Soil Health Coalition partners and farmers in SW Todd and Eastern Douglas County who request cost-share and agronomic support to install cover crops using CWF Grow As You Know Grant cost-share dollars. (*SWCD Technical Staff, Douglas SWCD, Osakis Creamery, MN Soil Health Coalition*)
- Complete three Ag related cost-share projects in the Partridge River sub-watershed of the Crow Wing Watershed boundary with our Ag partners (*SWCD Technical Staff*)
- Recruit, train, and retain high caliber technicians who gain job approval authority (JAA) and place customer service first to ensure the successful completion of the cost-shared conservation measures, above. (*Todd SWCD/County Liaison*)
- Seek additional funding sources tying directly with 1W1P targeted initiatives (*SWCD Management*)

- Protect Land Productivity with Effective Soil & Nutrient Mgt. (Goal 4-3)

- Partner our Nutrient Management Technician with landowners interested in enhancing soil health and have other technical staff obtain training and job approval authority (JAA) with a focus in Nutrient Management, Soil Health, Cover Crops, Critical Area Planting, Access Control, Fencing, Grazing Systems, Riparian Conservation Covers and Tree Windbreaks to assist (*SWCD Technical Staff*)

- Support Landowners Interested in Forest Stewardship (Goal 5-1)

- Conduct outreach and offer landowner technical assistance within the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape RCPP Phase II Grant partners and the Crow Wing SWCD partners to introduce sustainable practices for forests and forest soils Eastern Todd County (*SWCD Riparian & Wetland Technicians*)